

Pampa Residents Suffer Gas Pains

By THOM MARSHALL
And ANNA BURCHELL
Pampa News Staff

There has been a rash of natural gas-related explosions in Pampa recently — people have been blowing up when they open their bills for December usage from Pioneer Natural Gas Company.

Several people, selected at random, were telephoned by the Pampa News and asked for comments about their gas bills.

"I'm furious," said Mrs. W.L. Epps of 1909 Duncan. "Something has to be done. I have a floor furnace and a hot water heater. The bill was \$41.93 for the house. I have a studio with a little heater and that bill was \$14.34. The two were \$56.27. I paid it yesterday. I was so mad I was shaking. Last month the two were \$35.46 and in November they were \$15.15."

James McCoy, manager of the Pampa office of Pioneer Natural Gas, said "Almost all billings are up over last year for December. The rate itself is up about 40 per cent over last year. We don't make any bones about it, we realize it's there."

He said that the largest increases on bills he has seen have been 45 or 46 per cent.

O.E. Bradford of 2232 Dogwood said he received his bill for \$33.75 and "I was shocked. I had read about the increase but I didn't know it would be that much. But I'm going to try to stay warm. He said the temperature in the Bradford home generally is kept at 68 degrees — "never over 72."

Bradford said his monthly average for gas bills last year was \$20 to \$25.

In addition to the rate being up, the weather has caused an increase in gas usage.

"We've had a little colder winter this year than last," McCoy said.

Mrs. John N. Fields of 1921 N. Christy said the gas bill for her family jumped about \$10.

"I was surprised," she said. But she also said that since her husband is in the gasoline business, she understood the increase "a little."

"But really I never understand why anything goes up," she said. "Everything goes up but the pay check."

McCoy said that the price that Pioneer is paying for gas has increased considerably. When a contract, expired recently in the Permian Basin area, Pioneer lost 10 million cubic feet of gas per day.

"We bid \$1.90 at the well and lost it," he said.

The \$1.90 bid represents what Pioneer was willing to pay per 1,000 cubic feet (mcf) of gas.

"We know of some gas that's sold for over \$2 down in the Midland-Odessa area," McCoy commented.

Pioneer currently is paying as much as \$1.80 at the wells for some gas, he said. Some gas is cheaper.

"The cheapest is 20 to 22 cents," McCoy said, "but there's not a whole lot left."

Mrs. Clyde Gray of 1831 N. Sumner said the bill for her family's gas usage last month was \$21.

"I thought it was terrible," she said. "It has never been over \$11.50 or \$12."

She said that when the bill was paid, they asked a gas company employe why it was so high and the answer was, "Gas went up and it has been cold."

But, "We thought that was entirely too much," Mrs. Gray added.

There are 53 cities served in the Pioneer West Texas System. Pampa's rate is cheaper than any of the other cities in the system with the exception of Amarillo, McCoy said.

The reason Amarillo has a cheaper rate is because of an arrangement made between Pioneer and the landowners who sold the gas. It was in the contract that rates for Amarillo could not go beyond a certain point.

"But that contract will be running out in two or three years," McCoy said and he indicated that Amarillo customers can expect a sizeable increase in rates at that time.

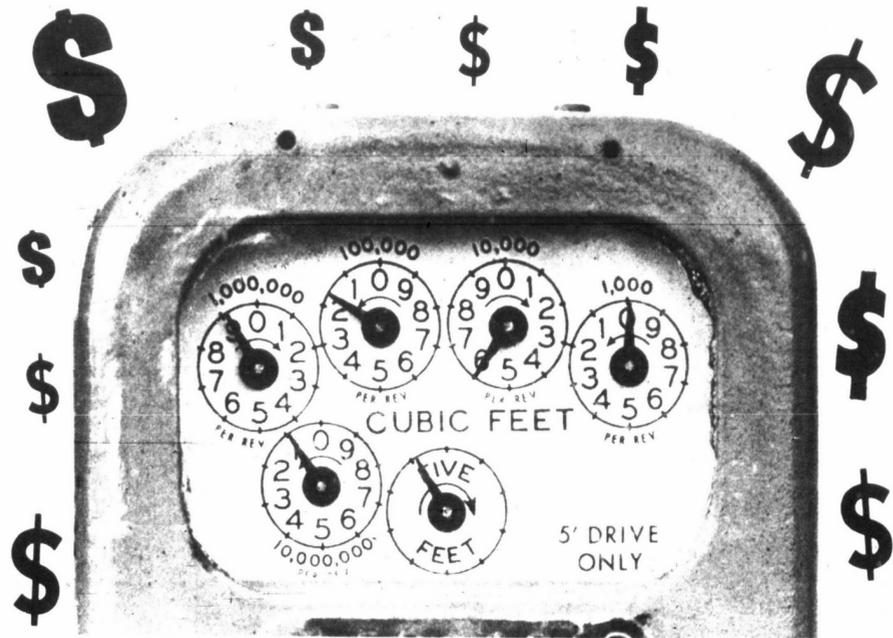
Mrs. P.C. Massey of 1180 Prairie Drive said her bill was \$18.62 for December gas.

"I felt sick," she said. "I am a widow woman and that hurts. But my sister said hers was \$26.95. That's terrible."

The gas company has an arrangement with the cities it serves — except for Amarillo — whereby the company's gas cost increases are passed along to customers.

"What we pass through to the customer is the average cost of gas each month," McCoy said. "We take all the gas we purchase for the entire West Texas System

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411 Prisoners Face Death Penalty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — There are 411 persons on death row in 30 states, and the Supreme Court is about to face the question of whether they can be executed to punish and deter crime.

The justices decided Thursday to hear on March 30 a murder case from each of five states — North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. The issue will be decided before the current term ends in June.

Thirty-four states permit capital punishment.

Proponents claim the electric chair and the gas chamber deter

crime. Opponents say the death penalty is morally wrong and falls disproportionately on blacks, the poor and the friendless. The federal government says it is permissible in some circumstances.

These arguments will be made to a court whose membership has changed since it last spoke on the subject.

The court has been chipping away at the death penalty for years. Most recently, in 1972, the justices ruled 5 to 4 that as then administered it violated the 8th Amendment's ban against "cruel and unusual punishment."

But of the majority only two — Justices William Brennan Jr. and Thurgood Marshall — would have wiped out the penalty completely. The other three — William Douglas, Potter Stewart and Byron White — said only that capital punishment was being imposed freakishly, so that some defendants were executed and others convicted of the same crimes were not.

Douglas has since been succeeded by a Ford appointee, John Paul Stevens, whose vote may turn out to be crucial.

All the court's Nixon appointees — Chief Justice Warren Burger and Justices Harry

Blackmun, Lewis Powell Jr. and William Rehnquist — dissented on grounds the decision rests with state legislatures, not the courts.

The 1972 ruling left the states free to enact new laws authorizing capital punishment, designed to meet the court's objections about inconsistent application. Many states did, taking different approaches.

North Carolina made death mandatory for first-degree murder. Florida and Georgia provided hearings on sentencing. In Louisiana, death is mandatory for murder during a felony or killing a policeman.

In Texas there are separate sentencing hearings at which a jury can decide whether a convicted person is likely to repeat the crime. A new Texas law does not permit the death

penalty in murder cases except when other felonies are committed simultaneously or when the victim is a policeman or fireman performing his duty.

In the five states where cases

are being appealed there are 235 persons on death row, 152 of them nonwhite.

The NAACP legal defense fund says many state laws enacted after 1972 are just as

susceptible to freakish application as the old ones. It says executive clemency, plea bargaining and the power residing in juries make carrying out the laws as arbitrary as it ever was.

May Recruit Fed Money

By TEX DEWEESSE
Pampa News Staff

Pampa may try to get Uncle Sam to funnel as much as \$250,000 in federal money into city coffers for use in the city's five-year \$1-million plus water line replacement program.

City Manager Mack Wofford said today he expects to ask city commissioners at their meeting Tuesday if they want to file a pre-application for a Housing and Urban Development grant.

Wofford said HUD is making available what are called Community Development Block grants under federal legislation initiated in 1974.

The grants principally are for cities of 100,000 or more population, Wofford stated, but around two per cent of the total grant money could go to cities much smaller than that.

"That's what we're thinking about trying for," the city manager said. "It would be a matter of competing with other cities in our population category on who has the greatest need for aid."

If Pampa decides to apply, Wofford stated, it would be under a provision for public works facilities.

The city's water line replacement program would fall into that category, according to Wofford.

Pampa currently is involved in a 5-year program to replace its deteriorating 30 to 40-year old 2-inch water lines with four and six-inch lines.

Wofford said the replacement program will cover all sections of the city and work currently is being done in areas where maintenance of the old lines has been greatest and water pressure the lowest.

A total of about 35 miles of lines will be replaced in the entire program which is expected to take until 1981 at an estimated cost of \$1,023,000.

So far approximately three-and-a-half miles have been replaced with the new pipe installation at a cost of \$103,350.

First step in making a bid for a grant from HUD, according to Wofford, would be a public hearing on the pre-application and another public hearing if HUD should decide to consider a grant for Pampa.

Wofford said he more than likely will place the matter before the City Commission when it meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in City Hall.

"The chances of getting a grant are not the greatest in the world," Wofford said. "But you never know until you try."



Charred Remnant of a Home

Appraisers were trying to determine a dollar value of damage to what had been the Joe T. Amason Jr. home at 2430 Navajo. Firemen tried to contain the flames which

guttered the newly-remodeled structure Thursday night. (Pampa News photos by Robert Echols and Michal Thompson)

Fire Leaves Family Homeless

By ANNA BURCHELL
Pampa News Staff

A Pampa family was left homeless Thursday night after fire raged through their fashionable home at 2430 Navajo.

"There are no words to describe the helpless feeling," Mrs. Joe T. Amason Jr. of 2430 Navajo said this morning. "And there are no living quarters in town."

"But the important thing is that no one was hurt," she emphasized.

Mrs. Amason said the family had probably been gone only a few minutes when fire erupted at 7:25 p.m.

"We had been to a company meeting," she said. Her husband is employed by Arco Steel Corporation Machinery and Equipment Division.

In a telephone interview today, Mrs. Amason said the family moved here three years ago from Odessa, and had extensively remodeled the home.

It had Early American furnishings and was carpeted throughout — even the kitchen.

The Amasons have two sons, Joe III, 17, and Ronald, 16.

Mrs. Amason said she and her husband were scheduled to meet with insurance officials at 9:30 a.m. today.

As for personal losses, she is sure there are many.

"But it was so dark last night they didn't want us to go through the house," she said.

K.N. Kirby of the Pampa Fire Department said apparently some of the neighbors reported the blaze.

"It may have started from an electrical short," he said. He said there was heavy damage to the den and kitchen area.

"It was pretty well gutted," he said.

"The blaze left a hole in the roof. They will definitely have to rebuild before they can live there again," he added.

Fire department officials said the Thursday night blaze brought the total number of fires to 26 for the first 23 days of 1976.

"And the house fire last night was our biggest single loss," he added.

No dollar estimate has yet been placed on the loss.



Terry Sanford Withdraws

By United Press International
Former North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford has decided to withdraw as an active candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, according to a top aide.

The remaining Democratic

candidates — many of whom were meeting with various special interest groups in Washington — learned they may spend an extra \$1 million each because of inflation if they can raise the money.

Sanford, on leave as president of Duke University, called a news conference today on the campus in Durham, N.C., to make public his plans.

An aide who declined to be identified told UPI the 58-year old Sanford no longer would campaign actively but that his name probably would remain on

the ballots in the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and North Carolina primaries.

It was the end of Sanford's second presidential effort. In 1972 George Wallace trounced him in the North Carolina primary.

Sanford's decision to withdraw could put another moderate former southern governor, Jimmy Carter of Georgia, in a stronger position against Wallace.

Carter made the strongest showing among Democrats in the Iowa precinct caucuses

Monday and faces Wallace in similar caucuses in Mississippi Saturday.

Sanford recently had to stop campaigning for two weeks when he was hospitalized for chest pains in Marblehead, Mass.

In Washington, the Federal Election Commission raised the spending limits for presidential candidates by nearly \$1 million each because the law provides for an increase to match any rise in the Consumer Price Index from one year to the next.

US, Soviets Consider Arms

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI) — The United States and the Soviet Union have unexpectedly begun consideration of a new formula under which the strategic arms ceiling set by President Ford and Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev at Vladivostok in 1974 could be reduced by about 10 per cent, a senior U.S. official disclosed today.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, apparently alluding to this development, told newsmen on leaving Moscow for brief NATO Foreign ministers in Brussels that Brezhnev had

given him "constructive" and "significant" new ideas.

The senior official, speaking to newsmen aboard the Kissinger jetliner during the flight to NATO headquarters declined to explain the specific details of it. But he claimed Kissinger's Moscow arms talks had achieved the biggest single progress of any Soviet-American negotiating session in Moscow. The superpowers were trying to reach a long-term agreement from 1977 to 1985 to limit their strategic arsenals.

The Soviet Union currently possesses about 2,600 strategic missiles and bombers, while the

United States has about 2,100. Under the new proposals the Soviet Union presumably would have to reduce its strategic arsenal by 400 missiles and bombers while the United States could remain at its present capacity.

Kissinger told Brezhnev, the senior official said, that continued Soviet intervention in Angola would produce a chill in U.S.-Soviet relations, would weaken incentives on the United States to exercise restraint in a variety of diplomatic situations, and eventually could undermine the administration's policy of détente with the Soviet Union.

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"The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by. The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light."
— Felix Adler, American ethical reformer.

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The News believes each and every person would get more satisfaction in the long run if he were permitted to spend what he earns on a volunteer basis rather than having part of it distributed involuntarily.

Post Office Blues

The stampe to utilize alternative means of sending mail is on, full steam. United Parcel Service, the U.S. Postal Service's chief competitor, reports an upsurge in clientele; private firms have curbed direct-mail advertising, preferring newspapers and hand-delivered circulars; magazines are experimenting with their own delivery services; individuals fume in interminable post office lines, trying to purchase single stamps of the new 13-cent postage or the right combination thereof.

All because Congress — pushed into it by the manifold budgetary failures of the government postal monopoly coupled with inflation — hiked the postal rate. Judge Sirica to the contrary notwithstanding.

