

Old Sparky sits in Huntsville ... waiting.
(AP photo)

Execution in 1931

Gray County man died in electric chair

By GENE ANDERSON
Pampa News Staff

"A whirr, a flash, a half leap forward, then silence, and Moncus Twitty paid his debt to society," was the account from Huntsville of the last person to be executed by the state for a crime committed in Gray County.

The 30-year-old white man died in the electric chair after being convicted of assaulting a five-year-old girl.

The Gray County man sat in the electric chair "calmly and with a shadow of a smile on his face."

Twitty was executed shortly after midnight, April 24, 1931.

More than 45 years have passed since Twitty's execution, but the accounts of his death are renewed by recent action in this state and Gary Gilmore's death by firing squad in Utah.

"There was a whirring sound as the motors whined, the lights dimmed slightly, somewhere behind the curtain a spark flashed and the current was sent coursing through the condemned man's body."

"Twitty lurched forward as if in a last attempt to save himself from death. The whirring stopped and Twitty dropped back. Color drained from his face," accounted the Pampa Evening Times, April 26, 1931.

Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan told The Pampa News he recalls "Monk"

Twitty's case very well. "My father was a deputy at the time," the sheriff said.

To Jordan's recollection Twitty's death was the only case in recent years where a person was executed after being tried for a crime in Gray County.

And the sheriff's memory is very good. Old and yellowed files show that after Twitty was sentenced, the presiding judge, W. R. Ewing, said that as far as he knew it was the only death penalty ever assessed by the 31st judicial district.

A Methodist preacher was indicted in the 1890s, reports show, for murder in connection with the poisoning of his wife, and was later tried and sentenced to death at Vernon.

The 31st district was one of the oldest in the state and at one time embraced most of the Texas Panhandle including Greer County in Oklahoma and Old Tascosa.

Sheriff Jordan noted the Gray County Courthouse and jail were just a few months old at the time of the Twitty case. Pampa recently had been voted the county seat over Lefors.

The sheriff told The Pampa News he favors capital punishment in some cases and does believe the death penalty can be a deterrent.

The sheriff also remarked on the length of time taking place during present day trials involving capital punishment and those of almost a half century ago, like the Twitty case.

Twitty was arrested on May 1, 1930, and died in the electric chair 11 months later.

Local accounts show "Mgnk" was arrested after being charged with a criminal attack upon his five-year-old niece near Lefors. The arresting officer, "Constable Wall of Lefors," placed Twitty in the new county jail the afternoon of May 1, 1930.

The accused man had to be moved to a separate cell later that night after "other prisoners gave him a severe flogging when they learned the nature of the crime with which he was charged."

Piecing together records from the Gray County courthouse, files of The Pampa Daily News, The Pampa Evening Times and first-hand accounts from Sheriff Jordan some of the details of Twitty's last 11 months of life have been reconstructed.

After his arrest Twitty "virtually confessed" to the attack in a statement to District Attorney C.G. Engledow.

Twitty, on the night of the incident, said he, his wife, and the mother of the child had left the tent in Lefors in which he was living and had come to Pampa.

He said he became drunk and later returned to Lefors. "I was half crazy," he was reported to have told the district attorney, but Twitty at the time of his arrest denied remembering attacking the child.

The local newspaper on May 2, 1930, reported that Twitty said Constable Wall, upon arresting him, said, "I've a good mind to shoot you for what you have done!"

Twitty was quoted as replying, "I told him to shoot me between the eyes... I knew I had attacked the little girl and did not care if he shot me."

Twitty was a teamster in the oil fields and moved to Lefors from Wheeler County about four months before the alleged assault.

Later in the year, Twitty was granted a hearing on his sanity and went to trial on May 20, 1930.

The man's defense was insanity, but Pampa physicians at the trial testified that Twitty was sane. An account described Twitty during the trial as "small, wily, lean and cross-eyed."

The defense lawyers were C.S. Wortman, Don Wakeman and Curtis Douglass. After the short trial, the first ballot of the jurors the morning of May 21 stood at six for death and six for life imprisonment.

In the afternoon it stood at 10 for death and at 8 p.m., 20 hours after deliberation began, the jury returned with the death sentence.

Another somewhat overflowing account of the trial published May 22, 1930 said:

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Some won't forgive Carter's forgiveness

By TOM JORY
Associated Press Writer

"I think what the President did is good for the country," said John D. Barton, wounded in Vietnam and paralyzed from the waist down. "My only regret about the service is that I didn't duck low enough."

Barton's reaction to President Carter's full pardon Friday for most Vietnam-era draft evaders contrasted with the protests of veterans groups and conservative congressmen and the qualified praise from antiwar and religious organizations.

"For myself, no, I'm not bitter," said Barton, 29, of Oxford, Mass. He was wounded March 8, 1969, in an ambush on his Navy patrol boat. "At least for the ones that were never sworn in. To me, it doesn't matter about them and it's not going to help anything to hold a grudge."

The Justice Department estimated Carter's order would affect 10,000 men but would not cover about 100,000 others.

Reaction from those hurt most by Vietnam — veterans and the families of those wounded or killed — was mostly adverse. And leaders in the antiwar movement, who had hoped the presidential order would cover those who deserted or got less than honorable discharge from service, were restrained in their praise.

"I am crushed," said Mrs. Earl M. Cunningham of South Euclid, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb. Her son was killed in Vietnam in 1969.

"My son was against the war, but he felt it was his duty to serve," she said. "I'm very much against this action. I hope I will never live to see what will happen if this country ever is involved in another war."

Veterans groups — the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion — were most vocal in protesting the new President's action.

It was a "black day" for America when the pardon was granted, said the national commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

"These people fled our country to avoid military service," said Frank Randazzo, in Artesia, N.M., to address a DAV chapter meeting Saturday.

"They made their bed and they ought to lie in it," Randazzo, winner of five Bronze Stars, was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. He said the pardon "tells the Vietnam veteran that he didn't have to go to war. It tells him that he is a fool."

R.D. Smith, the VFW's national commander, called it "a flagrant abuse of our established system of justice." And George Brooks, state Legion commander in Georgia, Carter's home, said it was "a slap in the face for veterans living today."

William Rogers of Kennebunk, Maine, the American Legion's national commander, said Carter's action was not unexpected since he had announced it several weeks ago.

But Rogers said he was troubled by the possible precedent it might set. "If the volunteer army is not working and we go back to the draft, how are you going to convince youngsters to go along with the draft instead of going to Canada?" he asked.

And Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., called the pardon "the most disgraceful thing a president has ever done."

But Goldwater's colleague from Massachusetts, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, praised the President for taking "a major, impressive and compassionate

step towards healing the wounds of Vietnam."

And Albert Finkley, a convicted draft evader, was in the federal prison at Texarkana, Tex., when word of Carter's action reached him — he was told he was free to leave.

"I told them I just couldn't

believe I was getting out so fast," he said. "I was not expecting to get out today."

"Thank you, Mr. Carter," Finkley, 24, said before leaving for Fairhope, Ala., to visit his mother.

Applause for the presidential pardon from antiwar groups and religious leaders was qualified.

"We feel it should be a full and complete pardon for the 800,000 who deserted or received less than an honorable discharge," said Louis W. Schneider, executive secretary of the American Friends Serv-

ice Committee.

And Mike Powers, a spokesman for the American Deserters Committee, which claims to speak for 300 deserters and draft evaders in Sweden, said the pardon was "disappointing, inconsistent, hypocritical."

And Tom Nagel of ZERO, which says it speaks for 1,800 exiles in France, said, "Well, it's like he promised. It's limited."

Said Thomas Oneal, who works at Pittsburgh's Friends Peace Center, "I'm basically disappointed because he didn't include the vast majority of veterans who got less than honorable discharges, but who served honorably in Vietnam."

Richard Kosmer, a Marine veteran who got a less than honorable discharge, said Carter did not go "far enough to alleviate all the people involved."



Lots of brass

The 80-member Cadet Band, made up of sixth graders from the six Pampa elementary schools, was in rehearsal Saturday for the annual Midwinter Concert Feb. 3 in the M.K. Brown Auditorium. The band, directed by Sam Watson, will perform "Festive March," "Surprise Symphony," "Beginner's Tango" and "Rock Explosion." Also on the 7:30 p.m. concert bill will be bands from Sam Houston Middle School, Pampa Junior High School and Pampa High School under the direction of Joe DiCosimo, Bill Surface and Jeff Doughten.
(Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)

Cates bill would create new district court here

By TIM PALMER
Special to The News

AUSTIN — Five bills, including one calling for the creation of a judicial district in Gray County, have been prefiled in the Texas House of Representatives by Rep. Phil Cates, D-Shamrock.

Entitled House Bill 267, the bill relates to "the creation of the 247th judicial district composed of Gray County, amending subchapter C, Judicial Districts Act of 1969."

The act is an attempt to relieve the judicial burden in the current five-county district.

Cates explained that although the majority of the cases occur in Pampa the district judge must also serve the four other counties thus creating a backlog of cases in the Gray County court.

Another bill co-sponsored by Cates and authorized by Rep.

Bennie Bock, of New Braunfels would increase state funding to the Pampa Independent School District by half million dollars.

Known as the Ad Valorem Tax Relief Act of 1977, the act is one of many proposals concerning public school finance and property tax reform.

The bill would provide that school districts receive a share of aid from a fund built from a portion of the state sales tax. One cent of the sales tax would be dedicated to the fund.

To receive the funds, a district must lower maintenance taxes and later not raise property taxes.

Other bills authored by Cates include HB 179 which would grant authority to commissioners court to enact ordinances, HB 266 prohibiting the issuance of motor vehicle registration without proof of

financial responsibility; HB 562 relating to the court's instructions to a jury.

Cates will co-sponsor other bills with regard to higher education and highway finance.

More than 500 bills have been pre-filed for the House of Representatives thus far, though bills may be introduced "from now and until May," Cates said.

Though many of the more than 3,000 bills expected this session may die in pre-floor legislative action Cates added that every pre-filed bill must be considered before adjournment.

Cates is a member of the appropriations committee which meets this week to complete organizational tasks. During this, the fourth week of the session, the 65th Texas Legislature should finally begin its most important activities, Cates said.

Family farmer may be dying breed

AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — It will take more than government help to provide economic security to farmers, an officer of the National Farmers Union said Saturday.

Robert G. Lewis, secretary of the National Farmers Union, said, "Government can provide floors under farm prices, but those floors are not likely to be high enough to guarantee prosperity for farmers."

Lewis told members of the Texas Farmers Union at its annual convention that farmers must establish cooperative marketing structures to get a fair deal in the market place.

He said whatever action taken by farmers must have public approval.

"We cannot ram policies down the throats of other members of society," Lewis said. "Even if those policies are good for them, we must be sure they understand and approve of them."

In another speech, Jay Naman, president of the Texas Farmers Union, warned of the critical situation of the family farmer.

"This is the last time around for the family farmer," Naman said. "His risks are too great; his investment is too large; his alternatives are too good for him to depend on a boom-or-bust, no-policy future in agriculture."

Naman said the first indication of how good the Carter administration will be for the farmer is going to be at what level the secretary of agriculture sets the price of wheat.

Naman said the price should be set at \$5 a bushel.

"If he listens to the trade or the wheat growers association and sets it at \$3 or \$3.50 a bushel, then we are in trouble," he said.

Bids for wheat Friday at the Fort Worth grain market were \$2.96 a bushel while sellers

were asking for \$3.46.

Naman also criticized the term "cost of production," which is being mentioned as a term to replace "parity" in laws designed to insure government support for farmers.

The National Farmers Union represents about 225,000 farmer family units.

Paper mills hike prices

LUFKIN, Tex. (AP) — Southland Paper Mills, Inc., has announced a 6.6 per cent increase in the price of its 30-pound newsprint to \$300 a ton.

A company spokesman said Friday that the new rate is effective March 1.

The current price is \$281.50 a ton.

The spokesman said the price hike was caused by increases to Southland in fuel, labor and raw materials costs.

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Conditions will be partly cloudy with no important temperature changes today and Monday. High today and Monday should reach the mid-40s; low tonight will be the mid-20s.

"Society exists for the benefit of its members; not the members for the benefit of society."
—Herbert Spencer

Where there is smoke, there is mighty fine eating. Especially for the group of Pampa men which shot the deer, ground the sausage, built the smoker and had a feast. The story is on page 13.

Weather forces layoffs, money losses



Florida oranges, vegetables frozen

By The Associated Press
Freezing weather has disrupted industry in many states, causing thousands of layoffs and as-yet-untold economic losses.

Factories that use natural gas, especially in the auto industry, have been hit hardest, but many smaller industries also are suffering. The shortage of gas forced dozens of plants to close or cut back production.

Florida citrus growers also are among the most severely affected. Freezing temperatures last week destroyed an estimated 15 per cent or more of the crop.

And shipping on the nation's inland waterways was disrupted by ice that kept barges and other crafts from moving on sections of the Mississippi and other waterways.

Not all businesses have been left out in the cold, however.

Electric utilities and sellers of cold-weather consumer goods, for example, are doing a booming business, but not without headaches. Some power companies in the northeast were forced to cut voltage so they could loan power to southern utilities, which found themselves overtaxed by the weather-related demand for power.

The Edison Electric Institute, an industry organization, said

electric output for the week ended Jan. 15 was a record 45,459 billion kilowatt hours in the 48 contiguous states.

"I'm not sure how the measured Gross National Product will be affected by the cold weather, but we clearly have suffered a loss of efficiency, a loss of real income to the workers and a loss of profits to the investors," said Edgar Fiedler, an economist with the Conference Board, a nonprofit business research organization.

Despite fairer weather in some regions by mid-week, weather-related woes were expected to plague industries for some time to come, especially because of gas shortages.

The Federal Power Commission at mid-week gave Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp. permission to tap a reserve supply of 3 billion cubic feet of natural gas over the next 60 days. The company is a major supplier to the East Coast.

The PPC also announced Thursday that it was authorizing emergency relief to three other pipelines, including the Southern Natural Gas Co., Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. and East Tennessee Natural Gas Co.

In Florida, Gov. Reubin Askew declared a state of emergency because of the

loss, which the Florida Citrus Mutual Association said might be 15 to 30 per cent of this season's crop. The state citrus commission said it might impose an orange embargo Monday. Vegetable growers also predicted losses in the millions of dollars.

Elsewhere in the South, businesses in Alabama were asked by major gas companies to keep thermostats at 65 degrees or lower during the day and at 50 at night and on weekends. Industries across the state were shut down because Southern Natural Gas Co. stopped supplying gas to large industrial users. More than 4,000 workers have been laid off at U.S. Steel Corp.'s Fairfield Works near Birmingham.

A 40-mile-long ice jam on the Mississippi River stranded at least 50 towboats and 350 barges and forced the Coast Guard to close the river for 180 miles from Cairo, Ill., to just south of St. Louis.

About 22,000 coal miners in West Virginia, 40 per cent of the total, were off their jobs Wednesday at a daily loss of 225,000 tons of coal and \$1.3 million in wages per day, the state coal association said. Among the reasons: Frozen rivers preventing barge shipments of coal and icy back roads preventing

miners from reaching mines. But the situation eased later in the week as the weather improved.

Commerce on Chesapeake Bay was halted by three-foot-thick ice. Plans were being made to truck fuel oil to Maryland.

The natural gas shortage put 31,000 hourly workers at 17 auto plants out of work. Plants in Michigan, Ohio, New York, Georgia and California either reduced production or closed temporarily.

About 7,000 carpet mill workers were laid off in Dalton, Ga., which bills itself as the carpet capital of the world.

Lawrence Merthan, vice president of the Carpet and Rug Institute in Dalton, said that if the cold weather continues, there will be more layoffs because of the gas problem at the 125 carpet plants in the area.

An Ohio supermarket chain, Fisher Foods, normally is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Now it is closing from midnight to 8 a.m. and all day Sundays to conserve heating fuel at its 15 stores in Akron, Canton and Youngstown.

There have been no fuel shortages or plant shutdowns in Houston, but the prolonged cold spell has caused record demand for long underwear.

Del Follis at Montgomery Ward in Houston, said, "We've sold out of long underwear. When they can't find any, we suggest jogging suits."

A spokesman at the eastern territorial offices of Sears, Roebuck and Co. in St. David's, Pa., headquarters for a 13-state region, said, "Space heaters are doing extraordinarily well, and we are experiencing some out-of-stock conditions. The battery business is booming and we're getting daily shipments to keep up. Fur-lined boots also are moving well."

Judge sentences 33

Thirty-three persons were arraigned in Gray County Court last week.

There were 25 persons charged with driving while intoxicated.

Barney Ray Beesley, 20, of Lefors pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

A.L. Brummett, 30, of Pampa pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months and fined \$200.

Gay Shipley Mayo, 33, of Pampa pleaded no contest to the charge. She was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Marvin Leon Caldwell, 36, of Perryton, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Wallace Henry Snider, 51, of Pampa pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Billy Jack Hale, 17, of Pampa, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Timothy Lee Hill, 19, of Pampa, pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Harold Jean Houser, 43, of Canadian, pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Ricky Don Capshaw, 18, of Pampa pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Robert Henry Griffin, 19, of Wheeler, pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Carroll Eugene Reames, 33, of Pampa, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Jerry Elwyn Brunson, 22, of Canadian, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

James Warren White, 41, of Pampa pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Danny Glenn Williams, 23, of Lefors, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Leroy Keith Touchstone, 18, of Pampa, pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Eugene Charles Clayton, 43, of Canadian, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Richard Joseph Bischel, 43, of Pampa, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Danny Dean Moman, 19, of Pampa, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

William Price Wells, 37, of Pampa pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$50 and

sentenced to 3 days jail with no probation.

Victor Lee Bridwell, 24, of White Deer, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Sheila Louise Downs, 21, of Pampa, pleaded no contest to the charge. She was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

John Frank Parker, 44, of Amarillo, pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Nadine Clyde Hale, 50, of Pampa, pleaded guilty. She was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Raymond E. Money, 41, of McLean, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

William A. Beals, 33, of Canadian, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Three persons were arraigned on charges of driving while license suspended.

Ronald J. DeWitt, 26, of Pampa, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$25 and sentenced to 10 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Irvin Leroy Banton, 56, of Pampa, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$25 and sentenced to 10 days jail, probated to 3 months.

Terry Lynn Young, 19, of Pampa, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$50.

Four persons were arraigned on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Michael Guy Gabriel, 19, of Pampa, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 180 days.

Kerry Dean Braddock, 17, of Pampa, pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Billy Jack Hale, 17, of Pampa, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Barney Ray Beesley, 20, of Lefors, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days jail, probated to 180 days.

Two persons were arraigned on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Richard Leon Powell, 32, of Borger, pleaded guilty to carrying a knife. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Benny Jack Bynum, 34, of Amarillo, pleaded guilty to carrying a handgun. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

Terry Wayne Graham, 19, of Amarillo, pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 10 days jail, probated to 6 months.

All 33 persons arraigned and sentenced have to pay court costs of \$53 in addition to the fine.

OSHA accuses Bayport plant

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal safety agency has accused a Galveston Bay chemical plant of 44 different worker health or safety violations.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) proposed Thursday fines totaling \$39,395 against the Velsicol Chemical Corp. plant at Bayport.

Velsicol officials were not available for comment.

The citations issued by OSHA alleged Velsicol in repeated instances exposed its employees to Phosvel and EPN pesticides and other hazards.

Federal authorities have said several workers may have suffered nerve damage while handling the pesticide Phosvel.

The OSHA citations said its inspectors found hazardous amounts of Phosvel still in the air and on plant equipment

even though Velsicol quit making the pesticide a year ago.

Velsicol suspended production of the export-only pesticide in January 1976. It then began producing EPN another chemical.

Bob A. Griffin, OSHA area director, said Velsicol is accused in three citations of three willful, 12 serious and 29 other violations.

Griffin defined willful violations as those of which the company has knowledge but took no action to correct.

OSHA accused Velsicol of willfully allowing employees to work in areas where they could absorb, ingest or inhale EPN and Phosvel; failing to provide adequate protective clothing, and permitting employees to consume food and drinks in areas exposed to toxic materials.

In the serious category, Velsicol was accused of inadequate maintenance, use and storage of respirators; inoperative eye-washes and showers; lack of warning signs; use of unapproved fork lifts in potential explosive areas; unguarded live parts of electrical equipment and other violations.

The 29 minor violations cited by OSHA ranged from unsafe ladders to unguarded holes in the floor.

Griffin said OSHA is seeking fines of \$30,000 for the alleged willful violations, \$7,700 for the alleged serious violations and \$1,695 for the remainder.

James Warren White, 41, of Pampa pleaded no contest to the charge. He was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days jail, probated to 6 months.

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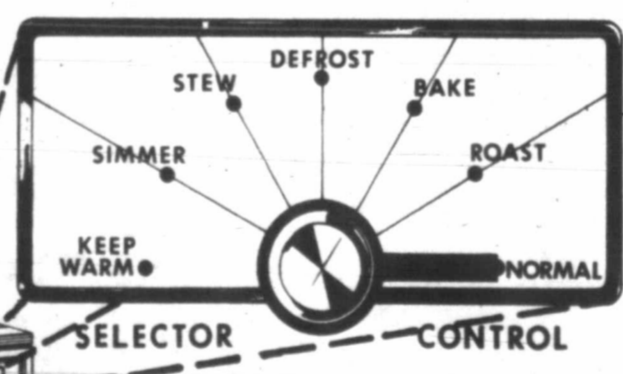
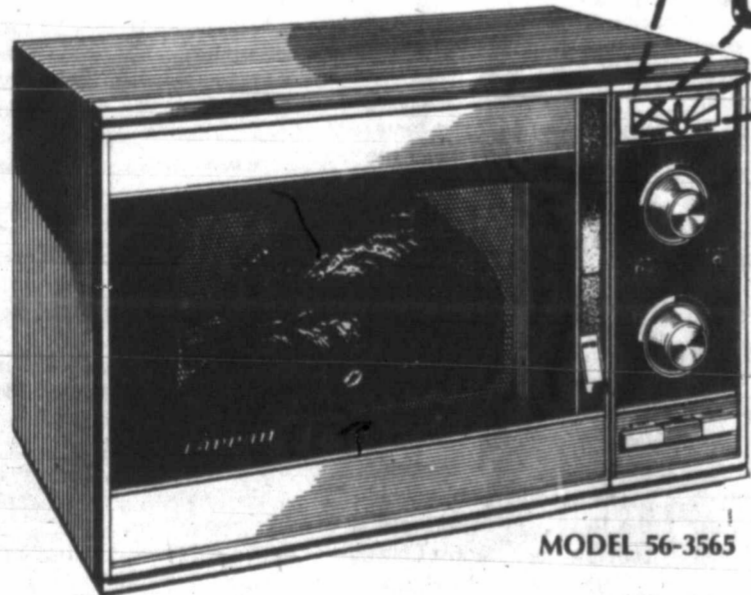
Pampa among sales tax recipients

Pampa and other Texas cities are counting their sales tax rebate windfall for the period ending Jan. 7.

City Secretary S.M. Chittenden said Pampa's check from the state comptroller's office in Austin totaled \$39,537.28. The city's share of the tax for the current period compared with \$106,923 covering the longer period ending Nov. 26 last year.