Forgive us if we take a kind of delight in it, because it is such a perfect example of how government arrogance — the notion that a federal bureaucracy alone can handle something so important as first-class mail — can be such a thoroughgoing pain in the neck. The lesson is that every American becomes greatly inconvenienced by such monopolization, which only the government can arrange; the lesson is worthwhile.

Everyone has heard, or had his or her own, Christmas season horror stories: the package that still hasn't arrived, the package that did arrive albeit broken, smashed, doused, tortured. Such horrors have been increasing lately in the big cities; it seems especially in recent months.

Security Of the U.S. Threatened

By ANTHONY HARRIGAN
The United States lost the war in Vietnam in part because of the aura of defeat created by hostile network and Washington media. The U.S. today is suffering and experiencing reverses on a global scale because of the actions of the anti-security elements in Congress.

Day by day, the headlines tell of fresh Soviet gains, including USSR's extraordinary success in supporting a proxy regime in Angola. Cuban troops are airlifted from the Caribbean to Angola and, using Soviet battlefield equipment, including rockets and tanks, establish a bastion in that former Portuguese province from which the Soviet Union will be able to dominate the oil route to Europe and North America. Soviet naval vessels move into Angolan waters, and no one in authority mentions the possibility of a counter-deployment by the U.S. Navy.

Wherever one looks, the United States and the Western cause generally is in retreat. The NATO alliance is in almost total disarray. Portugal is on the brink of a communist takeover. Greece and Turkey are openly hostile to the United States. May former allies are aware of the changed balance of power and the lack of will on the part of the American government and people.

The American people apparently do not realize that the world sees the United States as a "paper tiger." American military power is immense, but the will to use it in defense of vital American interests is not evidenced. Moreover, the anti-security elements in the Congress have tied the hands of the President. Every U.S. security organization is under ceaseless attack from the anti-security block in Congress.

Believers in freedom elsewhere in the world are shocked and alarmed at the attempts to undermine and dismantle U.S. security institutions such as the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Times of London recently had this to say about the attacks on the CIA:

"Americans who would abolish or cripple the CIA are either motivated by a rival ideology or are suffering from that touching but dangerous form of American innocence which can do as much damage as the CIA itself." The Times pointed out that "information is necessary and espionage is unavoidable" in a "very imperfect world."

The way things now stand, the U.S. government is prevented from acting against Soviet aggression either in an overt or covert manner. Members of Congress such as Sen. Dick Clark of Iowa seem more exercised about the possibility of U.S. involvement in Angola than about the reality of Soviet intervention. His colleague from Iowa, Sen. John C. Culver, is the leader of the congressional effort of prevent construction of an essential naval supply facility in the Indian Ocean where the Soviets maintain a large naval squadron. Sen. Frank Church of Idaho directs the witch-hunt against the Central Intelligence Agency. Such activities expose the American people to the greatest peril.

The communist design for the world was revealed more than a half a century ago. It involves step-by-step control of the world countryside, so to speak, until the capitalist heartland — the United States and a handful of Northern European countries, Australia and Japan — are isolated and surrounded. In short, the Soviets intend to be the arbiters of the destiny of Americans and other free people.

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BY BOARD MEMBER Pertinent Questions Asked

By MAX RAFFERTY

Q — "Some questions for you: 1 — What do you think of a school board serving for no compensation? They handle millions, take insults and criticisms to end and so forth."

2 — Should and can a school board review and check the spending by the various school department heads?

3 — How should salaries of teachers compare with those in administration? A teacher may get \$10,000, a supervisor may get \$20,000.

4 — Does a school system need a publicity department which may spend some \$30,000 to \$40,000 for salaries and other items? — G. M. M., Mechanicsburg, Pa.

A — 1 — A member of a small- or medium-size school board which meets only once or twice a month should have his expenses paid but no compensation. A member of a big-city board which meets weekly or even daily should be paid for his services, for the reason that his

business or profession is bound to suffer financially because of his frequent absences.

2 — A school board should conduct an annual review of the district budget, asking its superintendent about questionable items and asking him to justify any proposed increases.

3 — School salaries are figured on two bases: amount of responsibility attached to the job and how much similar school districts are paying for similar services. An administrator is both more responsible and more vulnerable than a teacher. For one thing, he has no tenure as an administrator and can be fired at the expiration of his two- to four-year contract. Therefore, equity requires that he be paid more than the teacher.

4 — A school district should not operate a separate publicity department. In a big system, one of the assistant superintendents should be in charge of press releases and general information.

Q — "In regard to your column on 'turning little boys into girls and vice versa,' it is frightening to think of what our society is coming to — or has reached. The statement 'behind every successful man is a good woman' is now outdated, and the potentially successful men are wallowing in failure as they try to keep up with the 'loose' women. God-fearing people are no longer afraid of the devil. Isn't the ultimate and distasteful to think about?" — Mrs. M.P.M., Birmingham, Ala.

A — Well, yes — if one accepts your premises that (a) successful men are trying to keep up with loose women and (b) God-fearing people no longer fear the devil. I don't know about the latter; but the successful young men whom I know are marrying decent young women. I doubt if this situation has changed much in the past. In 1976 as in 1876 or even 1776, who wants to marry a tramp?

Q — "I heartily agree with you that the simplicity of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment makes it suspect. For instance, to draft women into the military is to return to the Stone Age. I challenge the amendment's sponsors to insert some clause specifying that women be allowed to volunteer and to serve when they are capable and willing — not to be drafted." — Mrs. M.V.W., Billings, Mont.

A — Don't believe that even Stone Age ladies were going around bashing people's heads in. They took care of the housekeeping and the gardening while their husbands did the fighting.

The trouble with ERA lies not in what it professes purports to do, but what it would actually achieve: working wives having to pay alimony to worthless ex-husbands; little children taken away from mothers and given to fathers; the abolishing of separate sanitary facilities for males and females, and so forth.

All that is necessary to give the gals an equal break with the fellows is to enforce the laws already on the books. ERA is unnecessary as well as harmful.

(Dr. Rafferty welcomes questions for use in this column once each week, but regrets he cannot answer all mail personally. Please send your questions to him in care of Dr. Max Rafferty, Los Angeles Times Syndicate, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, Calif. 90053 (c) 1976, Los Angeles Times

Barbs

By PHIL PASTORET
At age 20, you feel like a million. At age 40, likewise — in 1976 dollars.

Add to your collection of collective nouns: A myth of guarantees.



"Rush Today" documents make fine packing, shredded, if you ignore them for a couple weeks.

Yes, Gwendolyn, you might call the boss of a number of fortune tellers an overseer.



Some people say that if you eat peas on New Year's Day, you will have good luck all year long!

Tom Tiede Government by harassment

By Tom Tiede

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — When composing the Declaration of Independence, the founders listed 26 specific charges against King George III, one of which was that he had "erected a multitude of new Offices and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their Substance."

George was not the first American ruler with this predilection, however, and not the last. Every monarch before and since 1776 has sent his officers to harass the people — especially since, the meddling having grown apace with the Republic.

The harassment has perhaps been largely well meaning. God save us from the government's good heart. In an effort to protect the people who buy automobiles, for example, official meddlers have cost them at least \$15 billion over the past decade (the price of federally mandated industrial regulation) and some observers believe the pocket picking in the next decade may be as much as \$150 billion.

But harassment in the automobile business is a small part of the whole. The federal regulatory system has become so enormous that estimates are it takes \$4 billion a year just for its administration. The Office of Management and Budget guesses there are 100,000 employees in the federal structure — the Swarms of Officers the founders mentioned — whose job it is to create and issue some 6,000 regulatory harassments a year. According to the present administration, these harassments add about \$130 billion a year to the cost of living.

In fairness, the harassments are often necessary. The government does have a heavy responsibility in so far as regulation can be identified with reform. But excess is what the founders detested, and so too their progeny. In the name of reform, the Swarms of Officers have become in large part a menace, especially to commerce and thereby to the U.S. compact which this year has its 200th birthday.

One small illustration of the regulatory menace concerns the recent federal meddling in the matter of the last of America's covered wagons. The wagons, part of the new world progress since the time of the pilgrims, have a timeless design and virtually unassailable durability that remains valuable even today in at least one industry, sheep herding. Built with a low center of gravity for stability, and with simplicity of architecture for economy, the covered wagon has been the shepherd's safe and snug mobile home for uncounted generations.

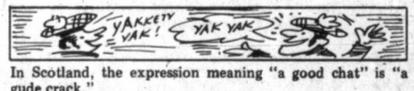
Now, however, the government is not satisfied with the wagon's composition. Though no one can cite a fair reason, Swarms of Officers are inspecting each of the vehicles left in America and harassing their owners. There are no windows in the wagons, for one thing, so the government has insisted such be placed to the rear of each vehicle, not less than 24 inches square. And the sleeping space for shepherds is also objectionable, say the Swarms. Thus the Labor Department has ruled that where two bunked in a wagon before, only one may do so henceforth.

Furthermore, gracious sakes, the wagon stoves burn wood whereas the government prefers propane, and the dated canvas coverings should certainly be replaced by aluminum. Never mind that propane causes fumes, and aluminum upsets wagon stability. The Swarms of Officers, none of whom are shepherds, have made up their minds and to hell with logic.

The harassments are not just pesky, of course, they are likewise expensive. It costs about \$100 to install a sigh-window in a wagon. Worse, the one-man-to-a-wagon regulation necessitates, in many cases, a doubling of the number of working wagons, at \$1,500 to \$2,000 per unit. This is an industry that is already shaky. In Idaho, for instance, hard times depleted the herd size by eight per cent last year, will probably do so again this year, making the flock the smallest in memory.

No doubt some woolgrowers will give up entirely now, rather than pay the government's price for struggling on. And so the Swarms of Officers will have truly eaten out their substance. Sad As Idaho Sen. James McClure says it, this one small harassment "illustrates what the founders knew, that the heel of despots feels the same whether it is on the tyrant's boot or the shoes of numberless bureaucrats."

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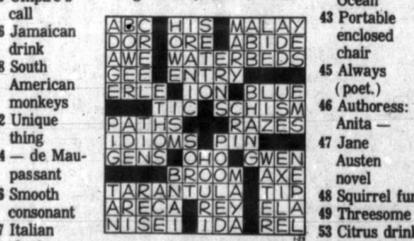


In Scotland, the expression meaning "a good chat" is "a gude crack."

Crossword By Eugene Sbeffer

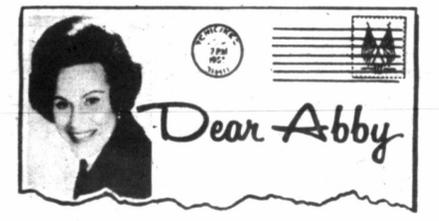
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Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

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Dear Abby

Abby Helps Readers Return Stolen Money

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a respectable, married, God-fearing person. Something has been weighing heavily on my conscience for nearly 20 years, and I hear that you can help me to make things right with the Lord.

When I was between 12 and 13 years old, my mother was the church Ladies Aid treasurer. I used to take a dollar or two out of her "church purse" every now and then. I don't think she ever knew that money was missing. I figure that over the years I must have taken \$25 or \$30.

I want to give that money back to the church, but I don't want them to know where it came from. I heard that if I sent you a check for that amount, you would send the church your own check for the same amount without any mention of my name.

That way, they'd be paid back, and my conscience would be clear. Will you do it? God bless you.

GUILTY CONSCIENCE

DEAR GUILTY: Yes, I will. I have been the go-between for many who have stolen from their employers, friends, and even from their families. Make the check payable to me, and I will send my personal check to whomever you designate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a professional woman. I married five years ago and the marriage was going badly, so I adopted a child to hold the marriage together. That was a big mistake as I later learned.

We were divorced, and now I have met another man. He said he would marry me in a minute but he doesn't want a 4-year-old daughter. He is 50. I am 40.

The child is adorable and she deserves to be in a home where she is wanted. Please don't think I am a terrible mother, but I honestly don't have the time for her and I wasn't cut out to be a mother.

I love this man and want to marry him. What should I do about my daughter? I will be the first to admit that I am — A POOR EXCUSE FOR A MOTHER

DEAR POOR: At least you're honest, which is to your credit.

It's not too late for the child to find adoptive parents who want her. Discuss this with your lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: This has been bugging me for a long time, so I finally decided to write to you.

Maybe I should tell you that I am a 13-year-old girl. Sometimes after dinner, our family talks over the events of the day. My mother will say to me, "Go out of the room for a minute. Your father and I want to talk about something."

Abby, if they want to talk about something in private, don't you think THEY should go out of the room? I have told them this but they won't listen.

PUSHED-OUT DAUGHTER

DEAR PUSHED: Your parents' privacy kick seems overdue to me. I agree with you, but do as you're told, and no lip, Honey!

Assaults, DWIs Head Crime List Here

By ANNA BURCHELL
Pampa News Staff

The overall crime increase for Pampa in 1975 was recorded at an official 17 per cent, with assaults, driving while intoxicated and narcotic offenses heading the list.

"Pampa is right along with the national average," Police Richard Mills said in releasing the report.

But looking ahead into the bicentennial year the chief said:

"We expect 1976 to be interesting...and ulcer-filling."

As for 1975, burglaries were up 13 per

cent — 203 as compared with 162 in 1974. And in 64 of the reports, entry was gained through unlocked doors, the chief said.

Assaults were up 52 per cent or from 72 to 91. Driving while intoxicated arrests last year numbered 159 — while in 1974 the figure was 110. This is a 45 per cent increase.

On the brighter side, the chief said automobile theft was down 20 per cent. Theft was up 17 per cent showing an increase from 444 in 1974 to 520 in 1975.

Murder, rape and robbery remained the same.

Thirty-one per cent of all Class I crime, which is murder, rape, robbery, burglary, assault, theft and auto theft was cleared, the chief said.

"We found a 30 per cent increase in narcotic offenses — from 58 to 84," the chief said. He also noted a 26 per cent increase in arrests for driving while license suspended.

While vandalism climbed only 4 per cent from 353 to 367 reports, the chief emphasized that vandalism is "the senseless of all crimes."

Mills explained that the driving while intoxicated arrests reflect patrol activity.

He added that there has been a 26 per cent increase in jail arrests.

"The more activity by the department — the more DWI, narcotic and DWLS arrests we have," the chief said.

"These are things we can control — the more we work the more we find."

The chief said the department's 24 commissioned officers will concentrate on crime prevention and public education in 1976.

"We will continue our push on drugs, DWI and DWLS on the streets and, if possible, devote more time to prevention of

burglary and theft," he said.