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Clear-cutting cloudy issue

Timber towns worried

By ROB WOOD
Associated Press Writer
KENNARD, Tex. (AP) — James Harrison, a veteran timberman, says if some of the big city hunters and weekend campers get their way his hometown of Kennard over in the Piney Woods of East Texas will be destroyed financially.

Mike Fennell, owner of a restaurant and small grocery, one of the two business establishments in the nearby village of Ratcliff, says, "A handful of Dallas lawyers could wipe out our little town and all we have worked for."

Edward (Ned) Fritz, a Dallas lawyer, environmentalist and weekend camper, says the economic situation for the lumbering towns isn't all that serious and he and other conservationists want nothing more than to save the national forests of Texas for future generations.

The issue centers on a form of forest management called clear-cutting.

Many residents of the tiny communities that dot the national forest lands insist an end of clear-cutting would spell financial ruin for independent timber companies and erase the main sources of taxes, payrolls and employment.

Fritz, a member of the Texas Committee on Natural Resources, an environmental organization, argues the timber firms can survive and that clear-cutting is driving away the wildlife, eliminating recreational areas, causing soil erosion, and slashing deep scars into the scenery.

Herb Steidle, a U.S. Forest Service ranger in the David Crockett National Forest, says only through clear-cutting can we regenerate this land for future generations and it is the only way to insure the continued existence of the southern pine trees.

This heated debate resulted in a lawsuit by ecologists challenging clear-cutting. A lengthy court hearing was held before U.S. District Court Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler, Tex.

Judge Justice is expected to rule later this month whether clear-cutting should continue or cease forever on the forest lands of the national government.

Clear-cutting is when private lumbering firms remove all of the usable timber from units of 30 or 40 acres scattered throughout the national forests.

After the trees are cut, the Forest Service moves in and plants seedlings, insuring a new stand of pines within 20 years or so.

Fritz, a spokesman for the environmentalists, wants only selective cutting in the forests, where certain trees are marked for the lumber mills.

"Clear-cutting," he says, "leaves barren spots in the forest, destroys the hardwood trees needed by wildlife and the only thing the lumberman is thinking about now is profit — that's the sole guide to what he is doing."

Harrison, born on a farm near Kennard and for 30 years active in forest work, said without clear-cutting the firm he works for—Bass Lumber Co.—would be out of business.

Bass Lumber company also is the only industrial taxpayer in the school district that embraces the communities of Kennard and Ratcliff.

John M. Morgan, president of the Kennard bank, says, "You can easily see that if the Bass Company is forced out of business or sharply cut back its operation, we are in trouble."

The town and the school district would

be in bad financial shape, real bad. People out of work, no money for the schools, no money for road construction.

"It would hit everybody in the Crockett National Forest area and everybody who depends on lumbering in every other National Forest section of this state. Let's face it, it would cripple our economy and almost ruin this nice little town," Morgan says.

Harrison says clear-cutting brought more wildlife into the national forest.

"I don't care what the conservationists say, I was born here 47 years ago and there now are more deer, coons, quail, doves than ever before."

Range Steidle agrees.

"Wildlife needs openings in the forest, places where they can feed. Right now we have one deer for every 20 acres, and that's a lot more than in the past."

The ranger says there was clear-cutting of a kind even before man first walked through the East Texas forests.

"There were acts of nature," he says, "such as fires that burned large areas, permitting new pines to grow taller and stronger."

Fritz answers, "The Forest Service with clear-cutting is attempting to play God with our national forests. The forests belong to all of the people, not just those who depend on lumbering for a living."

Fennell and his wife Mary left Houston several years ago and purchased the cafe and grocery in Ratcliff.

"Sure we get some tourist business," Fennell says, "but we exist on the business of those who work for the lumber companies. Every little store in this part of the county depends on the lumber firms and their work."



Pioneer head to speak

Special guest speaker for an upcoming meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club is K. Bert (Tex) Watson, president and chief executive officer of Pioneer Corporation. The West Texas native is a former assistant state attorney - general and past president of the Amarillo Bar Association. He is a member of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council, director of the Texas Research League, a board member of Southern Gas Association and past president of Water, Inc. The meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Pampa Club, is open to the public. The number to call for reservations is 669-3219.

More rabies reported

LAREDO, Tex. (AP) — Three more cases of rabies in dogs have been reported in Laredo this week despite a fast-paced vaccination program that has seen as many as 500 dogs inoculated in one day.

A total of 9,000 dogs have been vaccinated since November in the Texas border city, but on Wednesday the State Health Department in Austin confirmed two new cases after analyzing 10 dog heads. Another case was confirmed by a Laredo official, making a total of 38.

The Laredo case was confirmed after police killed a

Flu virus strikes

ATLANTA (AP) — An outbreak of flu — the first in the nation this winter — was reported at Nashville, Tenn., today by the national Center for Disease Control.

The outbreak of Influenza B, similar to the B-Hong Kong flu of several years ago, was reported among students at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Richard O'Brien, a medical epidemiologist at the CDC, said Vanderbilt authorities reported that physicians in the university's health center were seeing about 60 or 70 patients a day with an influenza-like illness.

There have been scattered reports of Influenza B in Pennsylvania and Tennessee, but the Vanderbilt illnesses are the first outbreak to be reported, O'Brien said.

An occurrence of flu is considered to be an outbreak when there is a marked increase in the number of patients in a given population.

Influenza B usually attacks children and young adults. Its mortality rate is much lower than influenza A. The difference between the two types can be determined only in a laboratory.

If you have either one, you feel just as bad with headaches, body ache and rising temperature, doctors said.

Swine flu is a type-A influenza.

There have been only five isolates — laboratory confirmations — of A-Victoria flu virus in the nation this winter, O'Brien said.

Influenza B occurs in outbreaks only about every third year, O'Brien said. Isolates of A-Victoria have been reported in California, Michigan, Alaska, South Carolina and most recently in North Carolina, the CDC said.

Hotel searches for 119

The Community Hotel Co. of Pampa released a list of 119 names during the weekend containing names of persons who have not yet redeemed their stocks or debentures during the company's liquidation.

George Scott, company president, said efforts to locate them have been unsuccessful. Company officials ask that anyone knowing of the whereabouts of anyone on the list notify Mrs. Mary Clark, liquidation secretary in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce office.

"If anyone knows a relative of any name on the list — we would appreciate getting that information," Mrs. Clark said.

The company is endeavoring to close out business connected with the recent sale of the community hotel by refunding 100 per cent of the money originally invested nearly 20 years ago by some 1200 stockholders.

The list of stockholders whose addresses still remain unknown follows:

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Texas more experienced in energy field

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A former federal energy official has urged Texas today to take the lead in establishing a national energy policy because it knows more about developing natural resources than the federal government.

Duke Ligon, former assistant administrator in the Federal Energy Administration, noted that Texas is the leading oil

and gas producer in the United States, and added:

"In the area of energy, it has amassed more experience, via the Texas Railroad Commission, in planning and controlling the development of natural resources than the federal government. Both the state and the nation could benefit tremendously by Texas assuming the lead in engineering a federated

plan for energy growth and development.

There are advantages in assuming a leadership role, Ligon said, including "dispelling any imputations of callousness or indifference to the nation's energy plight."

Ligon, now in charge of the Washington office of the Houston law firm of Bracewell & Patterson, addressed the advisory committee of the Govern-

nor's Energy Advisory Council. The meeting was open to the public and is one of three to review staff recommendations for a state energy policy.

The recommendations include the statement that "Environmental limitations on economic activity must be based on demonstrable, actual threats to life, health, and welfare. High-cost pollution controls for protection

against unproven levels of risk should be required only as a result of a clear expression of public willingness to pay the price involved."

The staff also recommended eliminating government price controls on crude oil and natural gas, a revised tax structure on natural resources and maintaining the speed limit at 55 miles an hour to conserve fuel.

Elimination of the state sales

tax on residential gas and electricity bills, a severance tax on lignite and uranium and a higher severance tax on crude oil and natural gas are among the tax proposals.

Other staff recommendations include:

- Placing gas utility rates paid by farmers under state regulation.
- Limiting the amount of unneeded gas one may be re-

quired to pay for under "take or pay" purchase contracts.

—Granting coal slurry pipelines the same rights of eminent domain "enjoyed by other modes of energy transportation."

—Peak load pricing, where users are charged more for electricity consumed during peak energy demand periods during the day.

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Law change needed if loans insured

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The legislature would have to change the law for the state to insure college student loans, says Atty. Gen. John Hill.

Hill responded to an inquiry by Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth of the College Coordinating Board, who asked whether the Texas Opportunity Plan Fund might be used as a reserve fund for insuring loans.

Ashworth said since 1971 loans from the fund have been insured by the federal government, but Congress has revised the program to provide incentives for states to insure loans, with the federal government offering to reinsure the loans.

The Texas Opportunity Plan Fund is authorized to operate only as a program under which direct loans are made to eligible students. Hill said Thursday. The modifications you propose would fundamentally alter the nature of the fund, converting it from a direct student loan program into a program to insure student loans made by both public and private entities.

Hill said the legislature could, upon a finding that a public purpose would be served, constitutionally establish a separate student loan insurance fund, provided the legislation included sufficient assurance that the program would actually serve the public purpose and that the state would receive adequate consideration for the services provided.

In another opinion, Hill said the Texas State Board of Landscape Architects may not constitutionally deny examination or registration as a landscape architect because the applicant is not a citizen of the United States.

The law states that a U.S. citizen may apply for examination by paying a \$50 fee.

UT graduate, law schools score high

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A nationwide survey of hundreds of deans and professors rates the University of Texas Law School 12th in the nation and the UT graduate program in education 13th.

Among public institutions, UT-Austin was rated fifth in law, ninth in education and ninth for its graduate business program.

Overall, including public and private institutions, Harvard's law school was ranked No. 1, and Stanford University was rated No. 1 in education and business.

No other institution in Texas or the Southwest achieved ratings in any of the categories. UT-Austin reported.

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4-Hers to get training

Gray County 4-H leaders will have the opportunity to sharpen their training skills in four project areas, according to Marilyn Tate and Layton Barton, assistant Gray County Extension agents.

The 4-H Leader Training Opportunities program will be at the State 4-H Center in Brownwood next month. Barton said training in

clothing will be offered Feb. 2-3, with training sessions for clothing, gardening, automotive and public speaking projects scheduled Feb. 5-6.

He added that travel scholarships are available for any Gray County 4-H leader who wants to attend the meetings and interested leaders should contact the Extension office. 669-7429.

Landing hard for paratroopers

FT. GREELY, Alaska (AP) — Five hundred paratroopers tumbled out of a dozen C130s with clocklike precision to kick off the main phase of Jack Frost '77, the military's winter combat exercises.

The paratroopers from the 75th Ranger Battalion at Ft. Lewis, Wash., dropped on to ground frozen hard, but generally barren of snow that could have cushioned their impact.

Three soldiers suffered fractures in the exercise Thursday, and a fourth soldier's bladder ruptured when he hit the ground.

Alaska has been having one of its mildest winters ever. In the combat exercise area it's been mild and dry. The temperature at jump time was 10 below zero, but that was 20 to 30 degrees above the seasonal norm.

"We hate to have any casualties, but four injuries was very good for the hard ground they landed on," said Col. John Snodgrass of the 3rd Motorized Regiment.

Sgt. IC Robert M. Sherman of the 1st Scout Battalion, based in Nome, said the mild winter has created many problems for the troops. The Scouts — Eskimos from northwestern Alaska — are having a tough

time pulling their sleds across the barren ground.

The 10-man Scout units carry their supplies in an Ooniak. It holds a tent, convertible wood or gas stove, rations, snow shoes, sleeping bags, cans for heating water and tallow candles for lighting fires.

Many of the Scouts also use snowmobiles, but these too are hampered by the lack of snow.

Names in the news

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Susan Ford held off just long enough to see her father relinquish the presidency before enrolling as a sophomore in liberal arts at the University of Kansas.

Except for two Secret Service agents and a crush of TV cameras and reporters trailing her Thursday in the enrollment

lines, Gerald Ford's 19-year-old daughter might have gone unnoticed in the student crowd. Most, intent on their own enrolling, were oblivious of hers.

A professor at one desk asked for her signature on an enrollment form. "Are you a celebrity or something?" he asked, smiling.

Miss Ford has taken an apartment in Topeka where she has a parttime job with the Topeka Capitol-Journal, on which she was a summer intern in 1975. She will commute the 30 miles to campus.

She said she is carrying 12 hours, including two journalism courses.

NEW YORK (AP) — A malignant tumor has been removed from the cancerous right lung of Sen. Dewey Bartlett, R-Okla.

A spokesman for Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center said Thursday that Dr. Edward J. Beattie removed a tumor two inches in diameter along with the right upper lobe of the 57-year-old senator's lung.

The cancer had spread to some lymph nodes in Bartlett's chest, which were also removed in the 5 1/2-hour operation, the hospital said.

Radioactive iodine was implanted in Bartlett's chest to combat a return of the cancer. A hospital statement said, "there is every reason to believe his recuperation will be normal and successful."

Bartlett, whose wife and three children waited in the cancer facility during surgery, was expected to remain hospitalized for 10 to 12 days.

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — Retired western actor Randolph Scott has been admitted to the Mayo Clinic for what a spokesman there said were routine tests.

A friend said the tests were part of a checkup and that Scott expected to be released this weekend. He entered the clinic Wednesday.

Scott, of Beverly Hills, Calif., will be 79 on Sunday.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Patricia Hearst reportedly has attended two weeks of canine obedience classes with her new pet German shepherd "Arrow."

The San Francisco Chronicle said Thursday that the newspaper heiress and convicted bank robber took the dog home after it received the training at the home of former San Mateo County deputy sheriff Robert Outman.

The story said Miss Hearst, who is protected by bodyguards while living with her parents on \$1.25 million bail awaiting the outcome of an appeal, wanted the dog for company.

She reportedly attended the canine obedience classes with several other dog owners.

Brown passes breath test

Marsha Brown of the Pampa Police Dept. is now fully certified as supervisor of the breath testing program in Pampa.

Ms. Brown is the only female so licensed in the state of Texas, and Pampa now becomes one of 29 cities in the state equipped to handle their own operations.

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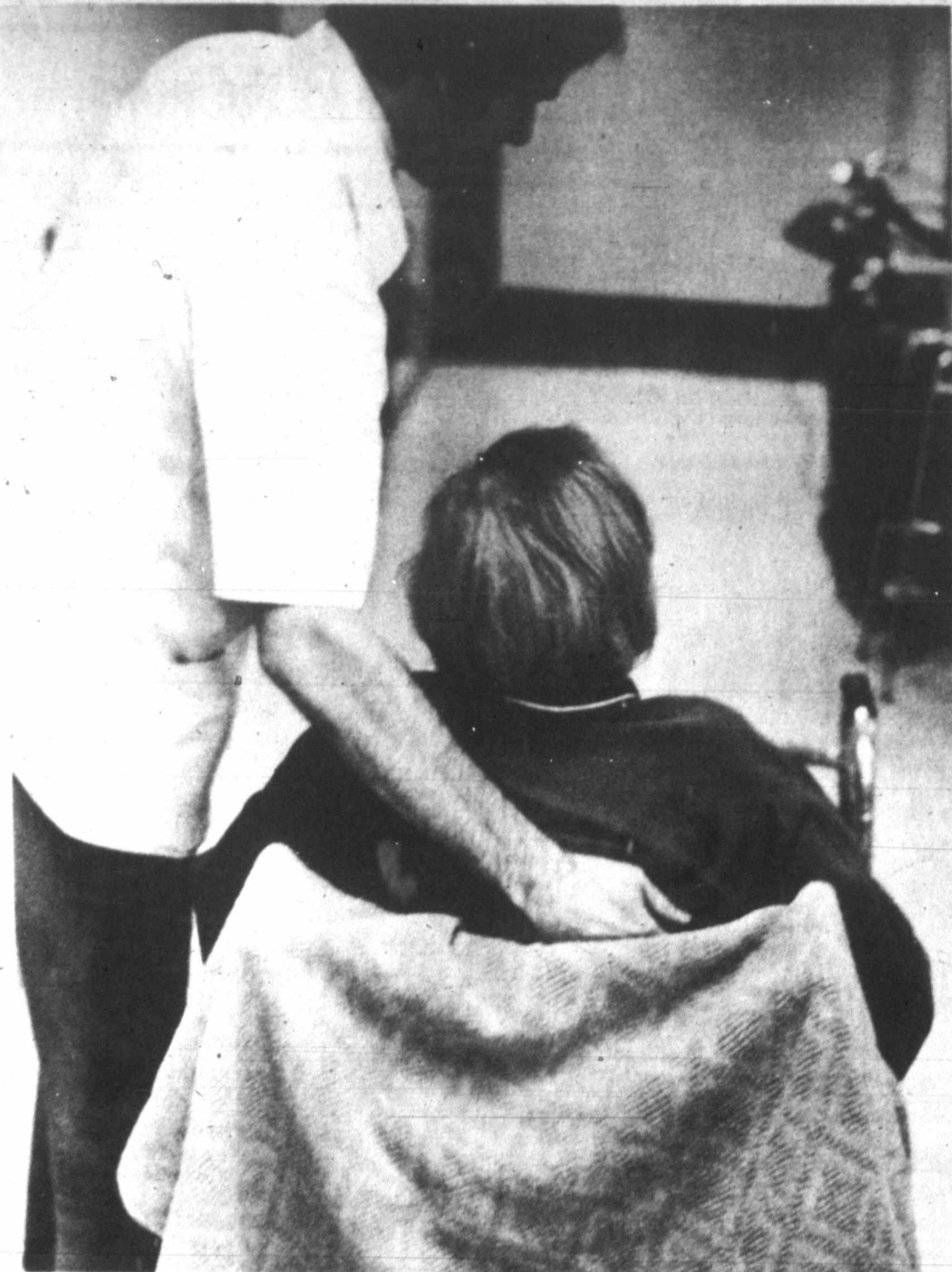
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Anti-Gandhi leader returns



Adult sitter clinic set

Gerry Hart, chief physical therapist at Highland General Hospital, demonstrates correct techniques as he assists Mrs. Addie Johnson of Pampa into a wheelchair. This and many other skills in aiding the elderly will be taught at the Adult Sitter Clinic to be Feb. 1-3 at the hospital. The clinic, sponsored by the Gray County Family Living Committee and the Altrusa Club, will be conducted by Vivian Blair, Extension family life education — aging specialist, along with nurses and physical therapists from Highland General Hospital. The clinic will explain the role and responsibility of the adult sitter. Call 669-7429 to enroll.

(Pampa News photo)

Nessen, Royal to be honored

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Four former Texas governors, plus University of Texas' Darrell Royal and former White House press secretary Ron Nessen, will be honored in annual Headliners Club awards weekend activities.

Club President Jimmy Banks said Saturday the six honorees, with others to be named later, will be presented Feb. 5 at the annual stag luncheon and again that night for the awards party.

Auditions for opera to be Feb. 19

Plans are being finalized for the Southwest Region auditions of the Metropolitan Opera National Council to be Feb. 19 in San Antonio.

The auditions, in their 18th consecutive year, provide opportunities for young singers with operatic potential to be heard. Regional winners receive expense-paid trips to New York for semi-final competition. National winners are awarded cash prizes which are used for further study and training.

To be eligible for the San Antonio regional competitions, singers in this area must compete first in preliminary auditions for the West Texas-New Mexico District scheduled for Feb. 5 at the University of Texas at El Paso.

TEXAS TALK By Doug Howard

One of the ideas we thought had been forgotten recently came up again. Basically the suggestion was that farmers should give up such things as tractors, irrigation, pesticides and fertilizers and really go back to nature. Create jobs... save-fuel... decrease pollution... all given as sure results of such a move. Couple of bad problems here. First, according to the experts, we would have to wait until 1994 to have enough horses and mules to go to work for the spring plowing. It takes that long because you need over 60 million draft animals to get things started. You also need 180 million acres of new land to grow enough food to feed the extra 60 million animals. But you will have solved unemployment because it will take 27 million people just to take care of the extra 180 million acres and 60 million animals. And as close as anybody can guess food prices would just about triple. Some things are best forgotten.

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NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Jayaprakash Narayan, a symbol of political opposition in India, flew here Saturday for an emotional reunion with his supporters and to help map strategy for a united front against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the upcoming national elections.

Walking with a cane because of failed kidneys, the 74-year-old Narayan was mobbed at Delhi airport by 200 supporters who greeted him with garlands of marigolds and chants of "Long Life, Jayaprakash."

He arrived here as political life began bustling again in the Indian capital. His airport welcome amounted to the first opposition rally since Mrs. Gandhi lifted a 19-month-old ban on political activity Tuesday night and announced that parliamentary elections would be held in March.

Narayan was the leader of the antigovernment movement that provoked Mrs. Gandhi's proclamation of a national emergency in June 1975.

Opposition politicians at the airport, many newly released from detention, said they still viewed him as spiritual head of their movement and perhaps the only opposition leader with a wide popular following.

Narayan, who flew in from

his native Bihar state, waved but did not speak to the crowd. He was driven to a meeting with former Deputy Prime Minister Morarji Desai and other leaders of a new coalition of the four major non-Communist opposition parties.

The 80-year-old Desai was one of more than 300 political detainees released by the government in the past four days as part of its relaxation of the emergency and preparation for India's first national elections since 1971.

Those released included most opposition leaders and members of Parliament who had been jailed. Narayan himself spent five months behind bars in 1975 but was released because of his ill health. Scores of lower-level political workers are expected to be freed.

In a related development, the pro-Moscow Communist party sent a letter to the prime minister demanding the release of all its workers still being held.

Party General Secretary Rajeswara Rao claimed in the letter that only one Communist party member has been released since relaxation of the emergency. He also charged that a recent "large-scale arrest" of some party leaders would seriously hurt Commu-

nist chances in the March elections.

The pro-Moscow Communists have supported Mrs. Gandhi since 1969, when the ruling Congress party split over her leadership, but in recent months they have been locked in a growing feud with the prime minister and her increasingly powerful son, Sanjay, ostensibly over economic policy.

The coalition of non-Communist parties, whose ideological gap stretches from the leftist Socialist party to the rightist Jana Sangh party, faces the immediate task of patching up its differences and preparing a single slate of candidates for the March voting.

In past elections, the anti-Congress parties divided the vote and were handily beaten by the Congress party, which has ruled India through all three decades of its independ-

ence. New England refers to the northeastern American states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. It has a total area of 66,608 square miles.

The pirate Captain Kidd was born in Greenock, Scotland in 1645.

Narayan's role in the forthcoming campaign will be limited by his kidney ailment, which requires dialysis three times a week.

A quixotic ideologue and disciple of independence hero Mohandas Gandhi, Narayan has never sought political office. He came out of retirement in 1973 to lead a student movement for educational reform in Bihar. The movement later became

a national forum for antigovernment dissent, peaking on June 12, 1975, when Mrs. Gandhi was convicted of corrupt electioneering practices during her 1971 parliament campaign.

Just two weeks later, Mrs. Gandhi stunned the nation by proclaiming a national emergency, imposing press censorship, suspending most civil liberties and jailing Narayan, Desai and other major opposition leaders.