He attributes much of the crime increase to an "increase in the use of drugs."

"Pampa is the 54th largest city in Texas...anything can and does happen here," he said.

Looking back over the past 10 months since Mills assumed duties, he commented:

"I am pleased to have been here and I have enjoyed the opportunity of participating in some of the changes."

He says Pampa's Police Department has as fine a group of men and women as any city in Texas.

"We've seen the first commissioned women officers in recent years; the records have become more computerized; patrol schedules have been realigned to provide better service and detective strength has been increased."

Speaking of the two newly commissioned women officers, Johnnie Fontenot and Sue Matthew, he said that in February they would begin participating in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program including the issuing of tickets for specific offenses.



Historical Hall

Doris Price's fifth grade history class at Austin Elementary School constructed a Hallway of the Presidents on the basis of a suggestion made by local Daughters of the American Revolution. But the work and funding that went into the display was strictly Austin-based. Studying

the structure, are, from left, Reeves Easley, Darryl Caldwell, Lyle Johnson and Patricia Hawkins. The project will remain up through February.

(Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Dallas Company Builds Mideast Surveillance

DALLAS (UPI) — Expertise, says the spokesman for electronics contractor E-Systems Inc., leads to success. It is an old formula, but in the supercharged industry in which E-Systems competes, it is virtually everything.

The Dallas-based company was selected a week ago by the U.S. Sinai Support Mission to install and operate the highly technical surveillance system which will warn of troop and vehicle movement in the buffer zone between Egypt and Israel.

The first 21 E-System technicians reached the Sinai Wednesday to begin the \$16.5 million installation contract. The budget also calls for \$10 million annually to maintain the equipment.

"This signal detection equipment is so sensitive that it can distinguish between a man, a truck and a jackrabbit out there in the desert," said W. G. Smith, a spokesman for the company.

The program, authorized after lengthy congressional debate, places U.S. civilians and State Department employees between the two belligerent states watching for violations with electric eyes. It was the key feature in the peace-keeping agreement coordinated by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger between the Israeli and Egyptian governments.

It involves a base camp monitoring sensor fields set up at either end of the Giddi Pass and the Mitla Pass, both located about 30 miles from the Suez Canal. It must be functioning by Feb. 22.

That time period was the key to the bidding war between E-Systems and five other companies.

State Department spokesman Robert Furseth said E-Systems was not the low bidder, but was the company demonstrating the best credentials for finishing the job on time, paying subcontractors and maintaining the system through the years.

"It was not necessarily price, but the best proposal," Smith said. "We had the best proposal. This was a sign of their recognition of our ability to perform this mission on such a short turnaround basis."

"Another large factor was our subcontractor, H. B. Zachry Company of San Antonio. Zachry is known throughout the world for its quick reaction time. The project will be operational on time and the base camp will be in place in six months."

"Zachry will ship the buildings to the Mideast to be put together in modules. That was how they built the HemisFair Hotel in San Antonio in such a short time."

Once operating at peak, the system will involve about 150 E-Systems employees and 28 State Department employees who will make policy decisions at the Sinai command site.

"If any movement is discovered, then that information will be transmitted to the United Nations defense forces, the U.S. State Department and to both the parties concerned, Israel and Egypt," Smith said. "We will not make any decisions on what to do if violations are discovered."

Marauders Terrorize Florida

BARTOW, Fla. (UPI) — Sharon Smith watched and listened as her husband was flogged with a fishing pole. Nearby, her frightened children murmured their prayers.

"Why do you do this?" she asked the masked black man kneeling at her side.

"Because of what your people did to mine," he replied.

The 32-year-old mother of three was one of the luckier victims of 16 attacks on homes in Central Florida by a band of sadistic terrorists wearing ski masks and branded the "masked marauders."

She lives. Two are dead. Eight women were raped. She was not.

Two women were hurled from bridges. One had acid poured in her mouth and eyes. Some men were shot down, or beaten.

Two young men, a woman and a 16-year-old boy are in the Polk County jail as suspects in the

reign of terror that began last April.

Mrs. Smith recalls the night of Oct. 29, 1975, when she and her husband went to tend to their chickens behind their home in rural Highlands County. It was a warm night, so they walked around a while. Their three children — ages 14, 12 and 7 — were inside.

While two masked men climbed through a bedroom

window, a third, armed with a snub-nosed revolver, confronted the Smiths and told them to go inside.

"My husband tried to shut the door on him," Mrs. Smith said. "I ran to the bedroom to get a shotgun and one of them hit me over the head."

The intruders pushed the three Smith children to the floor and tied them with bits of a torn sheet.

"They tied up the youngest like a little pig," Mrs. Smith said.

One of the terrorists grabbed the end of a fiberglass fishing pole and used it like a whip on her husband. "It was like a flogging on his back and side," Mrs. Smith said. Her husband still bears the scars.

"My husband mentioned Jesus and he beat him harder for just a few seconds and then quit."

Throughout the ordeal, Mrs. Smith prayed and told her children to do the same.

"I could hear the middle child praying out loud," she said. "Just because we were praying and really knew the Lord, that's all that saved us."

"They had devilment on their minds," she said.

Then, one of the masked men knelt beside her.

"He was rubbing my face like

I was his mother or sister. It was so gentle."

As the masked man left, Mrs. Smith said, "I said I was going to pray for him. And he said, 'You do that, hear?'"

The masked marauders had a busy late October. They struck two homes on Oct. 28; the day before the Smith raid, and again on Nov. 5. Some of the other women victims during that spree were raped.

Daniel M. Thomas, 27, his wife, Lattie Mae, 25, Lee Otis Martin, 19, and Cody Martin, 16, were arrested Tuesday on charges of possessing property linked to some of the raids.

Sources close to the investigation said Thursday night Mrs. Thomas named her husband and Martin in the robbery of two Fort Lonesome couples and the rape of the women in the homes.

Consumers May Sue

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — The Texas Supreme Court has ruled the year given consumers to sue a business over a false credit report begins at the time the report is discovered.

The ruling Wednesday said George W. Kelley of Dallas was entitled to damages from businessman Roy Rinkle. Rinkle filed a false credit report about Kelley but Kelley did not file suit for more than a year after the report had been submitted.

Lower courts had ruled the one-year statute of limitations for libel suits expired before the Kelley suit.

Kelley sued for \$5,000-plus in damages because of a report Rinkle submitted to Credit Bureau Services Inc. on March 13, 1973, falsely indicating Kelley owed Rinkle \$277 for medical and dental services.

The court said Kelley had no

way of knowing about the false report until another business rejected his credit application and he went to check the credit bureau files on Aug. 29, 1973.

In other cases, the Supreme Court:

— Agreed to hear arguments from attorneys for Gonzales County Savings and Loan Association about whether certain closing costs on real estate loans are subject to the 10 per cent constitutional limit on interest rates. Lower courts ruled the loan association exceeded the legal interest rate by charging Charles R. Freeman Jr. and his wife Katherine Freeman a 2 per cent "loan fee" amounting to \$768 when they borrowed \$38,400 to build two houses.

— Upheld a claim by Haden J. Upchurch of Houston that he is entitled to 14.285 per cent of the profits from an oil and gas project in Indonesia arranged by Roy Huffington of Houston. Upchurch was employed by Roy Huffington, Inc., as a \$1,500 a month landman in 1963.

— Upheld lower court rulings forbidding the Fayetteville Independent School District to collect taxes on the basis of property values increased without proper notice to landowners. Lower court decisions favored J.B. Crowley, L.H. Moore, Roy R. Eulon and other rural landowners who contested the action of the Fayetteville

Board of Equalization in increasing the value of all tracts of 10 or more acres of land.

White Innocent On DWI Charge

Otis Duane White, 37, of Pampa was found innocent of felony charges of driving while intoxicated.

The verdict was returned Thursday afternoon by a 31st District Court jury after two hours deliberation.

Judge Grainger Melihoney presided over the trial. White was represented by Harold Comer, a Pampa attorney.

Guy Hardin of Shamrock, district attorney, was prosecutor.

BIG SPENDERS

NEW YORK (UPI) — A survey by "Progressive Grocer" indicates that about 12 per cent of grocery shoppers are consumer activists. They tend to be younger than nonactivists, use shopping lists less but mechanical counters more, and outspend nonactivists. The study of weekend shoppers showed activists spent \$30.16, compared with \$26.94 by nonactivists. In one way, both groups are alike. They worry about the same things, but activists worry more than their opposite numbers about the cost of energy and food.

Plagiarism Charged

BEAUMONT, Tex. (UPI) — First, school officials rejected Katherine King's masters thesis because she included photos of herself in a bikini. She finally removed the offending picture, but now one official says she's guilty of plagiarism.

Engineering Dean Robert A. McAllister said Miss King lifted definitions in her thesis directly from a thesis written by former student Charles Brocato on a similar subject.

Miss King denied the charges.

McAllister said there were several cases of plagiarism in the thesis and he said he listed the page numbers from both Miss King's and Brocato's papers. He has asked permission to make the charges formally at an unscheduled graduate council meeting.

The punishment for plagiarism, if proven, could include anything up to dismissal from school.

The university's handbook

describes plagiarism as "wholesale copying from books or magazines without documentation or copying another student's term paper or theme."

It provides no instructions on what should be done with a guilty person.

Miss King's thesis remains unaccepted by acting mathematics department head P.T. Latimer.

Russell Devillie, spokesman for the university, said the school's position in the case was, "No comment until the incident is brought before the committee and finished."

Late last year, Miss King appealed the rejection of her thesis because of the pictures. The department said the pictures of her in a bikini were irrelevant and frivolous. Miss King contended they were important to the thesis.

She finally removed an offending picture and the thesis was re-accepted for consideration.

May Legalize Prostitution

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — The Iowa supreme court says a state law barring prostitution is legal — but the law may not be on the books much longer.

Moments after Wednesday's court ruling, state Rep. Otto Neelson introduced a bill to legalize prostitution.

"I don't foresee any opposition," Neelson said.

"Anyone interested in the moral decay in our society should be behind this. It would clean up much of the perversion in our society."

Neelson's bill would provide for state-supervised and controlled prostitution by licensing both prostitutes and houses of prostitution.

Earlier in the day, the state

supreme court overturned a lower court decision that struck down the state's anti-prostitution law.

The decision came on an appeal of a ruling by Black Hawk County District Judge Roger Peterson.

Peterson, acting on a challenge of the law by a woman charged with prostitution in 1974, had ruled the law treated men and women differently and therefore violated equal protection guarantees in the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The supreme court disagreed. It said Iowa's law prohibiting prostitution is constitutional and does not discriminate against women.

Neelson's bill would provide for licensing of prostitutes and require periodic medical examinations.

It also would require licensing of premises used for prostitution, control massage parlors and ban activities such as outcall massages.

The Metzger Verein organization was chartered by German noblemen on April 20, 1842, and brought 7,300 immigrants to Texas until it declared bankruptcy in the summer of 1847. It established the settlements of New Braunfels, Fredericksburg, Castell, Leinringen, Shoenburg and Betinna.

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Carson Sets Election

Voters in Panhandle and Carson County will go to the polls in three elections set for April 3 and May 1.

The terms of three trustees of the Panhandle Independent School District are expiring and an election will be in the school administration building April 3. Outgoing trustees are Mrs. Jeri Osborne, Charles Wright and Ronald Kotara.

A second Panhandle election, also April 3, will determine a new mayor and two city council slots. Incumbents are Marvin Sparks, mayor; Roy Lane and W.D. Floyd, councilmen. Filings

for the city posts are being accepted at the Panhandle City Hall.

Deadline for filing in both Panhandle elections is March 4.

A county election for several posts in Carson County will be May 1. Candidates must file by Feb. 2. Offices included on the ballot are sheriff, tax assessor-collector, county attorney and county commissioners from precinct 1 (Groom) and precinct 3 (north of Panhandle).

Candidates should file with A.J. Weiser, democratic county chairman, or Julius Meaker Jr., republican county chairman.

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Newsman Worked for FBI

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A former network news correspondent has confirmed reports he supplied the FBI with information while working abroad. Two congressional committees are investigating the role of reporters and news organizations in foreign intelligence gathering.

Sam A. Jaffe said Thursday he had told Senate investigators he supplied the FBI with intelligence information without pay during foreign affairs reporting assignments for CBS and, later, ABC.

But he said he was never an employe of either the FBI or CIA.

Other American reporters — some of them prominent — may have worked with the intelligence agencies for pay and congressional investigations, if pursued, are likely to

"blow the lid off" their activities, Jaffe said in a telephone interview.

"This is only the tip of the iceberg," he said, indicating the committees have names and details of reporters who had posed as legitimate correspondents abroad but who actually were camouflaged agents or in the pay of American intelligence.

Chairman Jack Brooks, D-Tex., said his House Government Operations Committee had voted to subpoena RCA Global Communications, ITI World Communications and Western Union International as well as four FBI agents and an official of the National Security Agency on the issue of spying by U.S. intelligence agencies on international cable traffic, including press cables.

The investigation was prompted by a disclosure last fall in a subcommittee headed by Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., that the FBI and NSA had had access — apparently with cooperation of the companies — to international cable traffic since World War II.

Jaffe, who worked for CBS from 1955 to 1961 and then for ABC until 1965, described his closed-door testimony to the Senate intelligence committee and said:

"I never willfully entered into any relations with the FBI and I never received any remuneration for information they requested," Jaffe said.

"And I never worked for the CIA either and have a letter from the CIA director (William Colby) to prove it. I also naturally refused an offer from a Soviet official in New York to work for pay for them."

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that a draft report of the House Intelligence Committee says the CIA had 11 full-time agents working abroad last year, posing as journalists for American and foreign news organizations.

It said the report did not identify either the agents or the organizations.

The Post quoted the report as saying, "the free flow of information, vital to a responsible and credible press, has been

threatened as a result of CIA's use of the world media for cover and/or clandestine information-gathering."

Chinese Plane Crashes, Kills

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (UPI) — A Chinese passenger plane enroute from Peking crashed just before landing at Shanghai airport, killing everyone aboard, the Danish Foreign Ministry said today.

A ministry spokesman said the crash took place Wednesday morning near the outskirts of Shanghai.

"We received the information through our embassy in Peking which had been notified that two Danish businessmen on the flight had been killed in the crash," the spokesman said.

He said the number of passengers was not known but that the plane was a "regular passenger plane which usually means quite a lot of people."

Open admissions is a college admissions policy of accepting students without regard to conventional academic qualifications, such as good grades and a high school diploma.