Phillips to be speaker for Chamber meeting

Proposed state legislation affecting the school tax structure and general operating of the school system will be discussed by Bob Phillips, Pampa school superintendent, at the January membership luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Monday Jan. 31, in Coronado Inn.

Melvin Kunkel, chamber president, said the meeting will

be open to the public. "Because of the importance to all taxpayers of the topics to be discussed," Kunkel said, "it is hoped members will invite friends and neighbors to attend the luncheon."

Kunkel said reservations should be made at the Chamber of Commerce office and added that the serving line for the luncheon will open at 11:45

To keep Carter promise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kenneth Curtis says his job as the new Democratic party chairman is to convert the party machinery into the pipeline-to-the-people that Jimmy Carter promised in his campaign.

With a Democrat in the White House for the first time in eight years and the party firmly in control of Congress, Curtis observed:

"The real challenge we face now is reaching out to the people, not only organized Democrats but people who are not registered, independents, trying to involve them and trying to excite them," said the former Maine governor, who was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee Friday.

He said he wants to reassure people that this political system is a very valuable system to the country and that there is a role that the individual can play. The committee elected Curtis chairman by a roaring voice vote, ratifying the wishes of the new President. Curtis succeeds the retiring Robert Strauss.

Curtis said the Carter administration and triumphant Democrats everywhere faced serious problems and the skepticism of a public that has been dis-

appointed too many times."

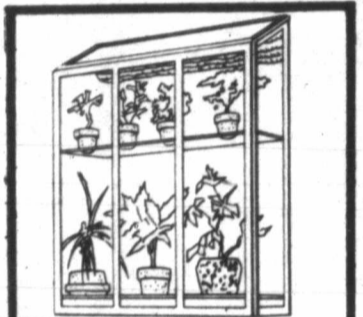
Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale need "the help of this committee to reach out to the American people, to sense the moods and needs of our diverse population and to help win public support for their programs and policies," Curtis said.

While Carter has spoken of reviving "fireside chats" as a method of communicating more intimately with the public, Curtis is working on ways of letting the public talk back.

Among the methods he is looking at are a series of town meetings, conferences and study groups. The key ingredient, according to party sources, will be frequent public opinion polls on major issues.

The results would be computerized and constantly updated so any Democratic office holders or candidates could know how the voters feel about the issues, he said.

Curtis promised a campaign "to make it easy for every American of voting age to register." He said he envisions a permanent registration operation to replace the usual one-shot, election-year drives.



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Mondale to carry work to Europe, Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Walter F. Mondale begins a 10-day trip to Europe and Japan on Sunday to familiarize U.S. allies with the Carter administration and consult them on international economic problems.

Mondale, in the administration's first diplomatic mission, will visit Brussels for talks with officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Common Market. He then goes to Bonn, West Berlin, Rome, London, Paris and Tokyo.

Mondale's trip underlines President Carter's campaign commitment to consult with Western Europe and Japan.

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said Carter sees this very early visit by the vice president, a person he has come to value as a personal friend as well as a chief policy and political adviser, as symbolic of the importance this administration places on close and cooperative relationships with our friends and allies.

Powell said that beyond the symbolic nature of the trip, Carter sees the trip "as an important mission of fact-finding and consultation at a time when the importance of economic and political cooperation, to define and resolve mutual problems has never been greater."

Officials said Mondale would not present to the allies any "grand designs." One official said: "We'll be 90 hours old when we hit the ground in Brussels. We won't carry any new proposals."

Mondale will meet with the heads of government in Germany, Italy, England, France and Japan to acquaint them with the broad outlook of the Carter administration, in what one official called "the beginning of a process that will be preoccupying us for some time."

He will have a private audience with Pope Paul VI and visit the Brandenburg Gate at the wall separating East and West Berlin.

One business booms—moonshine in Arkansas

By LINDEL HUTSON
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — It won't show up in any economic indicators, but there's one business in Arkansas that's booming again — moonshine.

It was stalled for a time — the price of the raw materials was skyrocketing, especially sugar. But the price of sugar is down, so the moonshine business is up.

The law enforcement officials who keep track of the business — the "revenuers" — say they destroyed seven moonshine stills in the state last year, more than doubling the 1975 catch.

Unlike the traditional image of moonshiners, most of the stills were found in the primarily flat southern part of Arkansas, rather than in the hilly Ozarks to the north.

"It's almost a forgotten art," said Frank Graves of the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. "It's hard work hauling those 100-pound sacks of sugar and all. The kids today don't want to do that much work, but the old man didn't mind it."

"It's more of a tax violation problem than anything else. I've never heard of anybody dying from the stuff in the 16 years I've been here."

It takes about 50 pounds of sugar per barrel of moonshine, plus corn, water and yeast. That all gets stirred together to form the mash, which is allowed to ferment to form the alcohol that's

Farmers could lose gas

By GENE ANDERSON
Pampa News Staff

WHITE DEER — "This is not as serious as most people think," explained Bob Martin of White Deer when asked about the possibility that a number of farmers in the area would lose their gas supply for irrigation use within a few months.

Martin, who owns one of the farms involved, told the Pampa News that West Texas Gas Co. of Clarendon had requested a meeting with area farmers last week to explain that the firm's wholesaler was planning the possibility of putting a vacuum on its lines in the area.

If the supplier to West Texas Gas, Northern Natural Gas Co., Omaha, Neb., follows through on the proposal, line pressure would drop from two to four pounds and meters used on the irrigation lines would require 10 pounds of pressure.

An estimated 60 people attended the meeting in White Deer and heard a representative of West Texas Gas explain that Northern may lower the pressure in April. But another supplier was available.

Martin said about 15 farmers would be involved and that West Texas proposed a new line of about 10 miles from the south of White Deer. The line has been estimated to cost West Texas \$45,000.

The gas company plans call for laying the main line, but farmers would have to tie into

this line at their own cost. The out-of-the-pocket cost to the farmers has been placed at \$30-\$35,000 and Martin estimated each individual would have an average cost of around \$1,500.

Bob Walters, district manager for West Texas, told this newspaper, "Basically what it is, our present source there won't be available next year — I'd rather not go into details... We offered them (the farmers) a deal whereby they would get gas up there."

"It is gonna be at some cost to them... there's a whole lot of variables there. I really couldn't tell you exactly how much — we're going to run a main line up there and they'll have to run their lines," Walters said.

A representative of Northern Natural Gas in Omaha, Howard Sorenson, mapped the matter with a slight variation.

"No final decision has been made," he said. The Omaha man said that Northern was studying and seeking other means to supply the customers in the area, but "line pressure is dropping and will continue to drop."

Sorenson said that when a decision was reached on what, if anything, could be done an announcement would be made.

It was further stated that existing lines now in use are part of Northern's gathering system and farmers would not be able to

use them.

At present fuel is costing an average of \$1.30 per thousand cubic feet, the Clarendon representative said there is no set cost at present. "I have no idea what they will be paying," Walters said about the proposed arrangement. "On their end of it, they won't be paying us anything — it'll be up to the individual to get his lines put in," he said.

A representative of West Texas Gas will be in White Deer, Monday at the Wheeler-Evans Elevator to answer questions.

And the question now is winter wheat.

With the low selling price of wheat and possible increases in

irrigation costs some farmers may not elect to continue the crops.

And if the April date proposed for the dropping of pressure holds true, wheat should be from six inches to a foot tall and will require continuous irrigation.

West Texas' district manager said:

"It's still so much up in the air. The farmers are the ones in a bind. If we did lose them, that's not gonna put us out of business."

He further explained that the company felt obligated to help the farmers stay in business. "but we have to look at cost and what kind of payback" would be involved in the new line.

Texas grain dealer may have planned disappearance

PORT ARANSAS, Tex. (AP) — There is some evidence that missing North Texas grain dealer Robert Johnson's Jan. 3 disappearance "might have been planned," says a Port Aransas constable.

Ben Cash, who has led the investigation since it began, said Friday he has evidence indicating Johnson, 41, is "possibly in Central or South America."

Johnson reportedly fell from his pleasure boat in the Gulf of Mexico. His body has not been found. Three of his employees and two Corpus Christi go-go dancers, who were on board at the time, all claim they were below deck when Johnson vanished.

Cash said he has invited federal agents to go with him when he checks out the new evidence "possibly this week-end."

"If I told you what we had, it might not be there when we go after it," said Cash. "If what we're working on is true, he was alive when he left here."

Since Johnson disappeared, an on-going investigation by state auditors has uncovered several hundred thousand bushels of grain missing from Johnson's grain elevators near his hometown of Iowa Park in North Texas.

Investigators have also confirmed that Johnson took out substantial life insurance policies on himself prior to his disappearance.

Iowa Park Police Chief Charles Beaver said several of Johnson's employees reported

their boss was considering the purchase of 100,000 acres and a grain elevator in Belize, a country bordered by Guatemala, Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico.

Cash and his deputy, Charles Titus, returned from Belize last week empty handed. The constable was vague about details of the trip but he did say the estate in question is still for sale.

"It looks like a set up down there made to order for something like this," he said.

Asked if he personally believes Johnson is still alive, Cash said, "If I tell you what I really think and his body washes ashore, then I've got egg all over my face. But I think the chances are very, very slim (that Johnson is dead)."

Three private plains missing

By Associated Press

Three searches were underway Saturday for small private planes believed to be carrying a total of five persons.

Authorities said bad weather was hampering search efforts.

A plane piloted by T.H. Eberle of Idaho was believed to be down in a mountainous area east of Kingman, Civil Air Patrol officials said. Eberle, who was flying alone en route to Prescott, was last heard from Friday in Nevada, officials said.

In Tucson, the CAP said they tentatively had located a site in their search for the plane piloted by a Houston woman, Ellen Jones, and carrying her husband, who was not identified.

The plane refueled Friday in El Paso but failed to complete its flight plan to Phoenix, officials said, and is believed to be down in Texas Canyon.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff's deputies said they were searching for a plane believed to be carrying two persons on a

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Metric committeeman to address API here

W.N. Seward, secretary of the Metric Transition Committee, Washington, D.C. will address members of the Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute at their monthly dinner meeting Thursday night at the Pampa Country Club.

Seward, currently responsible for the API's measurement and metrication programs, will discuss activities connected with the committee's operations.

He joined API in 1969 as coordinator of petroleum measurement. Seward formerly was with Sun Pipe Line as superintendent of measurement for Sun Oil Co. He is a graduate of Bucknell University with a B.S. degree in nuclear physics.

Martin Ludeman, secretary-treasurer of the local API, said the chapter's 1977 membership campaign is open and membership cards can be obtained Thursday night from Russell Weston, membership chairman.

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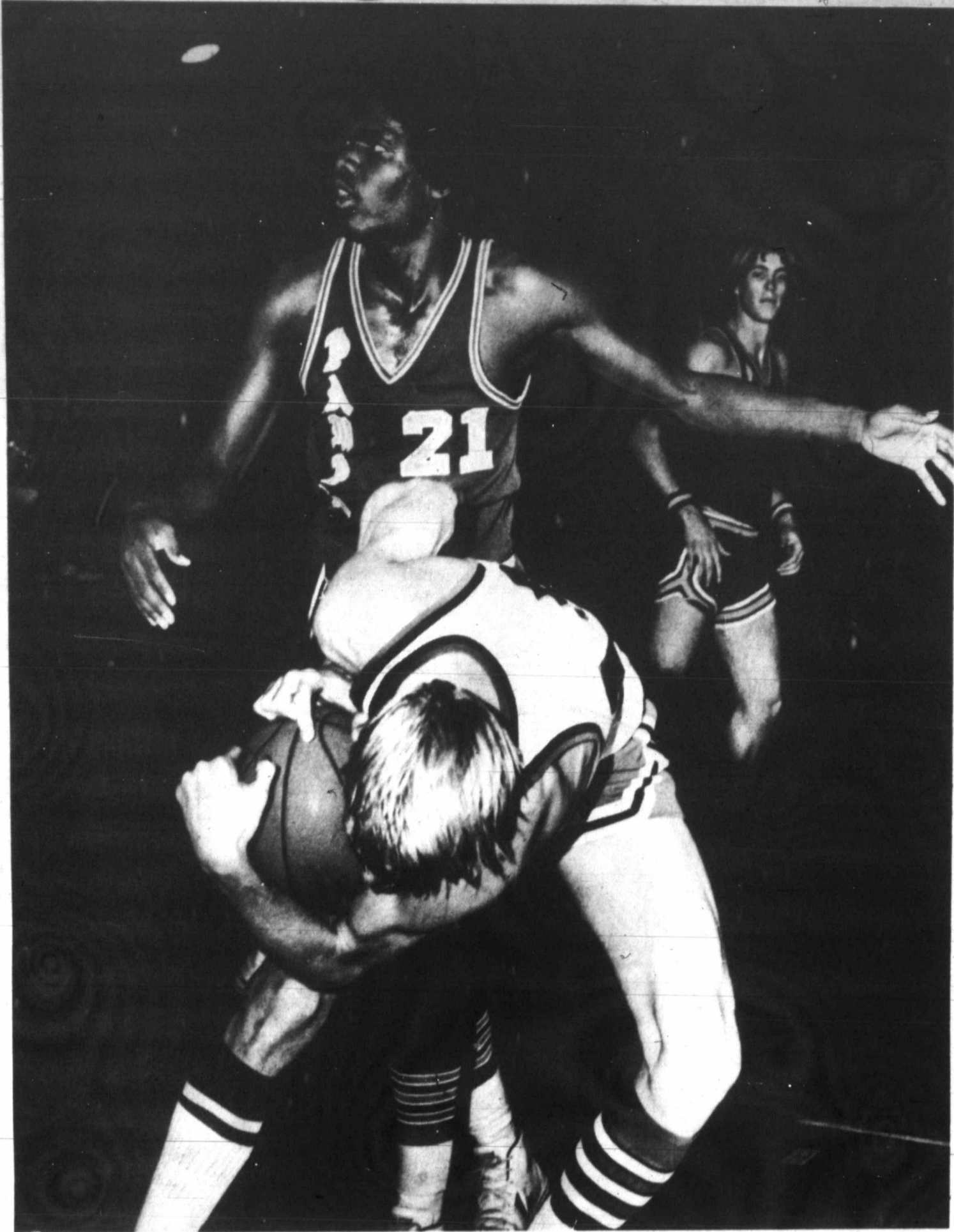
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Young, Bunton lift PHS by Caprock



Hey, ref, he stole my basketball!

Caprock's Billy Parks hangs onto the ball for dear life, going on. Pampa won 65-58, while Pampa's Rayford Young seems to wonder what's

By PAUL SIMS
Sports Editor

AMARILLO — Rickey Bunton had his best offensive game of the season while Rayford Young continued his torrid shooting spree of late as the two led Pampa to a 65 - 58 win over stubborn Caprock in the District 3-AAAA basketball opener for both teams Friday in the Longhorn gymnasium.

In the only other district game, Tascosa edged Palo Duro 47 - 46 in a battle of Amarillo teams Friday in the losers' gymnasium.

Both Bunton and Young poured in 21 points to lead Pampa to its 18th win of the season against five losses. Caprock, paced by 65 Jay Hunt's 20 points, fell to 8-11.

It marked Bunton's highest scoring output of the season. He had been averaging a shade less than nine points prior to the game. Young is Pampa's leading scorer this season with a 17-point average.

Pampa outscored Caprock 17-8 in the third quarter to carry a 12 - point, 44-32, advantage into the final period. Caprock closed the gap to five, 57 - 52, on a steal and layup by substitute Steve York with 1:51 left.

Caprock trailed by as few as four points in the closing stages as Bruce Nipp sank an 18 - foot

jumper with 41 seconds remaining to make it 60-56.

A pair of free throws by Rusty Ward with 32 seconds left gave the Harvesters a six - point lead, and a layup by Young with 10 seconds later sealed the Longhorns' fate, 64 - 56.

Ironically, it was Bunton who was responsible for Young's crucial layup. The 6-4 leaper stole the ball and hit his teammate with a perfect pass to set up the score.

Young scored eight of his points on four field goals in the first quarter, while Raef countered with six points as the teams battled to a 16 - 16 tie going into the second period. Pampa led by three, 27-24, at halftime.

The Harvesters outscored Caprock, 17 - 8, in the third quarter as the hosts managed to connect on only four of 14 shots to lead 44 - 32 entering the final stanza.

At one stage in the third quarter Pampa reeled off eight unanswered points.

The difference in the game might have been Bunton, who pulled down eight rebounds to lead Pampa on the boards.

"He's been a decoy for Pampa all the time," Caprock Coach Bill White said. "He hadn't been doing much — it's the best game he's ever had. We made a star

out of him."

The Longhorns rebounded Pampa 34 - 32 as Hunt grabbed 10.

"We just didn't shoot the ball — that was one of the differences in the game," White said. Caprock shot 47 per cent from the floor (26 of 55) while Pampa shot 48 per cent (26 of 54).

I think if we hadn't missed some layups and some free shots, we might have beat them," the Caprock coach lamented. "I think we're a little better than people think we are but I don't have the big people that Pampa has."

Pampa goes after its second district win Tuesday at Tascosa, while Caprock visits Amarillo High.

Dwight Cleveland led Tascosa with 14 points, while Tracy

McLain led Palo Duro with 13.
In junior varsity play Friday, Steve Duke pumped in 24 points to lift Pampa past Caprock 67 - 50.

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CAPROCK	16 21 22 58
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Sick fans released

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — The last four of more than 80 basketball fans and players sickened when they inhaled carbon monoxide fumes during a basketball game were released from a hospital here Saturday.

Authorities blamed a soot-clogged furnace flue for the fumes that caused vomiting, dizziness and fainting spells among most of the 100 persons at the contest between Greenfield Christian Academy and Linden Christian Academy Friday night.

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Ford a star at Crosby

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The largest gallery golf has ever seen, a cheering, enthusiastic, swarming mob, failed to get former President Gerald Ford past the cut while Tom Watson — playing in the relative solitude of another course — swept into the lead Saturday in the third round of the \$200,000 Bing Crosby National Pro-Am.

The former President, with Arnold Palmer as his pro partner, chipped in for a natural birdie on the 14th hole — with his 18 handicap a net eagle for the team — and said "it made my day."

He and Palmer had a better ball score of 208, only seven under par and not even close to the score required to qualify for the final round Sunday.

Ford, however, played extremely well on the sun-swept back nine at the Pebble Beach Golf Links and played a five-hole stretch starting at the 12th in level par. In all, he had four natural pars and the birdie. Mr. Ford helped Palmer eight shots for the day and they had a team score of 66 for the round.

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LEFORS	8 18 32 43
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Community profile: Faustina Miller

Jobs have taken her 'round the world

By JEANNE GRIMES
Pampa News Staff



Whenever a job "just wasn't my lifestyle" Faustina Miller struck out to find one that was.

That attitude shuffled the 30-year-old Celanese employe halfway around the world and back again and broadened her resume to include school teacher, personnel worker, manager of a McDonalds and civil servant.

She was sent to Vietnam by the Agency for International Development (AID) shortly after the TET Offensive in 1968.

Her assignment was for two months, but she worked for five months in the war-torn capital, Saigon.

"I had probably the best time I've ever had in my life. I wasn't afraid of anything," she said, remembering midnight jeep rides through Saigon. She recalled Vietnam as "a beautiful country."

"Saigon was really dirty downtown," Miller said. "I guess I was a hawk... I saw a kid about six throw a grenade and kill people at lunch one day."

She took one month to tour the Orient on her own before she returned Stateside.

"I'd never do it now," she said.

During the Pennsylvania native's first visit to Texas on a vacation, the abundance of shotguns

and rifles carried openly in pickups made her think "this is just like Vietnam."

Following her graduation from the University of Pittsburg in 1971, Miller accepted a teaching position in an inner-city school in Dallas.

The high school, Miller said, was beset with problems ranging from stabbings and hard narcotics to pimps who worked the halls.

Miller taught English and during her second year in the school started a remedial reading program for her students "because they couldn't read above the fifth grade level." She left teaching after the second year, saying "I found I was changing my values, something she didn't want to do."

"I guess I love English, but I didn't like teaching it. I knew when I left I never wanted to go back."

"We need really good teachers. They have to have the right personality and be able to work around a lot of things and I just didn't want to do it anymore."

She went to work in personnel for Frito-Lay in Dallas and was transferred to Detroit where she worked for six months before being laid off. She tried managing a McDonalds for one year before deciding to return to personnel work.

"I had lived in Texas so one day I picked up and moved to Houston," Miller said. She was in

Houston when she interviewed with Celanese for a personnel administrative representative with duties of salaried hiring, clerical hiring, benefits, affirmative action and college recruiting.

She moved to Pampa in August and spent her first month here "climbing the walls."

A strong Ford backer, Miller worked for the Republican Party in Gray County.

"I'm a do-it-yourselfer," she said. "If it was up to me the government would give us nothing."

An admitted conservative, Miller said her political leanings have shifted noticeably since the late 60s.

"I'm becoming more conservative," Miller said. "When I lived in Washington I worked for Hubert Humphrey."

With the election over, Miller said she fills her spare time sewing, bowling with a league of Celanese employes, reading, working with her plants and animals and taking ballet lessons.

"So far, I've seen no improvement in my coordination," she said of the ballet lessons.

Activities on and off the job keep Miller busy and she said that instead of going stir crazy she is "always busy."

She admitted that when she first came to Pampa she was skeptical and wondered whether her new job would meet expectations.

It has, she said, and her lifestyle and work are compatible.

He wanted out of Navy; Navy said no

So young Michael Cooper died in a shootout



the Navy that he'd kill himself if compelled to serve.

The deputies knocked and, getting no answer, went inside through the unlocked door. Within a few minutes, all were wounded in a burst of fire and Cooper lay dead on his bed.

A coroner's jury later ruled it suicide.

What happened Nov. 3 is enveloped in controversy and recrimination. But how Michael died is less important to his parents, Harvey and Mildred Cooper, than why.

Did the deputies have authority to enter the home without a warrant? Was the Navy to blame for holding Michael to the contract under his ROTC scholarship, the tangled dispute that led to his death?

Parents and Navy officials see most of the questions differently.

The elder Cooper, an insurance underwriter who served in combat in World War II and was a law enforcement officer for six years after that, says bitterly, "My thinking has changed about what law and order and fair government meant, everything I believed in."

Says his wife, "We want to see changes made so that no other young man has to go through this kind of entrapment."

The Navy doesn't look at it as entrapment, Michael, the Navy men feel, accepted his obligations under the scholarship with open eyes and then tried to evade them.

In their home that still shows the bullet holes, his parents talk of legal action against the Navy and local law enforcement officials.

They moved here six years ago, to the Madison area, from a small town 100 miles away so their son could attend a bigger high school.

As a senior, he won a four-year Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship to the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Michael's dream was to be a

Navy pilot. He wore his uniform even when he didn't have to, putting it on to cross picket lines of antiwar demonstrators in 1971.

He was a good student, described by professors as brilliant in subjects he liked, such as physics and mathematics. He was quiet, handsome, just under six feet tall.