Checking the Senior Center

Ms. Virginia McDonald, treasurer of the Pampa Business and Professional Women, presents a check for \$500 from the organization to Clyde Carruth, a member of the board of directors of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. The money goes toward meeting the \$100,000 goal for purchasing and remodeling of the building.

(Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Goodwill Group Named

Members of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Top O' Texans Club who will serve during 1976 were announced today by Floyd Sackett, newly-elected president of the group.

The Top O' Texans are Pampa's goodwill ambassadors who visit civic functions, greet convention delegates and welcome new businesses and newcomers to the city.

Members of the organization purchase their uniforms and pay their own expenses, according to Sackett.

The 1976 membership roster includes the following:

Arthur Aftergut, Bill Adams, Crawford Atkinson, H.D. Balthrope, Gene Barber, Harold Barrett, Don Bigham, Howard Buckingham Jr., Joe R. Donaldson, Kay Fancher, Joe Fischer, Carlton Freeman, Henry Gruben.

Verl Hagaman, Warren Hasse, Malcolm Hinkle, Rufe Jordan, Bob Mack, Jean Martindale, James A. McCune, James McCoy, Hansford Ousley, Wiley Reynolds, Floyd Sackett, J.C. Roberts, Jerald Sims, Henry Urbanczyk, Floyd Watson and E.O. Wedgeworth.

Gas Cost — 'It Hurts'

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and figure the average." He said that the information is made available to city officials to check.

Mrs. Steve Mathis of 1129 Varmon Drive said her gas bill was \$5 more than the bill she received last month and "I think it is a little much," she said.

Pampa enjoys a lower rate than 51 other cities in the system (all except Amarillo) because of Pampa's nearness to gas fields.

"Our study indicates that our average cost of gas for residential use is about 25 per cent less than other West Texas System cities," said Mack Wofford, city manager.

Mrs. Leo Tyrrell of 619 Powell said her bill jumped from about \$25 for November usage to \$35.10 for December's gas.

"I'm interested in knowing the reason for such an increase," she said.

Wofford said that users can figure out what they are paying per thousand cubic feet.

"Take the number of thousands of cubic feet you use, divide it into the total cost for an average of what 1,000 mcf costs."

He said that his figures indicate an increase from about 98 cents mcf in November 1974 to about \$1.37 through December 1975.

A Bond Street resident said her bill jumped from \$29 in November to \$48 in January. It was \$39 in December.

"I think it is way out of line," she said. "My mother is a widow who lives on Social Security. Her bill jumped \$20. Before the

increase it had never been over \$10 or \$12. It was \$20 last month and it went to \$40 this time. I don't know what those who lived on fixed incomes will do if this keeps up."

McCoy said that another contributing factor to the size of December gas bills was the Christmas holidays. The time off for employees resulted in extra days to be read on the meters.

"We have about two extra days on those bills," he said. "Some have three days more than year before."

Letha Sharp of 632 N. Zimmers said her bill was higher.

"But the weather changed and I have kind of an airish house," she explained. "But it was a little high."

McCoy predicted a little relief in January — very little.

"For the first month in several months it (the pass through rate) will go down a half a cent for January's usage instead of increasing two or three cents," he said.

One resident, who declined to be named, said, "Yes, we received the gas bill. That's what's wrong. I got sick over it. It was \$45 as compared with \$20 last month. We have two floor furnaces and a wall heater that can't burn as high as anything. I like to have died. But I guess it would be pretty cold without heat. I know we didn't use that much gas but I don't know what we can do about it."

While users have little or no control over the price they must pay for gas, they can help themselves and the gas company by conserving as much gas as possible.

Following are some tips that may help:

— Keeping home temperature down to 68 during the day and 60 at night could save as much as 15 per cent in heating fuel costs.

— Keeping windows clean so the sun can shine in will help heating costs.

— Use a minimum amount of water when cooking vegetables. They heat faster using less gas.

— Use hot water sparingly. Operate the garbage disposal and rinse dishes with cold water. Wash clothes in cold water.

— Don't let cold air into the house through the attic access door. Check to make sure it is insulated and weather-stripped.

— Get in the habit of turning hot water off and on as needed instead of letting it run constantly while shaving, washing hands, etc.

— Hot water may be saved by installing an aerator on your kitchen sink faucet. It reduces the volume of water per minute but is hardly noticeable.

— Don't open doors wide just to let pets out. They can get through small openings and heat loss from the house can be reduced.

— If a single heavy sweater doesn't keep you warm enough in a 68-degree room, wear a couple of light ones and the space between them will provide more insulation and warmth.

— Dirty thermostats do not maintain proper indoor temperatures. To check the thermostat, remove the cover—and carefully blow away the dust.

Texans Subsidize Costs

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — The president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association disputes doctors' contentions that the legal profession is responsible for increasing medical malpractice insurance rates.

James L. Branton Thursday said doctors in Texas were subsidizing insurance costs for doctors in the rest of the nation.

"We were led by the press to believe the problem was very simple — high jury awards," the San Antonio attorney said. "But Texas has had very sporadic settlements and no high jury verdicts."

Branton said figures compiled by a Texas Board of Insurance study commission show continually rising income for Texas insurance companies and a steady decline in the amount of money paid out.

His address was a response to allegations by the Texas Medical Association that the state's judges and attorneys were the cause of the state's malpractice insurance problems. Branton said the figures show his profession and the courts are being falsely accused.

"We feel the problem is real and it ought to be solved, but it ought to be addressed to where the problem is," the lawyer said.

The figures he cited, released Sept. 5, deal with five companies who handle 90 per cent of the state's malpractice insurance, he said.

A poll by the Trial Lawyers Association showed malpractice judgments have been rendered in only 17 of the state's 254 counties in their history. As examples, he said, the last such case in Amarillo occurred 10 years ago, in Lubbock 22 years ago. Houston reported only two

verdicts against doctors in 1974 and San Antonio has not had a case in 48 years.

He said statistics now show 33.3 per cent of the total money paid out nationwide on malpractice cases went into California, a total of \$9,615,219 million the last half of 1975. Branton said this occurred despite California laws strictly regulating lawyers' fees and putting a ceiling on jury awards in malpractice cases.

The earth's atmosphere is composed mainly of nitrogen, oxygen and argon.

Happy Birthday Joan. Sorry but life begins at 41.

Lone Star Square Dance Club will dance at bull barns Saturday, January 24. Sammy Parsely calling. Guests welcome.

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Stephanie Marie Crocker, first birthday on Jan. 23. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Crocker of 1329 Starkweather, Pampa.

The Gray County Home Demonstration Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Courthouse Annex Meeting room for the regular January business meeting. All council members are encouraged to be present for the meeting, according to Elaine Houston, county extension agent.

E.B. and Roxie Davis will be honored at a 25th wedding anniversary reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Pioneer Natural Gas Flame Room.

OSCAR KELLY

Oscar Kelly, 83, of Wellington, died Tuesday.

Services will be 2 p.m. at the Wellington Church of Christ with Joe Dukes of Allison officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens by Kelso Funeral Home.

Mr. Kelly was born in Navarro County and came to the Luttie community in 1932. He moved to Wellington following his retirement from farming.

Survivors include the widow, Mary; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Bonner of Birmingham, Ala.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Lena Holman of Springdale, Ark., and

Miss Ella Estes of California; six stepsons, Arlie, Albert, Ray and Coy Estes, all of Corpus Christi, Vern and Bill Estes, both of McLean; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Lynn of Monroe, La.

ROBERT D. DEAR

Robert D. Dear, 43, of Perryton, died Thursday.

Services will be 3:30 p.m. in the first United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wallace Kirby officiating. Burial by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home will be in Ochiltree Cemetery.

Mr. Dear was a native of Dalhart, but had lived in

Perryton most of his life. He had been manager of the grain elevator at Twitchell and was a member of the Methodist Church. A veteran of the Korean conflict, Mr. Dear was also a pitcher for semipro baseball teams during the 1950s.

In 1964, Mr. Dear was Oklahoma Class C trap shoot champion and he was the Kansas Class C champion in 1965. He won the National Class C championship in 1966 and in 1967 was the Texas Class C champion. Mr. Dear was also a member of the American Horsebreeder's Association.

Survivors include the widow,

Sandy; five sons, Winfred, Jody and Bobby, all of Perryton, Jim of Canyon and Rusty of Natchez, Miss.; two daughters, Patricia and Daryla, both of Perryton; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.P. Dear of Perryton; two brothers, Edward of Spearman and Donald of Perryton.

JOEA BEYER

Joe A. Beyer, 74, of Skidmore, died Thursday.

Services will be Saturday afternoon in St. Paul Lutheran Church of Tynan under the direction of Galloway and Son Funeral Home of Beville.

Mr. Beyer was born in 1901 in Seguin. Survivors include the widow Lizzie of Skidmore; two sons, including J.C. Beyer of Pampa; two daughters and three sisters.

Clovis Reports UFOs

CLOVIS, N.M. (UPI) — Several tan, cigar-shaped flying objects, some with red, white

and blue lights, were photographed over eastern New Mexico early today, police said.

Officer Randy Johnson, who made the initial sighting of the objects three nights ago, said the photographs were taken through a telescope on top of a nine-story building.

"I really don't know what they might be. I have no theory at all," Johnson said. "They could be just about anything."

Johnson said radar at Canon Air Force Base had reported seeing only one blip on its screen during the sightings. He said the air base and the FAA at Tucumcari, N.M., had ruled out the possibility of weather balloons or aircraft.

He said some of the objects were darkened and others had glowing red, white and blue lights.

Also taken were a transistor radio and a first aid kit.

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Police Calls Include Break-ins, Thefts

Four burglaries were reported to the Pampa Police Department Thursday night including one at the Burger House, 1700 N. Hobart.

Carl Frankie O'Neal of 334 Doyle stopped Patrolman Travis Rowland to tell him the building had been broken into. Entry was gained by kicking the back door to the store room and bathroom and kitchen area where suspects unlocked a window and climbed into the kitchen.

An inventory of the loss had not been made this morning.

Bill McCauley of Lenorah, Tex. said his vehicle was burglarized while parked at the Tea Room Lounge. Missing items included a citizens band radio, two coats and a pair of gloves.

Edward Moultra of 1105 Neel Road said a stereo and rifle had been taken from his home.

Dennis Dale Rice of 2101

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Coffee said someone entered his vehicle while parked in the 1700 block of Coffee and took his CB radio. Entry was gained by prying open a vent glass on the drivers side. The radio was valued at \$100. It was unbolted and wires cut.

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On The Record

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GPs Support Strikers

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Thousands of general practitioners have shut their offices in Southern California and flocked to the support of specialists striking over increased malpractice insurance. More were expected to join today.

The strike now covers a six-county area of more than 11 million inhabitants.

To cope with one problem, some pharmacists were authorized to refill prescriptions without a physician's consent because the striking doctors were hard to find.

An estimated 75 per cent of the 4,400 "primary care" doctors in Los Angeles, many of whom had not taken part in the strike previously, closed down or sharply limited their practices.

In San Diego, County Medical Society officials estimated two-thirds of the 1,600 physicians were taking part.

The GPs, pediatricians and

others who practice mainly from their offices responded to a call from surgeons and other specialists who have been on

strike for 23 days, demanding the state government do something about a 327 per cent increase in the cost of malpractice insurance.

The following 11 a.m. Chicago Exchange live cattle futures are furnished by the Amarillo offices of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Penner and Smith, Inc.

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DIA	62 1/2
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Refined Stapler

The lethal-looking device held by nurse, left, is actually a life-saver. Enlarged and refined versions of the common desk stapler have become increasingly important operating room tools in recent years. In action during an operation at a Pittsburgh hospital, right, they speed up once time-consuming suturing.

Ford Reveals VP List

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford says he is considering a long list of vice presidential candidates and considers it unfortunate George Bush had to be eliminated as the price for his confirmation as head of the CIA.

In an interview with seven New Hampshire editors, Ford said four possible running mates are Sens. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and Howard Baker and Bill Brock of Tennessee, and Elliot Richardson, who has been confirmed but not sworn in as commerce secretary.

Ford told the editors he is considering many more than those four but did not want to provide a complete list.

He reluctantly eliminated Bush last month when the

Senate Armed Services Committee threatened to block his nomination to head the CIA.

After Ford yielded, the committee approved Bush. The Senate is expected to confirm him next week. Ford told the editors the need to drop Bush's name from consideration was "unfortunate and tragic."

Brooke, Baker and Brock expressed pleasure at being mentioned.

"Obviously I'm pleased the President considers me as a potential running mate," Brooke said. But he added that "at no time have I been asked to be a candidate... I don't expect to be asked this time."

Brook said: "The President was very gracious and I appreciate his mentioning my

name. It is my hope, however, to be able to run for re-election in Tennessee."

Asked if he would turn down a vice presidential nomination, Brock said, "It's hard to say — August is a long way off."

Baker said: "It's flattering and nice to know but I have no illusions. There's a political lifetime before the convention in Kansas City. It's nice to be on the list but I'm not packing my bags."

Brooke, asked if he believed Ford would put a black on the GOP ticket, said the President has been asked similar questions and has said he would consider such a selection.

"I do believe the President," said Brooke, the Senate's lone black. "I believe in his honesty, his integrity, and his sincerity."

'Carrillo Looted Funds'

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Senate prosecutors contend South Texas District Judge O.P. Carrillo systematically looted Duval County funds through use of a share store and the rental of nonexistent equipment.

Carrillo, one of three brothers who challenged the late "Duke of Duval" George Parr for political control of Duval County, denies any direct involvement in the schemes.

Sensors will vote today on whether to convict Carrillo of the first two of the 10 articles of impeachment against him. If Carrillo is convicted, he would be automatically removed from office. He also could be permanently banned from holding political office again in Texas.

There been only two previous impeachments under the 1876

Texas constitution. In 1931 District Judge J.B. Price was acquitted by the Senate. In 1917 Gov. James Ferguson was convicted and removed from office.

Testimony ended Thursday in the initial phase of the impeachment trial and senators agreed the prosecution and defense would be given 90 minutes each today for final arguments.

The impeachment articles to be considered accuse Carrillo of using county welfare funds to buy groceries for his family, and illegally obtaining county funds as rental on equipment that either did not exist, or which the county did not use.

The Senate is allowed to go into closed session to deliberate on the charges but is required to vote in public.