"We built our life around that kid," says Mrs. Cooper. Michael was the last of four children still at home. "He always studied. He didn't drink or smoke or go out with girls. He said there was plenty of time for girls when he was done with his studies."

After his second year in college, during a summer training cruise when Michael had already flown a jet, the Navy disqualified him from pilot training because he had hay fever.

"They knew he had hay fever from the beginning," says Mrs. Cooper. "He put it on the form himself when he was a freshman, but they said it wouldn't keep him from becoming a pilot."

Michael could have dropped out of ROTC then, halfway through the four-year program, but he opted to try for one of 25 places in the nuclear power training program. He finished No. 30.

Michael then decided to drop out — disenroll, the Navy calls it — from ROTC altogether even though he was in his senior year.

The Navy said it was too late and warned him if he refused to serve as an officer he would have to serve two years as an enlisted man.

Otto Krueger, Michael's commanding officer at the Madison ROTC unit, recommended that he be relieved of his obligation as unfit.

He showed what was to me a disturbingly inflated sense of self-confidence, that he was superior to other people," Krueger said at the inquest into Michael's death. "He had the opinion that enlisted men essentially were vegetables and that he could not look his friends in the eye or himself in the mirror as an enlisted man."

Krueger said he urged a Navy personnel review board in Washington to let Michael "beat the system" by getting a free education since there was no other way under Navy regulations to make up the debt for the four-year scholarship.

But the personnel board refused, ordering Michael to report to Treasure Island Naval Base near San Francisco as an enlisted man.

Michael responded by sending a registered letter to Navy Secretary William Middendorf II, warning that he would kill himself before he would serve. There was no reply.

Mildred and Harvey Cooper, meanwhile, offered through Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., to repay the scholarship money if the Navy would rescind the induction order.

Proxmire said the Navy told him there was no provision for such a repayment. A Navy Department spokesman in Washington said the Coopers never made such an offer.

The Navy statement said in part:

"Seaman Apprentice Cooper was fully aware of his option, during his first two years of participation, to drop out of his own will, without incurring obligated military service."

"In monetary terms, Seaman Apprentice Cooper received educational benefits at taxpayer expense amounting to over \$6,500."

The Navy had no other comment pending the outcome of its own investigation by regional Naval headquarters in Great Lakes, Ill.

The coroner's jury issued an unusual advisory opinion along with its suicide findings which criticized the Navy:

"The jury... hopes in the future that the Naval ROTC and the Department of the Navy would show more concern for its members on an individual basis. In the future, when problems arise all means of solving them should be fully explored."

The Coopers' lawyer, Eric Schulenberg of Madison, said he may take legal action against the Navy but is more likely to move first against local officials on constitutional grounds.

He said the three deputies may have violated Fourth Amendment protections of privacy and security when they entered the Cooper home with only a Navy pickup order instead of court-ordered search or arrest warrants.

At the inquest, the deputies said they called out when they walked in the door, but went upstairs and began searching rooms when no one responded. Then, they said:

They pushed past a makeshift barricade blocking the door to Michael's room. Deputy John Carter slid open the closet door. Michael was inside with a gun and fired at Carter. The bullet grazed his head. Carter fell and began firing at the closet as the other deputies, John Javorsky and Robert Driefke, took cover in an adjacent bedroom, exchanging fire with Cooper.

When Cooper stopped shoot-

ing, the deputies found him on his bed with a massive chest wound.

The main issue in determining the constitutional question seems to be whether the Navy pickup order had the force of search warrants.

"I didn't think any non-military authorities went out and started looking for somebody on the basis of one of these forms," said a Navy spokesman in the Judge Advocate General's legal corps in Washington. "The order is to pick the subject up if they see the subject, more so than a directive to pick him up."

A sheriff's official said the matter was routine, and the deputies were within their legal bounds. The county district attorney agreed.

The Coopers had gone out to dinner that fatal evening but

returned home when they heard police sirens in the area.

They contend the officers, knowing Michael had threatened suicide and might resist, should have waited for the parents before entering the house, and they complained that after the shooting, they were refused entrance to their home and weren't told of Michael's death for two hours.

Mrs. Cooper doesn't think her son tried to kill the deputies.

"He was hiding in a closet, trying to avoid an altercation," she says. "He was a crack shot, and if he had tried to kill them there would have been three dead deputies."

She paused and added quietly: "There were so many things that didn't need to happen. Michael may have killed himself, but there were other fingers on the trigger."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Michael Cooper was a studious young man who dreamed of becoming a Navy pilot. His prospects seemed fine, but then things began to go wrong. His one collision with law and authority was his last, and his parents are still wondering how it could happen.

By TIMOTHY HARPER
Associated Press Writer
WAUNAKEE, Wis. (AP) — The three deputies making their way to a quiet rural home that November evening didn't expect any real trouble. All they had to do was to pick up a young college student the Navy said was absent without leave.

Inside his parents' home, Michael Cooper, 23, was waiting alone. Cooper had wanted to be a Navy pilot. But his love affair with the Navy had cooled. Now all he wanted was out — out so badly that earlier in the year he had written the Secretary of

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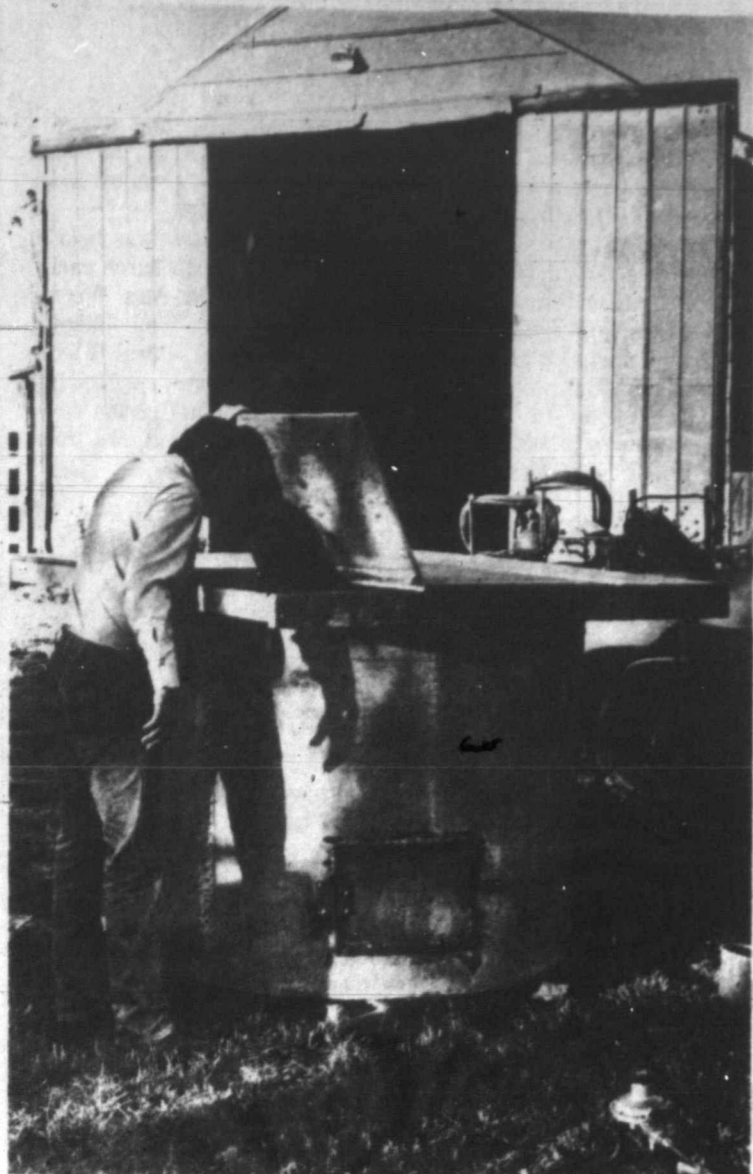
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Smoking meat isn't a quick or easy process. It requires checking the smoker regularly, as is being done by Perry Gruhlkey, in the photo at left. Turkeys to be smoked are first swabbed liberally with barbecue sauce, then wrapped in cheesecloth before being hung in the smoker. Sausage making may be a grind, but it's worth it, according to Jim Roach, who puts the venison and pork mixture into the grinder, and Lee Wiederhold, who twists the filled casings into links.

(Pampa News photos by Gene Anderson)



Warning: smoking can be hazardous to your diet

By THOM MARSHALL
Pampa News Staff

Few comestibles can caress the contours of the tongue in as pleasing a manner as smoked ham, smoked turkey, smoked sausage, or smoked venison backstrap. Simply put, where there's smoke, there's flavor. But there has to be a lot of smoke and it must come from the right kind of wood and it must be produced over a long enough period of time so that it can properly permeate the meat.

That isn't easy. In fact, if you think there's an art to backyard barbecuing — and indeed there is — you might be tempted to hang a properly smoked ham on the wall of your living room, for all to admire or have a smoke-bronzed turkey mounted on a pedestal like a fine sculpture.

There probably are as many ways to smoke meat as there are folks who smoke it. But there are some basics followed by all.

First, there must be meat — pork and venison probably are the two most popular ones. Turkey is good, too. Next there must be smoke, with hickory providing the most universally acceptable results. And there must be something in what to bring the meat and the smoke together.

A smokehouse specially built for the

purpose once was among the outbuildings on most every farm in many areas of the country.

A school teacher in Rankin fashioned a smoker in his back yard from a discarded hot water heater. However, it had a capacity drawback, same as the many small backyard units that are available commercially.

Proper smoking requires so much time and attention that one is better off doing it in a big way.

Four local fellows have centered a smoking operation around a converted metal cistern of about five feet high and as many in diameter. They built a wooden cover for the top, with a hinged door for access to the hanging racks.

Another hinged door was cut in the bottom of the tank and just inside it is a plow disc resting on a metal stand over a butane burner. Into the plow disc goes dampened hickory sawdust which then is coaxed to a smoky smolder by the burner.

They adjust the burner so that the temperature on the thermometer at the top of the smoker reads a constant 160 degrees and they smoke their hams, homemade sausage, or whatever for 10 hours.

Perry Gruhlkey, one of the smokers, said

that a fellow who gave them several tips when they were getting started a few months ago advised that the temperature ought not to get over 140 degrees.

"But it depends on how your smoker's made," Gruhlkey said. "He had a regular smoke house and I think our setup loses more heat."

In a Georgia Extension Service booklet, "Curing Hams Country Style," directions say not to let the temperature in the smokehouse get above 100 degrees. But that is for large, home-cured hams that require 48 hours to reach the fully-smoked amber or mahogany color.

Gruhlkey's crew has smoked smaller, store-bought hams in their unit for 10 hours and the results have been excellent.

The other three fellows in the arrangement are Lee Wiederhold, Jim Roach, and Steve Burnett. All four are employees of the Soil Conservation Service.

The four of them and Gruhlkey's brother-in-law, Roy Lively of Hereford, each got a deer this year. After dressing out the backstraps and some roasts, the remainder of the venison from all five animals was ground up with some pork and made into sausage — about 400 pounds worth — and smoked.

Wiederhold, a native of Dime Box, has

German ancestors and brought some experience to the sausage making undertaking. Of course, by the end of the initial grind, all five were proficient at getting the casings filled with the ground meat. Four hundred pounds is a lot of links.

They mixed the sausage in 40-pound batches and Gruhlkey shared the recipe:

- 25 pounds of venison (beef can be substituted)
- 15 pounds of pork
- 1/2 cup of black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 tablespoon onion salt
- And a box of mustard seed.

But Gruhlkey said that is an optional ingredient. He said the recipe can include "whatever else you want to put in," and mentioned jalapeno peppers as a possibility.

He also said, "you can substitute red pepper for the black, but I don't like it."

Also, the addition of a little potassium nitrate or sodium nitrate will help preserve the color of the meat in the sausage, if it's adjudged to be necessary.