"The session will be open unless there is a motion to close it," Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby said. Sen. A.M. Aikin, D-Paris, said he plans to move the deliberations be closed.

The defense called three witnesses Thursday in an effort to prove Zertuche General Store existed as an active business in Benavides. The prosecution has contended Zertuche Store was a sham used by Carrillo and his brother to avoid conflict of interest laws and allow them to do business with governmental entities while they held public office.

Tax records were presented showing Zertuche Store did \$57,305 business in 1969 but none of the sales was taxable. Only sales to governmental agencies, churches and retail businesses are exempt from the sales tax.

Hoffa Witness Reluctant

DETROIT (UPI) — New Jersey Teamster Stephen Andretta bounced in and out of a federal grand jury room 27 times Thursday, then returned to prison to await more questions about the disappearance of former Teamsters boss James Hoffa.

The reluctant witness, jailed 43 days ago for refusing to answer one question, appeared before the jury Thursday to be asked about Hoffa's July 30 disappearance from a suburban Detroit restaurant.

But the 40-year-old union official usually stayed in the grand jury room no more than a minute. After almost every question he left to seek advice from his attorney, William Bufalino Sr.

The lawyer said Andretta should have been released for

answering the original question about where he was the day Hoffa vanished. Bufalino did not disclose how Andretta answered the question or what other answers he gave.

But U.S. District Judge Ralph Freeman, reportedly annoyed by the frequent interruptions, placed Andretta back in his federal prison cell at nearby Milan until the jury reconvenes Tuesday.

Federal sources said the grand jurors had agreed to a special meeting for Andretta. Sources said jurors also were upset by Andretta's constant trips out of the room.

Andretta, despite his opposition, was given immunity from prosecution Dec. 10. When he refused to answer the grand jury's single question, he drew a contempt of court citation from

Freeman.

However, Bufalino said Andretta wiped out the contempt citation Thursday by answering the question.

"Stephen Andretta has answered the question of where he was," Bufalino told Freeman. "Now the grand jury wants to ask him other questions. We want to know whether he has purged himself of the contempt citation."

When Freeman ruled Andretta hadn't, Bufalino said, "You call this justice?"

Supreme Court To Review Texas Death Penalty Statute

CUERO, Tex. (UPI) — Wendy Adams, the 10-year-old daughter of a deputy sheriff, disappeared from a 4-H field day party in 1972. A few hours later a motorist reported seeing a pickup truck speeding through town with a girl screaming in the back.

The girl's body was found two days later floating in the Guadalupe River. She had been choked to death and her face and neck were badly bruised.

Authorities arrested Jerry Lane Jurek, an unemployed 22-

year-old with a history of child molesting, and charged him with the girl's murder. He was convicted and sentenced to die in the electric chair under Texas' new capital punishment law.

The U.S. Supreme Court Thursday agreed to review Jurek's case and the Texas death penalty statute.

The prosecutor in the Jurek case said the death penalty is the only suitable punishment for Jurek.

"I think if there ever was a

justification (for the death penalty), that case was one," District Attorney Wiley Cheatham said Thursday. "He's white so they can't accuse of us of race prejudice on this one."

"She was a beautiful little 10-year-old girl."

Cheatham sought the death penalty under the new Texas capital punishment law on grounds Jurek killed the girl, the daughter of a DeWitt County deputy sheriff, in the commission of two other specified felonies — kidnapping

and attempted rape.

The prosecutor said Jurek had a past history of child molesting at Cuero and in Louisiana.

Cheatham said the new Texas law does not permit the death penalty in murder cases except when other felonies are committed simultaneously or when the victim is a policeman or fireman performing his duty.

"I think it (death penalty) ought to be broader, but that's what the law is," he said. "I don't make the rules. I just have to play by them."

Cheatham said he was "uneasy" about the Supreme Court's planned review of death penalty cases from Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, Flori-

da and Louisiana.

"My feelings are it (death penalty) ought to be there. It ought to be used sparingly and carefully but definitely it ought to be there," he said.

Jurek was one of 31 men on death row Thursday at the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville.

Public relations coordinator Gail Monroe said all of the men had heard about the decision. She said TDC policy forbid her from relaying the reaction of the men to the news.

"They heard about it on the radio," she said. "All of those on death row have their cases on appeal now."

Will Take Polygraph

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — A University of Texas athletics official says he's willing to take a polygraph test to affirm his statement that he endorsed an unearned Senate paycheck and handed the cash to longtime Senate Secretary Charles A. Schnabel.

James Len Blackwood, UT's director of athletic events, said in a statement made under oath to prosecutors that he tried to return the check, but was asked by Schnabel to cash it and turn in the money instead.

Blackwood will appear today before the Travis County Grand Jury, which has already indicted Schnabel on charges of theft and official misconduct.

The grand jury also is expected to question former Senate photographer Speedy Peacock about a camera he rented the Senate for one year in 1973 that was later found

engraved with Schnabel's initials and Social Security number.

Peacock reportedly said Schnabel indicated he wanted to purchase the camera for the Senate, but asked that it be reported as a rental in Peacock's bill to the Senate.

Blackwood was hired by Schnabel in July, 1974 as a \$673-a-month proofreader.

Blackwood, then an assistant track coach, quit the Capitol job and returned to his post at UT on Oct. 21, 1974, but his name was not taken off Senate payrolls until Nov. 30.

Blackwood at first denied receiving any checks after September, but changed his story when confronted with records showing he cashed Senate paychecks for all five months he was listed on the payroll. Markings on the back of the November check indicate Blackwood endorsed it for

\$507.45 in cash at his bank.

Blackwood swears he gave the money to Schnabel to be returned to the state. He says he did not question Schnabel's request, apparently assuming it would be easier for the Senate to receive cash than complete paperwork for canceling a paycheck.

Two other former Senate employees have told prosecutors they gave Schnabel all or part of the unearned pay Schnabel arranged for them during portions of 1970, 1971 and 1972. Both claimed the transactions were designed to help Schnabel circumvent payroll regulations.

The two said Schnabel told them he needed the money to pay for cost overruns on curtains for the Capitol — for the office of an unnamed senator in one case, and for the apartment of then Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes in the other.

'Old Sparky'

HUNTSVILLE, Tex. (UPI) — The electric chair at the Texas State Penitentiary was first used Feb. 8, 1924 to execute convicted murderer Mark Mathews. During the next 48 years 361 men were executed in the dark, varnished wooden seat known as "Old Sparky."

But the electric chair has not been used since a warm summer night in 1964 when Joseph Johnson Sr. was executed with a Bible in his hand.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1972 that the death penalty was unconstitutional as "cruel and inhuman punishment."

But the Texas Legislature since that time has passed a new capital punishment law and death row once again has

residents. The Supreme Court Thursday accepted for review capital punishment cases from five states — including Texas — and scheduled March 30 arguments on the controversial issue.

One prison official said there was one common characteristic about the final actions of the 361 men executed in Texas.

"Almost all of them prayed," the prison official said.

"Without exception, any person who claimed to be a Christian and who witnessed an execution would certainly be a Christian when it was over. When a man prays by his chair, he's certainly not pulling anybody's leg."

No Money To Bury Sons

DALLAS (UPI) — Lonnie and Lorrie Atwater moved to Texas three weeks ago looking for work and a place to raise their two small sons.

The Atwaters' brief try at beginning again was ended in a fire that killed their two children, Lonnie 3, and Brien, 11 months, and destroyed everything they owned.

"All we wanted to do was come to Texas to live, maybe buy a house and raise my boys here," said Atwater, 24. "But now, well, I just don't know."

Their children were killed Tuesday night, a few hours after Atwater lost his new job with a paper company.

Now the Atwaters are trying to raise the money to return to Homestead, Fla., bury their sons and then "regroup and sort things out," Lorrie Atwater, 19, said.

Atwater's brother, Warren, said he had urged the family to move to Dallas because of the good economic situation.

"It doesn't really make any sense," Warren said. "We had just called them about three weeks ago and told them there was work here. And that everything was going to be all right."

Mrs. Atwater said she had tucked Brien into his crib with his bottle and lay down to rest because she felt ill. Lonnie was asleep next to her.

"I went to sleep for just a short while and then I heard my boy saying, 'Mommy, there's a fire,'" she said.

She said she could not find Lonnie because of the smoke and raced to the back room to find Brien. The doors were jammed, so she ran outside around the house.

Winners of Leather Comb Case Kits offered as the local prizes in Cappy Dick's acorn puzzle contest published in the comic section Jan. 4, are:

Kim Grass, 9, 1817 Holly Lane; Shelly Cochran, 9, 1012 Prairie Dr.; Lee Anne McBride, 6, 1526 Williston; Shelly Robertson, 10, 1124 Garland; Stephen Winton, 6, 1924 Lynn; Derrek Woodard, 10, R.1, Box 81, Pampa; Cari Furph, 10, Star Route 2, Box 475C, Pampa; Annette Cates, 10, Box 265, Lefors; and Daria Woodward, 9, Box 12, Skellytown.

Winners of the national grand prizes in the same contest are Diana Fogel, 9, Cincinnati, Ohio; Julie Ann Ballard, 10, South Euclid, Ohio; Annette Marshall, 13, Cocoa Beach, Fla.; Christa Banks, 8, Grandview, Ind.; Ann Marie Sastry, 8, Peoria, Ill.; Stephen Alexander, 8, Brunswick, Me.; Linda Kay Schrufer, 7, Raleigh, N.C.; Daniel Schmidt, 13, Temperance, Mich.; Barbara Chinnock, 10, Tucson, Ariz.; and Shannon Herron, 11, Vancouver, Wash. Each will receive a Pogo Stuck.

All the winners will receive their prizes by mail.

McLean Sets Jubilee

McLEAN — Derby Town Jubilee, sponsored by the McLean High School Future Business Leaders of America, will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the school auditorium.

Special performer will be Amarillo Slim. Local organizers are George Terry and Conald Cunningham.

Local entertainers will be Darrell Herndon, Patsy Henley, John Kirby, Mike Gray, Buck Henley, Beckie Henley, Terri

Henley, Ida Hess, Leland Myers, Steven Myers, Craig Cunningham, Kerry Anderson, Carl Henley, James Estes and Bobbie Stalls.

Performers from the area will include Leland Daniels, Jody Grubb and Glen Studebaker, all from Pampa; "The Keynotes" from Perryton, Norris Cunningham Jr. of Amarillo, the Don Nelson Quartet of Shamrock, Delores Thames and Chris Rogers of Abilene.

Science Prof To Be Speaker At High School

Dr. Stanley E. Williamson, Dean Emeritus of the School of Education and Professor of Science Emeritus of the Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon will be a guest of the Pampa High School science department on Jan. 28 and Jan. 29.

While in Pampa he will visit science classes at the high school, junior high and the middle school as well as conferring with students and teachers.

Science personnel will honor Dr. Williamson with a reception on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, in the home of Elaine Ledbetter, chairman of the Pampa High Science Department.

Cox-Hudson Team Wins

Representatives of Pampa High School, Tammy Cox and Matt Hudson, were chosen as the first place team in the two rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) technique of the Gray County Heart Division's Tuesday session at Highland General Hospital.

Second place winners were James Thompson and Jerry Rollison Jr., representatives of McLean High School.

Placing third were Peggy Maples and Larry Franks of Lefors High School.

A CPR demonstration was presented to the Top of Texas Medical Society Tuesday evening at the Pampa Country Club.

A CPR demonstration was presented to the Rotary Club Wednesday at the Coronado Inn and to the Cabot-Corporation Machinery Division.

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Books: Woman's Side of Watergate

By JOE SEGAL
Lovett Memorial Library
 The death last week of Agatha Christie ended one of the most successful careers in the history of the novel: up to the time of her death, Dame Agatha (O.B.E.) had sold over 30 million copies of her mysteries, and her two greatest creations, Hercule Poirot and Jane Marple, had become as familiar and beloved as any British monarch.

Over the past week, I have been revisiting some of my favorite Christie's, from "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" to "The Body in the Library", and, along with many other readers, I have been asking myself: why am I so much fonder of this British lady's novels than of, say, Ellery Queen's, or Erle Stanley Gardner's? What was special about Dame Agatha?

To begin with, she had one quality that neither of the above-named gentlemen had: a dry, wry British sense of "humor", that occasionally became gentle self-parody, or even satire of the "tec genre. Her characters, particularly Miss Marple, were real, believable, everyday folks, whose powers of logic were great, but not utterly incredible (like Sherlock Holmes).

Her settings, from ancient Egypt in "And Death Comes as the End" to the village of St. Mary Mead, in the Miss Marple series, are well-conceived, and seem quite real. Her style, while a bit plain in narration, even tending to banal repetition, shows like burnished copper in the dialogue; one English professor of mine recommended her as a model of dialogue writing.

The preponderance of dialogue over narration in her novels, while capitalizing on her special talents, also moved the story along swiftly and smoothly, without Ian Fleming's reliance on violent action and tricky gimmicks, or the cheaper writers' "suspense", chase

scenes, and "atmospheric" old houses.

Dame Agatha also never stooped to the sort of formula writing that plagued Gardner and Queen; her one trademark in plots was the "twist" ending, which she handled in a variety of ways, and which is almost essential to a classic "tec, as opposed to a Marris-style police-procedural.

At palming her clues, Miss Christie had no equal; the device used to make the open clues invisible in "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" is diabolical in its simplicity, breathtaking in effect.

But, above all, there is something special about an Agatha Christie novel; something that Marris, Gardner, Derr Biggers, McBain, and all her near-peers in the genre have not attained. It is a quality that only one other novelist that I have read possesses, and that is J.R.R. Tolkien: it is the ability to create a fictional world that is as real, full, and familiar as the world you yourself are living in. That is the sort of quality that made the Christie novels addictive; and it is a hallmark of the finest writing. The world of reader will miss Agatha Christie.

We have only two more treats left, which she stored with her publishers: a novel, written like "Curtain", in the Forties, which kills off Jane Marple, even as that novel killed off Poirot; and Dame Agatha's autobiography, which will finally let us know something about the person behind this alternate reality, the real Mrs. Max Mallowan.

Among the novels by Agatha Christie which Lovett Memorial Library has, are: "Hallowe'en Party"; "They Do it with Mirrors"; "Surprise! Surprise!"; "Why Didn't They Ask Evans?"; "The Labours of Hercules"; and "They Came to Baghdad". We are also subscribers to the Greenway Edition of the complete works, in a sturdy, attractive format.

"MO": A WOMAN'S VIEW OF WATERGATE, by Maureen Dean with Hays Gorey (Simon & Schuster, 286 pages, \$8.95).
THE WOMEN OF WATERGATE, by Madeleine Edmondson and Alden Duer Cohen (Stein & Day, 228 pages, \$8.95).
WASHINGTON JOURNAL: THE EVENTS OF 1973-1974, by Elizabeth Drew (Random House, 428 pages, \$12.95).
THE GREAT AMERICAN MEDICINE SHOW: The Unhealthy State of U.S. Medical Care, and What Can Be Done About It, by Spencer Klaw (Viking, 316 pages, \$11.95).
BREAST CANCER: A Personal History & Investigative Report, by Rose Kushner (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 400 pages, \$10.00).
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HEALTH CARE BEFORE YOU CALL A DOCTOR, by G. Timothy Johnson, M.D. (McGraw-Hill, 424 pages, \$8.95).

Capsule reviews prepared by the American Library Assn.

By E. J. Stearns

After the dozens and dozens of books on Watergate, mostly by and about men, now the women are having their say. And what they have to say ranges from the shallow to the subtle, and from gossip to some thoughtful prose about government in crisis.

Two of the books should satisfy any lingering curiosity about the wives of the men we saw so long on television. For example, if you've been wondering what lies behind the beautiful, almost mask-like face that Mrs. John Dean displayed during her husband's testimony before the Senate Watergate hearings, a book called "Mo" will give you the answer: "Not much."

Written with reporter Hays Gorey, it's an incredibly rapid tale about a self-styled shy, naive little girl from a modest California home.

Legality didn't interest her during the Watergate period, and the ethics of hopping from coast to coast at the taxpayers' expense didn't strike her as questionable at the time. Morality in retrospect always tends to sound a bit hollow, and "Mo" is full of the empty ring of phrases such as "It never occurred to me" and "little did I realize."

About John Dean's reaction to the Watergate cover-up, we learn very little, unless you consider the recurrent description of his mood as "uptight", "angushed", "worried" and "tense" as particularly revealing.

We do get some good inside

views (of Air Force One, a presidential party, the inaugural events) and a sharp sense of the hotly competitive White House atmosphere that turned Nixon's aides into a band of hungry cubs vying for "perks" or special favors.

But mostly Mo gives us a record of how many vacations they had interrupted in 1972 and 1973, how many phone calls John received (lots), how she picked her wardrobe for the Watergate hearings (carefully), and how much she and John enjoyed "two-person parties."

We could have used "The Women of Watergate" by Madeleine Edmondson and Alden Duer Cohen over a year ago. Nineteen portraits of the wives of the Watergate defendants and women involved in one way or another with the prosecution are included.

When the authors get cooperation from their subject, they get a good story. If Jeanne Ehrlichman and Joanne Haldeman are still shadows, Patricia Marx Ellsberg is a fully fleshed portrait that may surprise you.

The only one of the group who turned from establishment Republican to anti-Vietnam War demonstrator, Pat Ellsberg always had her moral beliefs in mind, and held off Daniel until he measured up.

In all the portraits, we learn as much about the man involved as the woman. John Dean's brush with ethics in a law firm before he joined the government is covered, and so is his first marriage. Similarly, we learn a good deal about Daniel Ellsberg from his CIA psychiatric profile, which the authors summarize.



Mrs. John Dean



Spencer Klaw

Edmondson and Cohen write briskly, put their portraits together well, and don't hesitate to repeat unflattering comments they think are relevant. They are leery of official versions. We are told the Nixons were deliberately posed together for the familiar arm-in-arm portraits. "Once out of public view, however... they separated... neither touching nor speaking, wrapped in their own concerns, each walked alone."

"Watergate Diary" by Elizabeth Drew is a beautifully orchestrated account of the final days of the Nixon administration, from the House Judiciary hearings in the fall of 1973 to Mr. Nixon's final take-off for San Clemente in the summer of 1974.

Originally commissioned by New Yorker magazine editor William Shawn, "Diary" allows us to walk side by side with one of Washington's top journalists as she visits courtrooms and hearings, talks with senators and congressmen, and ponders the developing events.

What takes "Watergate Diary" out of the ordinary is not only the quality of the prose but the juxtaposition of events. We read about the world the way it seemed to Mrs. Drew each day, the ups

and downs of the stock market, the Washington weather, and how the reporters are reacting to events on the Hill.

Generous quotes from the Federalist papers not only provide helpful background on what the framers of our Constitution had in mind on impeachment but lend added historical dimension.

"Watergate Diary" is a book worth savoring for its sharp personal perspective, for its lucid overview of events, and for its musing, melancholy tone that suggests it's well we continue to ponder how all this could have happened to us.

By Betty Stearns

America's love affair with medicine may be in full swing on television, but it is cooling off in real life. According to recent research, public confidence in the country's medical establishment is declining annually.

The falling temperatures are attributed to such varied causes as unnecessary surgery, spiraling costs, poor management of Medicare and other health insurance systems, and the lagging realization of doctors that patients are no longer apt to

be so patient about incompetent service or counsel.

The new books on a variety of medical problems reflect not only current disaffection, but a growing appetite for medical information.

"The Great American Medicine Show" by one-time reporter, now full-time writer Spencer Klaw, gives you the message in its subtitle "The unhealthy state of U.S. medical care and what can be done about it."

The book documents every complaint consumers have voiced about medicine from the high cost of being sick to the need for more humanity among doctors. Klaw notes that when American surgical records have been reviewed by qualified specialists, a large number of cases were discovered in which there was no cause for surgery, especially in operations for removal of the uterus, tonsils, and appendix.

In order to cut down on medical costs and improve the level of care, Klaw suggests that a number of stringent controls be adopted, including certification of the need for surgery by at least two doctors, publication of a formulary which would list the generic names and prices of all drugs necessary "for good medical practice."

If we had not been witnessing the failure of government regulations and hand-outs in Medicare and in the nursing home field over the past decade, I would be more inclined to believe Klaw's reasonable suggestions might just work.

Spiced with dismaying statistics, "The Great American Medical Show" is a

wide-ranging, readable polemic that will make you think.

If you are a woman, "Breast Cancer" by Rose Kushner will make you both angry and very cautious. Kushner's "personal history and investigative report," was written following her own breast surgery, and records her conversations with doctors and researchers from all over the world.

Kushner is an advocate of separating biopsy from mastectomy to enable women who must undergo this procedure to have vital pre-surgical staging examinations. She also marshals a good deal of expert opinion to support the contention that far too many Halsted radical mastectomies are performed in this country, and that much post-operative X-ray therapy is detrimental.

Kushner's discussion of the history and definition of the disease, incidence, effects of birth control pills, detection techniques, various types of surgery and post-operative care is one all women ought to read for a better understanding of their odds and their options.

Best Sellers

(UPI - Publishers' Weekly)

Fiction
 Curtain — Agatha Christie
 Ragtime — E.L. Doctorow
 The Choirboys — Joseph Wambaugh
 The Greek Treasure — Irving Stone
 The Eagle Has Landed — Jack Higgins
 Looking for Mister Goodbar — Judith Rossner
 In the Beginning — Chaim Potok
 Humboldt's Gift — Saul Bellow
 Shogun — James Clavell
 Nightwork — Irwin Shaw

Nonfiction
 Sylvia Porter's Money Book — Sylvia Porter
 Bring On The Empty Horses — David Niven
 The Relaxation Response — Herbert Benson
 Winning Through Intimidation — Robert Ringer
 Power! How To Get It, How To Use It — Michael Korda
 The Ascent of Man — Jacob Bronowski
 The Age of Napoleon — Will and Ariel Durant
 My Life — Golda Meir
 The New Yorker Album of Drawings 1925-1975

Top 10 Albums

(Week of January 19)

1. Gratitude (Earth, Wind & Fire)
2. Chicago's Greatest Hits
3. America's Greatest Hits
4. Hissing of Summer Lawns (Joni Mitchell)
5. Helen Reddy's Great Hits
6. Still Crazy (Paul Simon)
7. Windsong (John Denver)
8. Family Reunion (O'Jays)
9. KC & The Sunshine Band
10. Breakaway (Art Garfunkel)

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Stones Cancel Easter Island Fest

NEW YORK — (NEA) — Their swan song soured by the Chilean government, the Rolling Stones had to cancel plans for a three-day rock festival on Easter Island in February.

The festival, where 100,000 fans were to be airlifted, was to serve as a farewell from the world's best-known rock 'n' roll band. Chilean authorities, whose jurisdiction includes Easter Island, said the festival would irrevocably alter the exotic island's character.

Dolly Parton, the charming Country & Western belle infecting Dixie these days, will preside over her own televised talk show next September.

More like a half hour music-variety show than a talk show in the Carson or Cavett vein, Dolly will be televised from Nashville's Opryland. Tentatively signed to appear in the debut program are Linda Ronstadt, Ray Charles, Chet Atkins and Freddy Fender.

Although he hadn't heard from former Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young drummer Dallas Taylor in quite a few years, Stephen Stills was not overjoyed when Taylor finally contacted him. That may be due to the fact Taylor's communicate was a \$50,000 law suit seeking damages against Stills over an album the two produced in 1971 for which Stills allegedly never paid Taylor his fair share. Ah, friendship.

Absolutely No Comment: Ingrid Croce, widow of Jim Croce killed two years ago in a plane crash, has announced she's striking out on a solo career as a singer-songwriter. Mrs. Croce claims a sizable degree of responsibility for her late husband's success and says she plans to carry on his style... Stuart "Woody" Wood of Scotland's Bay City Rollers found Australia's searing summer clime (summer starts in November Down Under) a bit difficult to bear and collapsed after a performance in Melbourne. He

was flown to a hospital in Canberra where he recuperated nicely and should return to the road soon... Contrary to rumors he was teaming up with Roy Wood, Marc Bolan is now supposedly planning to bang his gong in a worldwide tour with T Rex... He Ain't Heavy: The old rumor mills churned out all sorts of speculation at word that Allan Clarke, lead singer for the Hollies, has signed a contract with Elektra as a solo performer...

If literature has its rugged individualists, then so must music. Not in the persona of C&W outlaws who exploit their ancient scrapes with the law but honest-to-God heroes whose misty-eyed idealism is tempered with the raunch of reality.

Such a man is Bill Crofut (pronounced 'Crowfoot'). Tall, sandy-haired and 41 years old with a wife and three kids, Crofut sells his own albums through the mail to cultists who've heard his lyrical magic at a friend's house or in unpublicized concerts. But if Crofut's name elicits only a "who?" from most of us, the people of Tanzania or Kenya or Southeast Asia would recognize the music of Crofut and partner Steve Addiss faster than that of Elton John or Frank Sinatra. That's because the two minstrels served as goodwill ambassadors to the Third World for the U.S. State Department during the past 15 years.

It all ended abruptly this autumn when the Spanish government pulled the trigger

on five suspected terrorists. Only a few days later, Crofut was ordered by the State Dept. to tour the nation of sun and fascism in hopes of taking native minds away from the deed.

"I had never refused a State Department tour before," Crofut said, "and I realized it could ruin my career but I also realized that Spain had gone one step further than I could stomach. The American government would not condemn the execution, but wanted to gloss over it. I knew at that point that the American government did not really represent the feelings of its people. Americans don't like shooting people without a trial."

So Crofut turned down the invitation to tour Spain. The State Dept. later hinted he had been "let go" because he wasn't that good anyhow. There are a few conscientious souls within Henry K's fortress who admit Crofut was blacklisted from future tours because of his moral stand.

Addiss and Crofut met eons ago in high school in Putney, Vt. The two went their own ways after graduation. Addiss to Harvard as a music major and Crofut first to Allegheny College, then a brief stint to banjo with Pete Seeger before being drafted into the Army.

The two crossed currents again in 1960 and formed a duo that has toured the world several times. Between the two, they speak 32 languages, "many just phonetically," says Addiss who has written a few books on the Orient and is

considered an authority on Asian culture.

In their 16 years as a team, they've recorded only one album together. Crofut has recorded eight others however. "All of them competing for obscurity," he says. "I think the reason we've survived as a team so long," explains 40-year-old Addiss, "is because we do so many things separately."

Indeed, as Addiss was finishing up his book on Japanese calligraphy, Crofut was recording an LP with the scions of jazz great Dave Brubeck. And when Crofut abandoned the dozens of instruments he plays for a typewriter, among fans clamoring to pen prefaces in his book "The Moon on One Hand" were Robert F. Kennedy and Adlai Stevenson.

Now Addiss and Crofut traipse across Europe in low key tours rekindling old friendships with audiences who remember them from their State Dept. days. The two will return to the U.S. next month with Pham Duy, the Woody Guthrie of South Vietnam, to tour small

colleges around Arizona and New Mexico.

"We have no specific audience," says Crofut, "But we do appeal to a lot of old folks."

"Which doesn't pay a lot of



Blacklisted

Steve Addiss, left, and Bill Crofut, who have served as goodwill ambassadors to the Third World for the U.S. State Department, have been blacklisted when they refused to tour Spain.

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DECORATING HINTS

STILLWATER, Okla. (UPI) — Drapery and curtain design can make a room seem larger or smaller.

Extending the coverings over a wide area can make a room look larger and treating windows individually will seem to make a room smaller, according to Bertha C. Nickel, Oklahoma State University housing interiors specialist.

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Mission Appointee

Dwight Petty of Abilene will speak to the congregation of the Mary Ellen Street Church of Christ during the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. Petty, a 1975 graduate of Abilene Christian College, will receive a master's degree in Ministry and Evangelism from the college in May and will depart for a 10-year mission as director of the Tanzania Bible School in Dar es Salaam, East Africa. His address Sunday is open to the public.



Meetings Announced

Meeting dates for four Baptist Women groups and one Baptist Young Women group of the First

Baptist Church have been announced.

The Zelma Northcutt Bible Study Group will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday for a covered dish luncheon in Mrs. Jack White's home at 2364 Aspen.

Baptist beliefs and Christian maturity classes for Baptist Young Women will meet Wednesday in the church.

The Jackie Shaw Bible Study Group will meet Feb. 18 in Mrs. Jerry Allen's home at 2517 Duncan.

Mrs. Ed Cantrell's home at 1613 Duncan will be the site of a Feb. 18 meeting of the Sarah Beth Short Mission Study Group.

Also meeting Feb. 18 will be the Betty Law Bible Study Group. Members will gather in the home of Mrs. Elmer Wilson Sr., 1101 Sumner.

Lutheran Group Tells of Meet

Zion Lutheran Church's L.W.M.P. met Jan. 14 in the Parish Hall of the church at 1200 Duncan.

A prayer program was presented by Barber Lemke and Carol Heinritz and members were encouraged to attend the annual L.W.M.P. Retreat at Ceta Glen Camp Jan. 30-31.

New yearbooks were distributed at the meeting and a committee was assigned to work on the Spring Mother - Daughter Banquet.

Temple Slates Seminar

Area ministers have been invited to attend a conference at the Pampa Baptist Temple on the importance of a strong bus ministry.

The conference will begin with class at 6:30 p.m. Monday, followed by a sermon at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday's schedule includes classes at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., as well as 2, 3 and 6 p.m. Additional preaching will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Jim Vineyard, associate of First Baptist

Church of Hammond, Ind., will be the guest speaker, according to the Rev. John Hulse Jr., pastor and host of the conference.

The Hammond, Ind., church is home of the world's largest Sunday School and employs a fleet of over 200 buses.

Overnight accommodations for visiting ministers are available by calling Rev. Hulse at 669-2616. Pampa Baptist Temple is located at the intersection of Kingsmill and Starkweather.

Baptist Women Release Notes

Three groups of Baptist Women from the First Baptist Church met Wednesday.

The Jackie Shaw Bible Study Group meeting was attended by 11 members in the home of Mrs. Gary Doss. Leading the study of numbers mentioned in the Bible was Cleta Ledbetter.

Twelve members of the Sarah Beth Short Mission Study Group met in Mrs. Paul Turner's home at 125 N. Faulkner to hear Claudia Everly teach from Herbert Caudill's mission book "On Freedom's Edge."

Members of the Betty Law Bible Study Group worked their way through the first five chapters in the book of Romans at their meeting in Mrs. Bill

Harvey's home. The meeting was attended by six members and three visitors.

Pair Organize July Junket To Holy Land

The Rev. and Mrs. Luther Kirk, formerly of Pampa, are organizers of a 15-day tour of four Greek islands and six countries, including the Holy Lands.

Additional information about the cruise, which begins July 27, is available from Rev. and Mrs. Kirk at 3005 59th St., Lubbock, Texas 79413.

Pampa Church Hosts 'Witnessing Mission'

A "Witnessing Mission" of the Assemblies of God Action Crusade will be directed by the Rev. Wildon Colbaugh of Springfield, Mo., during special services at the First Assembly of God Church in Pampa.

The Rev. R.L. Courtney, pastor, in announcing the services, said, "Christians of all other churches who are interested in learning how to be better witnesses and how to lead others to accept the teachings of Jesus Christ are invited to share in these activities."

Rev. Colbaugh is Action Crusade coordinator for the Men's Department of the Assemblies of God and conducts Action Crusades throughout the United States.

In addition, Rev. Courtney said, Rev. Colbaugh is known as a religious writer and evangelist.

Rev. Colbaugh will conduct an evangelistic service at the



church at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and the crusade will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Regular Sunday worship services will be Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and church at 11 a.m., Rev. Courtney said. All services at the First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler, are open to the public.

For further information, call 665-5941 or 669-6594.

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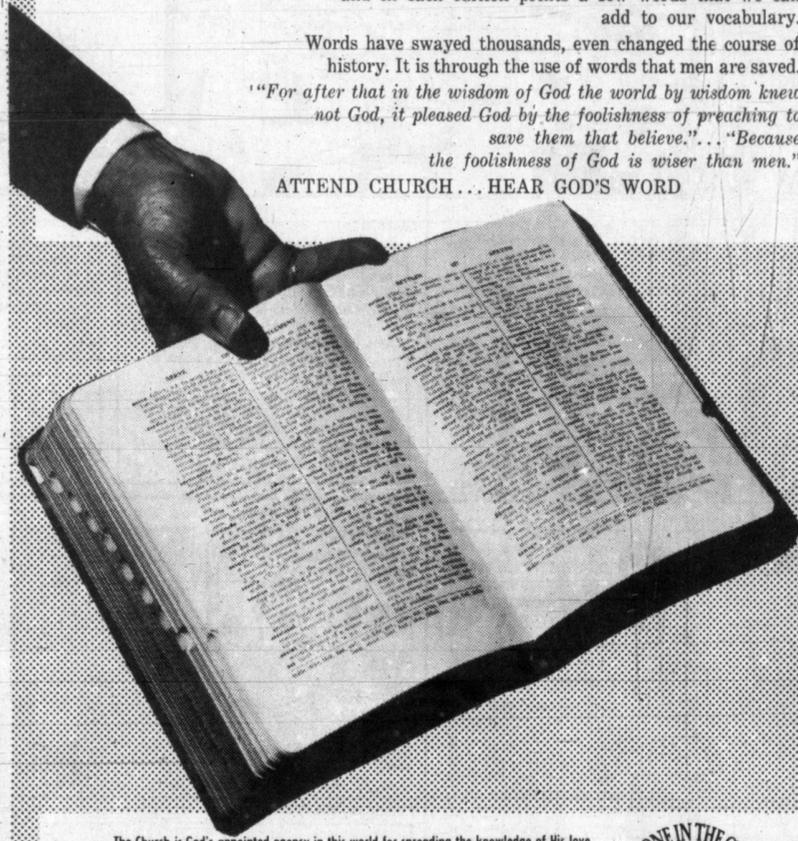
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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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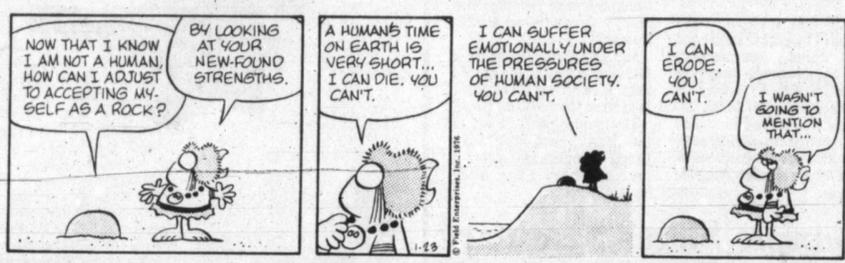


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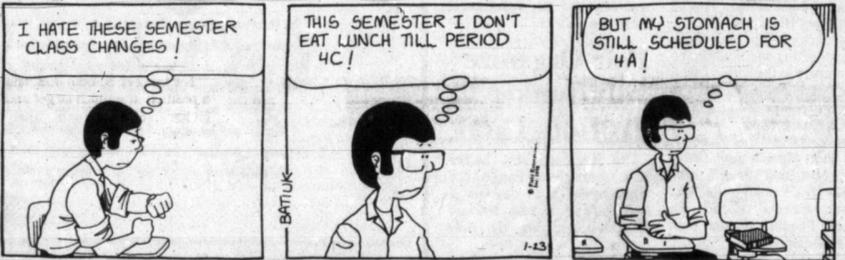
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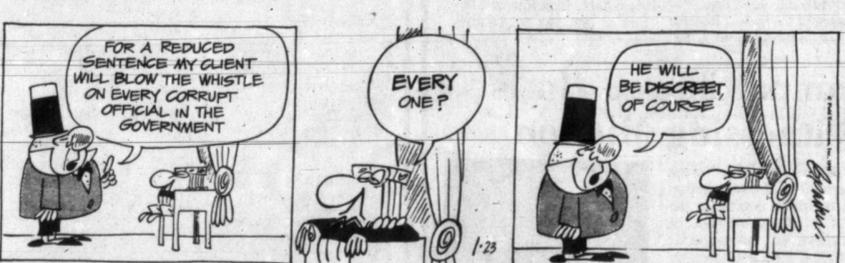
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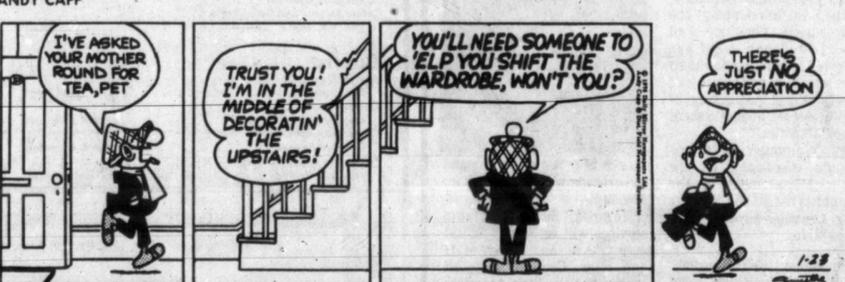
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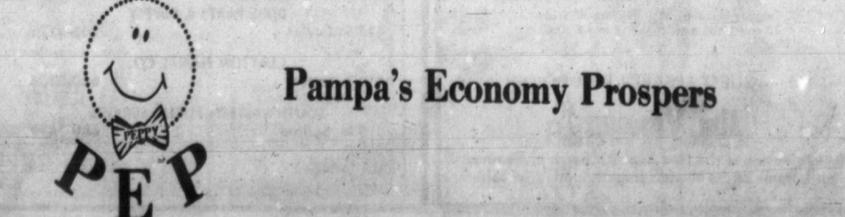
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Sessom To Join Great Coaches List Sunday

It took a story by the Amarillo Daily News Wednesday to make Don Sessom, Groom's personable and win-minded head football coach, fully aware of the prestige that goes along with his being named Football Coach of the Year by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

Sessom will be honored, along with area standout athletes and coaches in other sports, during the annual ceremonies of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Amarillo College gymnasium.

The ceremonies will include, besides the honoring of the Panhandle's outstanding sports participants, the induction of Darrell Royal (University of Texas football coach), Dick Todd (former Texas A&M halfback) and Grady Burson (West Texas State fullback in 1921-24) into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

Guymon, Okla., High School kicker Mark Mendenhall will receive the Dee Henry Memorial Award, which is given to an athlete showing courage under adversity. Mendenhall suffered two fractured leg bones during the 1974 football season, was sidelined for entire school year in all sports and bounced back last season to become one of the area's finest high school kickers.

Sessom read an Amarillo story, which included a list of past recipients of the Coach of the Year Award, and he wondered why the selection committee chose him.

"It is really an honor to be recognized by the individuals on this sports committee. I was looking at the list of coaches that have been selected in the past and it's a real honor to be selected in the same group," said the 33-year-old Sessom, who has been at Groom four seasons.

"Don Beck of Perryton, who coached at Sunray and Bum Phillips of Amarillo High (now head coach of the Houston Oilers) were some of the other coaches," Sessom added.

On first hearing that he would

be honored, Sessom's reaction was one of surprise.

"I thought the Childress coach (Charlie Johnston) would get it because he's in class double-A and he won one more game than I did."

Both Childress and Groom accomplished the same feat, however — advancing to the state championship game. LaGrange defeated Childress for the AA title, while Big Sandy downed Groom (28-2) for the Class B championship.

Being honored as the Panhandle's Coach of the Year is one of many surprises that Sessom experienced during the current school year.

"It surprised me that we had such an exceptional season,"

said Sessom, naming one. "Naming another, he said, 'We had some kids come along that really played well and that's a nice surprise.'"

Groom's only blemish on its record prior to the loss to Big Sandy was a 0-0 tie against Boys Ranch, one of the Panhandle's top AA teams. Groom won over Vega, Wheeler, McLean and Claude, all in Class A, then won all three District 1-B games.

Groom knocked off Sudan, Jayton and Celina in the playoffs. The Tigers' 15-13 win over defending state champion Celina is considered the most prestigious victory for Groom in the school's history.

Big Sandy carried a 41-game unbeaten string and a host of awesome offensive and defensive statistics into the championship game but had trouble running away from the Tigers, who played the Wildcats their closest game of the year, even though it was a 26-point Big Sandy win.

"It (the loss to the Wildcats) didn't crush me but it did disappoint me that we had not played better," Sessom said. "We didn't play as well as we did the week before against Celina."

"But, I was satisfied with the effort our kids did put out. Big Sandy is a tremendous football team. I think we played as well as we could have, probably. I think we tested them."

The amazing thing about Groom's season was that the

Tigers were not even favored to get out of District 1-B. The season before, Lefors upset Groom to win the conference title and advance to the state semifinals. Booker, with a host of returnees off its better-than-average 1974 team, was favored last season.

Even Sessom predicted Booker.

"I really thought that Booker had the football team to win district. They had so many kids back off a 5-5 team the year before. I really thought that Booker was gonna be a really hard football game."

"But Marcus Lemon, their quarterback, got hurt in the first quarter."

Instead of a 9-0-1 for the regular season, Sessom thought that "we were looking at a season like 7-3 or 6-4. I just didn't know if we could play well with Vega, Wheeler, Boys Ranch and Booker."

"We didn't have the quarterback that had really proven himself and had played in many games."

Senior Quarterback Bimbo Bivens had played in two games at quarterback during his junior season. He turned out to be a crucial part of last season's success and was named to the all-district team on offense.

"He was one of the secrets," Sessom said. "Another was John Krizan. He had never carried the ball before. And Thomas Reed had never started in the offensive backfield — he had played with the scrubs in a game or two last year (he started at split end in 1974)."

Krizan, Reed, Bivens and fullback Chris Britten comprised a machine-like backfield, one of the most balanced rushing attacks in the state. Krizan, Reed and Britten will be back for another year.

"Another position that was a surprise," Sessom said, "was offensive tackle. Rick Prather had never started in three years but he made all-district."

Sessom, who guided Groom to the state semifinals in 1972, won't be the Tiger coach forever, even though townspeople have grown so attached to him that he would probably have to slip out of town at midnight.

The thing is, Sessom wins, and a position at a much larger and richer school seems likely someday.

"Yes, I would consider a job at a bigger school, but it would have to be an awful good job. Groom is just a real good place to live."

"A coach, if he's gonna stay in the profession, is most always on the lookout for advancement."

Sessom finds satisfaction in coaching Class B football. That may be the reason for his success.

"If a coach that's coaching in Class B has enough pride in his job that he can create prestige, then there is prestige. If a coach is in Class B football and he resents being in Class B because of the 'B' designation, he's not gonna do a good job."

"If a coach is in Class B, A, double-A or whatever, is he putting some pride in his job, he's gonna do a good job."

"Groom is one of the best Class B jobs in the state. If a new coach came to Groom and looked at that trophy case, he'd want to do a good job."

Sessom's Tigers added five trophies to the case — district, bi-district, quarterfinals, semifinals and state runner-up. Those trophies will put just that more pressure on the next Groom coach.



Coach of the Year
Groom Coach Don Sessom, whose Tigers won five trophies enroute to the state runner-up spot in Class B, will be named Football Coach of the Year during ceremonies of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Amarillo College gymnasium. (Pampa News photo by Paul Sims)

District Play Begins Today

Harvesters Host 'Horns

By PAUL SIMS Sports Editor
Defense-minded Pampa will try to shut down the balanced Amarillo Caprock scoring attack, an attack centered around one of the area's best centers and a high-scoring guard, as District 3-AAAA basketball action begins at 7:45

Bowling Results
LADIES TRIO
First place team — Pampa Glass & Paint
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High team series — Pampa Glass & Paint (1837)
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First place team — Bell Tire & Supply
Second place team — M.D. Snider
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High team series — Wheeler Evans (2307)
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High indiv. series — Jean Townsend (508)

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High indiv. game — Carroll Pettit (223), Clara Achord (200)

HARVESTER COUPLES
First place team — Elco Glass & Dares Mobil
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High team series — Dave McNair (559), Alice Murdock (538)
High team game — Bud Murdock (205), Rosa Lee Hendricks; Alice Murdock (205)

p.m. today in Harvester Fieldhouse.
In other district openers, Berger is at Amarillo High and Amarillo Palo Duro is at Amarillo Tascosa.

Caprock, although having a 7-11 record and ranking last in defense in 3-AAAA (62.8 average for Caprock's opponents in non-conference play), has yet to be blown out during a game. Amarillo High won by 17 over the Longhorns in December in Caprock's only game even resembling a rout this season.

The Longhorns have the district's leading rebounder in 6-6 center Jay Hunt, a junior averaging 10 rebounds and 14.8 points.

Shut off Hunt inside, then you have to cope with 6-1 senior guard Mark Leonard outside. Leonard, probably the best outside shooter in 3-AAAA, is scoring at a 15.4 clip, with several of his points coming on field goals from 20 to 35 feet out.

Leonard rotates between the forward and guard positions. The other guards are 5-10 sophomore Bruce Nipp, who "for his age is a good all-around player," according to Longhorn Coach Bill White, and 5-11 senior Mark Billington.

Nipp is averaging 11 points and Billington 4.9.
Forward Rocky Fiel, a 6-2 senior, is Caprock's fifth starter and is averaging 8.7 points and nine rebounds.

To beat Pampa, White said simply, "We've got to outscore them."

He added, "I don't know that I can. We haven't been putting it

up very much this year — we're averaging about 42 times per game. We're gonna try to get the good percentage shot."

The 42-shot average is way below last year's clip. Caprock, known for its run-and-gun style of play last season, is more conservative this year, although not afraid to shoot. Against Hereford, the Longhorns put the ball up over 60 times.

Caprock's 60.5 scoring average ranks second among district teams. Should the Longhorns hit their average tonight it would be a monumental feat, since Pampa's defense is giving up an average of 48.1 points per game and has held 14 opponents to less than 50 points.

Offensively, the Harvesters have sputtered, even though that is partly the fault of some opponents' slow-down tactics against Pampa.

Six-four junior Donnie Hughes, who will start at post and take on Hunt, is the team's leading scorer with a 13.8 norm. He is also averaging 8.6 rebounds, tops on the team.

Brian Bailey, a 6-2 junior guard, is scoring at a 12.3 clip and averaging 6.3 rebounds. Bailey, probably the district's strongest guard physically, is "real smart," according to Pampa Coach Robert McPherson.

"He handles the ball well against pressure — he's strong and physically. When you've got that type guard, it really helps."

Six-one senior Jewel Landers

is "a pleasant surprise this season," said McPherson. Landers is averaging 5.9 points and 7.9 rebounds and is the Harvesters' best leaper.

Richard Lane, a 6-2 senior forward, is Pampa's only returning full-time starter off last season's 25-5 district championship club. Lane, a defensive standout, is averaging 7.9 points and 4.3 rebounds.

The other starter tonight will be 5-10 senior captain Forrest Taylor, a solid ball handler and defensive player. He will share playing time with 5-11 junior Pee Wee Steele.

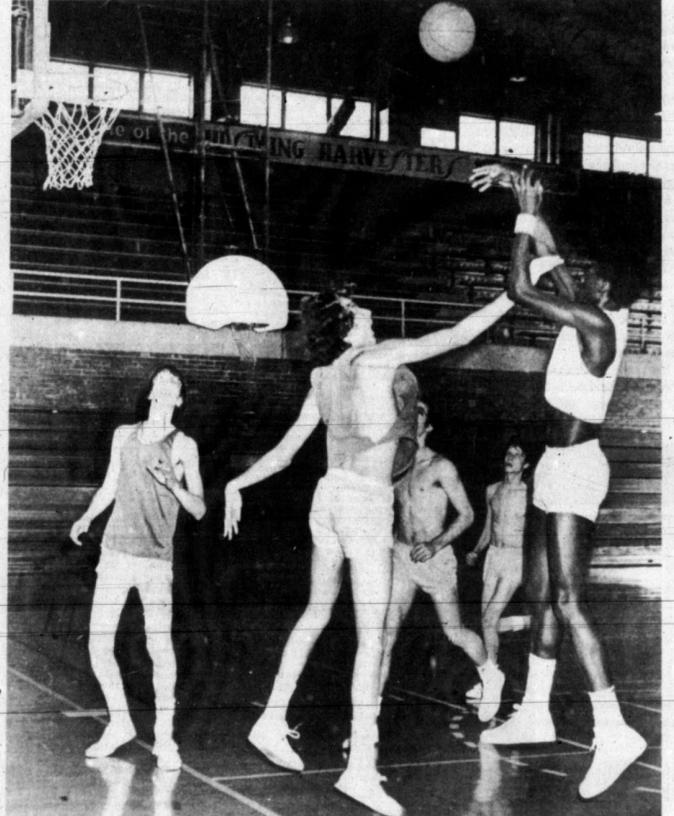
Senior guard Rayford Young (6-0) will also see action against the Longhorns. Playing mainly in substitute roles, Young is averaging 9.1 points.

The junior varsity contest will start at 6 p.m. today. The Pampa Shockers take a 14-5 record into the district contest.

Pampa, Amarillo To Try to Qualify
Pampa's high school - age wrestlers will try to qualify for the state meet in a wrestle-off against the fourth-place grapplers from the Amarillo City Tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Amarillo Maverick Boys Club.

Since no conference meet was held this year, the wrestle-off will serve as the district's qualifying meet.

The state meet is slated for Feb. 6-7 in El Paso.



JV Practice
Rickey Bunton takes a shot in Thursday's Pampa High junior varsity practice. The Shockers were working out for Amarillo Caprock's JV, which visits Pampa for a 6 p.m. game today. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Louisville Tips Buffs

AMARILLO, Tex. (UPI) — Wesley Cox scored 18 points in the first half to help Louisville to a comfortable lead over No. 18 West Texas State and the Cardinals successfully stalled the final part of the game to preserve a 69-57 win.

Cox finished with 22 points as the Cardinals snapped the Buffaloes nine game winning streak.

"They said they were coming down to play hard and they did," said Buffalo head coach Ron Ekker. "And when they play

hard they are a tough club to cope with."

"Louisville plays good defense. They are quick, they switch well, they help out and they don't give you anything on the offensive boards."

Cox's post game comments on the victory were brief.

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UPI Business Writer
NEW YORK (UPI) — The merger of General Electric and Utah International, the largest corporate marriage ever, hinges largely on whether the government thinks it would limit competition in energy.

The ground for blocking any merger is based on Chapter 7 of the Clayton Act. This provision prohibits mergers of companies if there is a possibility the merger would in some way limit competition in the market place.

GE manufactures large and small household appliances, industrial power equipment, aerospace products and power generating equipment. Utah International has vast holdings of natural resources, chiefly coal and uranium.

There is little possibility the combined resources of the two companies would limit in even a small way competition in home appliances or industrial equipment. But the Justice Department will have to decide

whether GE's energy enterprises, in combination with Utah International's natural resources, would give GE domination of some aspect of the energy business.

GE is one of the nation's largest manufacturers of nuclear power generators, and Utah International has large holdings of uranium. GE also builds power plants fueled by coal, and 90 per cent of Utah International's revenue comes from coal mining. In addition, GE is in the early stages of development of coal gasification plants, believed by many to be the only logical way to produce new supplies of gas to replace dwindling natural gas supplies.

GE flatly denies it wants the

merger to get its hands on Utah International's. "Our contracts on nuclear plants do not include uranium," said a publicist. Most outside analysts accept that explanation.

"They didn't do it for the uranium," said one Wall Street analyst. But he and others are not so sure about the coal.

"There is probably some truth in the theory that GE is interested in acquiring a strong base in coal that could be combined with its high technology and research ability to capitalize on the expected emphasis on coal for energy," said one.

Reginald H. Jones, GE chairman who personally worked out details of the merger with Edmund W. Littlefield,

Utah International's chairman, does not hide GE's interest in diversifying into natural resources.

"We believe the natural resources industry will play an increasingly significant role in international economic growth," he said in announcing the proposed merger Dec. 15.

But GE apparently does not believe the merger would violate antitrust laws and is confident the Justice Department will give its approval. But on instructions from corporate lawyers, GE won't discuss specifics of documents filed with the government.

"We think the merger is appropriate," the company said when asked if there are any possible areas where competition would be limited because of the combined resources and assets of the two companies.

Antitrust questions aside, almost everyone agrees the proposed merger would be a plus for both companies.

In 1974, GE had sales of \$13.4 billion and profits of \$608 million, or \$3.34 per share. For

the first nine months of 1975, GE had sales of \$9.6 billion and profits of \$360 million, or \$1.97 per share, down 14 per cent from the same period a year ago because of the recession.

Utah International had sales of \$686 million and profits of \$135 million, or \$4.29 per share, in the fiscal year ended Oct. 31.

If approved by the government and stockholders, GE proposes a tax-free exchange of 1.3 million shares of GE common stock for one share of Utah common. It is a \$1.9 billion transaction, the largest merger ever in terms of dollars.

To the financial community, the merger makes sense because each company has strengths that will counterbalance weaknesses in the other.

On the other hand, Utah International's mining and land development enterprises are less affected by general economic cycles.

But 84 per cent of Utah International's sales were made outside the United States, and the company is vulnerable to political changes.

Quakers Rate Texas Reps

Pampa News' Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — Rep. Jack Hightower, D-Vernon, sported a poor voting record on key foreign policy issues and a poor mark on important domestic issues last year, according to a Quaker lobbying group.

The rating were included in the Friends Committee on National Legislation's year-end evaluation of Congressional votes on U.S. military aid, foreign economic aid, defense spending and domestic social programs.

The "pro-peace" group favors domestic social legislation and foreign economic aid, but opposes increased defense spending and foreign U.S. military expansion.

Collectively, the 24-member Texas House delegation sported a "poor" voting record on foreign policy and a "fair" tally on domestic issues.

Four Texas congressmen voted against the Quaker Group's stand on all foreign policy issues and three domestic issues included in the study. They were Reps. W.R. Poage, D-Waco; Jack Hightower, D-Vernon; William Archer, R-

Houston, and Robert Casey, D-Houston.

Rep. Barbara Jordan, and Robert Eckhardt, both Houston Democrats, had the best ratings of any Texas congressman. Jordan and Eckhardt each agreed with all Quaker domestic positions and disagreed with the group on only two of 10 foreign policy issues.

Texas Sens. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Houston, and John Tower, R-Wichita Falls, were given poor ratings based on votes on nine foreign policy issues. Each agreed only once with Quaker policy stands.

Tower disagreed with the Quakers on all four domestic Senate issues considered and Bentsen agreed with the group twice.

House members who received high marks from the group supported:

- A \$3.2 billion foreign economic and development assistance bill for 1976 and 1977, which passed 244-155.
- A bill to halt further U.S. importation of Rhodesian chrome in compliance with a 1966 United Nations boycott. The bill failed by a 187-208 vote.
- An amendment to prevent

the use of U.S. troops in the evacuation of Americans and Vietnamese from Vietnam. The amendment was defeated, 147-266.

- An amendment to delete \$108 million from a Defense Department authorization bill for procurement of the B-1 bomber (defeated 164-227) and for an amendment to delete \$1.071 billion for nuclear weapons development (rejected 93-320).

BELGRADE (UPI) — Foreign tourists visiting the Yugoslav capital next year may do well to arrive on weekends when Belgrade hoteliers will grant them full lodging and board at a half price.

Western businessmen are normally out of town during the weekends and Belgrade hotels decided to offer discounts as from Jan. 1, 1976. The regular prices with full board daily range between \$18 and \$28.

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Elvis Leaves Memories

VAIL, Colo. (UPI) — Rock singer Elvis Presley ended his Colorado snowmobiling vacation Wednesday, but left fond memories in the garages of four Denver police officials and a television newsmen.

During his stay in this resort town where President Ford and his family spend the Christmas holidays, Presley bought nine luxury automobiles for the policemen, the newsmen and four women acquaintances. Officials estimated the total value of the seven Cadillacs and two Lincoln Mark IV Continentals was in excess of \$110,000.

Police Attend Area School On Drug Abuse

Seven Pampa Police Department officers this week attended a school on drugs and drug abuse, sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Some of them attended the school in Shamrock, and others attended in Borger.

Those who attended were Lt. J.J. Ryzman, Patrolmen Roger Scott, Charles Love, Mike Hartsock, David Hodges, and Traffic Officers Johnnie Fontenot and Sue Matthew.

"He left sometime during the night and nobody knows where he went," said Pam Conklin, a spokesman for Vail Associates. "Some of his companions stayed behind."

Presley, who remained inside a chalet during the day and went snowmobiling at night, last week gave Cadillacs to Police Capt. Jerry Kennedy, Detective Ron Pietrafesa and Police Medical Coordinator Dr. Gerald Starkey Jr. He bought another Cadillac Monday for Police Sgt. Robert Cantwell.

According to the officers, the gifts resulted from their involvement in providing security for Presley during a concert tour in Colorado more than two years ago. He also bought cars for two women he met on the tour and for the wives of two of his vacation companions.



Named to Who's Who

Bobby Eugene Broadbent of 1214 S. Finley has been named to the 1975 listing of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Broadbent, a student at Pampa High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Broadbent.

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