A fellow downstate uses a smoker that resembles the one used by the sausage makers and he has developed a process for making what he calls venison "hams."

He cures the backstraps and muscled-out hindquarters of his deer by first

removing all bone and fat. (Fat can turn rancid in the smoker.)

Then he prepares a brine mixture by pouring some salt into a container large enough to allow submersion of all the meat. He adds just enough water to the salt to dissolve the crystals, then puts in an egg. He adds more water, stirring until the egg sinks slowly and just barely manages to float back up to the top. Then the brine mixture is just right.

Next he immerses the venison in the brine and leaves it soaking in a cool place for 48 to 60 hours, the longer it stays, the saltier it will taste.

After the soaking, he immerses each piece in boiling water just long enough for a whitish tinge to form on the surface. Then the chunks are hung in the smoker until thoroughly dry — three to five days.

In this operation, the fellow recommends that the fire making the smoke be in a chamber separate from the smoke chamber, so the meat won't be baked before it is cured properly. In order to achieve this, he rigged up a covered top arrangement connected by a stovepipe to the smoker.

In smoking turkeys, the smaller ones will get the best results. Gruhlkey says to bake the birds until about three-quarters done

— the time will depend upon the weight.

Then brush them liberally with barbecue sauce, wrap in cheesecloth and hang in smoker for the 10-hour treatment which will finish the baking. Gruhlkey said that spare ribs can be treated the same way.

He sprinkles his turkeys with smoke-cure salt which even further enhances the flavor. And when he warms a smoked bird up that has been stored in the freezer, he first sprinkles on some Greek seasoning.

Hams bought at the grocery store already have been precooked sufficiently, so they generally are simply wrapped and hung in the smoker.

It's a lot of trouble, but there just is no other way to get the genuine smoked flavor on the table.

Well, maybe one other way. The metal tank Gruhlkey and Co. converted to a smoker was donated to the cause by Henry Harnly, who has it set up at his place in the country. Harnly's generosity often is liberally rewarded with sausage samples and such and anytime the smoker is fired up. Harnly can have turkeys or hams smoked along with the rest and when his farming duties call him away from the scene, as they seem often to do there'll be someone there to keep an eye on the thermometer and smoke supply.

Lamaze-- matter of understanding

By JILL GULLY
Pampa News Staff

"Lamaze? ... Oh, that's natural childbirth isn't it?"

"No."

"It's not? ... I always thought it was. Well, what is it then?"

According to Wanetta Hill, qualified instructor in the Lamaze method, Lamaze is prepared childbirth ... educating both parents in all the basic facts and principles of childbirth. More importantly, it prepares the parents mentally, emotionally and physically for the birth of their child, the Pampa woman explained.

The Lamaze method is taught in a series of eight weekly sessions given by a qualified instructor.

Mrs. Hill, Kay Newman and Virginia Dewey are instructors in Pampa.

To become an instructor involves 16 weeks of instruction — eight observing and eight training.

The Lamaze method originated in France. In the U.S. it began on the East coast and spread westward.

At the time Richard and Wanetta Hill had their son, Damian, in March 1975, they were the thirteenth couple in Pampa to use the Lamaze method of childbirth.

Since that time there have been more than 100 babies born Lamaze here.

Mrs. Hill explained that although Lamaze childbirth is achieved without anesthetic, it is not completely painless.

"There is no such thing as childbirth without pain," she said. "Lamaze teaches you to understand what is going on during the process of labor and delivery."

Mrs. Hill went on to explain that many women fear childbirth because they don't understand enough about what is happening, so that when the contractions come, they fight against them instead of working with them.

Mrs. Hill pointed out that when a mother is anesthetized, 10 per cent of the anesthetic is passed on to the child. This consequently results in a sluggish baby. She said she had noticed a difference in the color of the anesthetized baby — being

more bluish when first born.

Mrs. Hill does not condemn pain relievers during labor, however.

"Many women," she said, "may need to have a little of something. There's no sense in being a martyr about it."

According to Alice Lake's article, Childbirth in America, (McCall's - January 1976), "Pediatricians and some obstetricians in recent years have learned when a mother is over-medicated she may deliver a baby who is sluggish and many have difficulty in breathing, sucking, and coughing up mucus during the first hours of life. Now new evidence suggests that, when women receive medication during childbirth, their babies may show subtle neurological differences from those who are not medicated and that these differences may persist for weeks or even months."

According to McCall's questionnaire on the subject, three out of four specialists responded that they used medication both during labor and delivery "in a majority of patients."

Despite these national statistics, Pampa obstetricians seem to be very cooperative with the principles of Lamaze for those women who choose this method of childbirth.

Mrs. Hill explained that many doctors are apprehensive about getting started on it, "but doctors here in Pampa are going Lamaze because they have been impressed with the results," she said.

Lamaze training involves a large amount of physical exercise.

In her classes, Mrs. Hill teaches 11 exercises to stretch and prepare the muscles. Many of these are yoga exercises.

Not only does it make childbirth easier when the muscles are prepared, but the exercises also help back problems, indigestion and return to normal body shape after birth, she said.

"The last month of pregnancy is very trying for most women," Mrs. Hill said. "You feel like you've been pregnant for years, and you feel so ugly."

Mrs. Hill says Lamaze classes make that

last month easier since a woman has friends in the class who often feel just as depressed and it gives her someone to talk to.

For so many years the husband has been confined to the waiting room, to pace the floor, perspire and await the ultimate declaration ... "Mr. Smith ... it's a boy."

But the husband who has taken the Lamaze classes with his wife acts as "coach" for her, and can not only come into the delivery room to assist the birth, but can even take photographs of the birth process with permission from the doctor.

Mrs. Hill said she likes to have a maximum of four couples in each series of lectures. "With something like this, more individual personal attention is necessary," she said.

She also explained that medical terms are used during the lessons so the couple will understand what is being said in the delivery room.

"We don't give any rigid rules about the pattern of labor and delivery," Mrs. Hill said. "Each mother is going to experience things differently, and we don't want her worrying about conforming to any set rules."

"Most importantly," she added, "Lamaze is such a big family builder. A couple must be able to work together. Most husbands come-along because they love their wives and want what's best for them. But often a couple that has been having problems will draw closer together if they go all the way with the Lamaze method."

Mrs. Hill believes Lamaze gives a baby a better start on life. With the parents so prepared, there is a sense of confidence that can almost be sensed by the baby, she explained.

"The babies usually seem brighter and more alert and get to doing things more quickly," she said.

For anyone interested in more details on Lamaze, a public meeting is held every three months at the Pioneer Natural Gas building in the Flame Room. The most recent meeting was held Monday, Jan. 10.

Their motto: Do a pregnant woman a favor — tell her about Lamaze.



Becky King and her husband Kent attended Lamaze classes in preparation of their baby which is due any day.

(Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)



Golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lunsford of 1029 Duncan, pictured in 1927 and in 1976, will be honored at a 50th wedding anniversary reception from 2-4 p.m. today at the Central Baptist Church parlor, 513 E. Francis. Lunsford, a native of Oklahoma City, married Ruby Curry of Electra Jan. 22, 1927, in the home of the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Frederic, Okla. The Lunsfords have lived in Pampa since 1927. The reception will be



hosted by the couple's four children: the Rev. Richard Lunsford of Escanaba, Mich., Mrs. Charles (Patricia Ann) Brazael of Simi Valley, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Kay La France and Donald Lunsford, both of Pampa. The Lunsfords also have four grandsons and eight granddaughters. They invite friends and relatives to the reception but ask that they not bring gifts.



Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Laycock

Laycock-Williams vows

The chapel of the First United Methodist Church of Pampa was the setting for the Jan. 7 wedding of Joyce Williams and Lyn Laycock. The Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Williams, 1012 S. Dwight, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Laycock, 1925 N. Banks.

Mrs. Robert Johnson, organist, played nuptial music, and accompanied Miss Beverly Owen of Perryton, who sang "The Wedding Song."

The bride was attended by Mrs. Jim Dowd as matron of honor. Groom's attendants were Jim Dowd as best man, with Terry Garner and Jeff Williams, brother of the bride, as ushers.

The groom's sister, Mrs. Ricky Rice, registered the guests. The bride wore a formal gown of bridal satin, poe'd soie and lace designed with empire waistline, high collar and bouffant sleeves. The gracefully

flared skirt extended into a chapel train. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion fell from a coil of lace and seed pearls.

A reception followed in the church parlor, with Mrs. Terry Garner and Mrs. Ken Haynes assisting.

The bride is a graduate of Pampa High School and an employe of Radcliff Supply. The groom, also a PHS graduate, is employed by Lee - Tex Valve and Manufacturing Co.

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Homemaker news

By ELAINE HOUSTON
County Extension Agent
Adult Sitter Clinic

An Adult Sitter Clinic is scheduled in Pampa Feb. 1-3. The Clinic teaches older adults how to be competent caretakers of very elderly people or handicapped patients — and both the recipient of the care — and the caretaker are getting the benefit from the program.

"You could call the program — 'Seniors Learn — and Earn' — says Vivian Blair, Extension family life specialist, who will be conducting the training. The Clinic will also be taught by Glenda Dunham, R.N., and Jerry Hurt, physical therapist.

Two problems the clinic hopes to solve are defined. First, many elderly people in their communities needed care and attention — but they don't need a trained nurse — and there is no one to call on — no one available to give that kind of 'supportive care' they do need.

Second, employment for older people in the communities is difficult to find because of their age and their lack of training.

Training will be conducted in a 2½ day workshop at the County Annex Meeting room and Highland General Hospital. Classes will be limited to enable each participant to gain the maximum benefit from the training. A referral file will be established for those completing the training — you must attend all sessions to receive a certificate of completion. Training will cover eight major subjects, including roles and responsibilities of an adult sitter, do's and don'ts for sitters and human relationships.

Also, the effects stress on behavior, and variation of job responsibilities in different environments, as well as

adjusting to job - related problems — and finally, the emotional stages of acceptance of death.

For physical care of the patient, those attending will learn about hygiene of the patient, positioning a patient in bed, assisting from bed to wheelchair, assisting a patient with use of bedpans, and assisting a patient with robe and slippers. Also, they are instructed in the correct and safe use of special equipment.

The Clinic is being sponsored by the Altrusa Club of Pampa and the Gray County Family Living Committee. Participants may pre-register by calling the County Extension Office - 669-7429.

Home Demonstration Council
The Gray County Home Demonstration Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 24 in the Courthouse Annex Meeting room for a regular business meeting. All club presidents, vice presidents, and Council delegates need to attend this meeting.

The District THDA planning meeting will be held Thursday in Stratford. Mrs. Jack Benton, THDA chairman, Mrs. Barbara Shaw, council chairman and Mrs. Marilyn Tate and Mrs. Elaine Houston, extension agents, will be attending. The meeting is held to plan the District THDA meeting in March.

Quickly made: commercial sour cream and mayonnaise plus crumbled blue cheese stirred together for a dressing for salad. You can use the ingredients in the proportions that are available or that you prefer.



Mrs. Jerry Lee Lindsey
Former Mary Anna Greene

Lindsey-Greene vows

Wedding vows were exchanged between Mary Anna Greene and Jerry Lindsey Dec. 20 at the First Christian Church of Huntsville, with the Rev. John Sumter officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Hildegard Greene, 1017 Duncan. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lindsey, 1813 Evergreen.

A reception in the executive suite of Sam Houston Inn at

Huntsville followed the ceremony.

The bride, a 1973 graduate of Pampa High School, is employed by Elkins Lake Land Developers. Her husband is a 1970 graduate of PHS and a junior at Sam Houston State University, majoring in criminology.

The couple resides in Huntsville.

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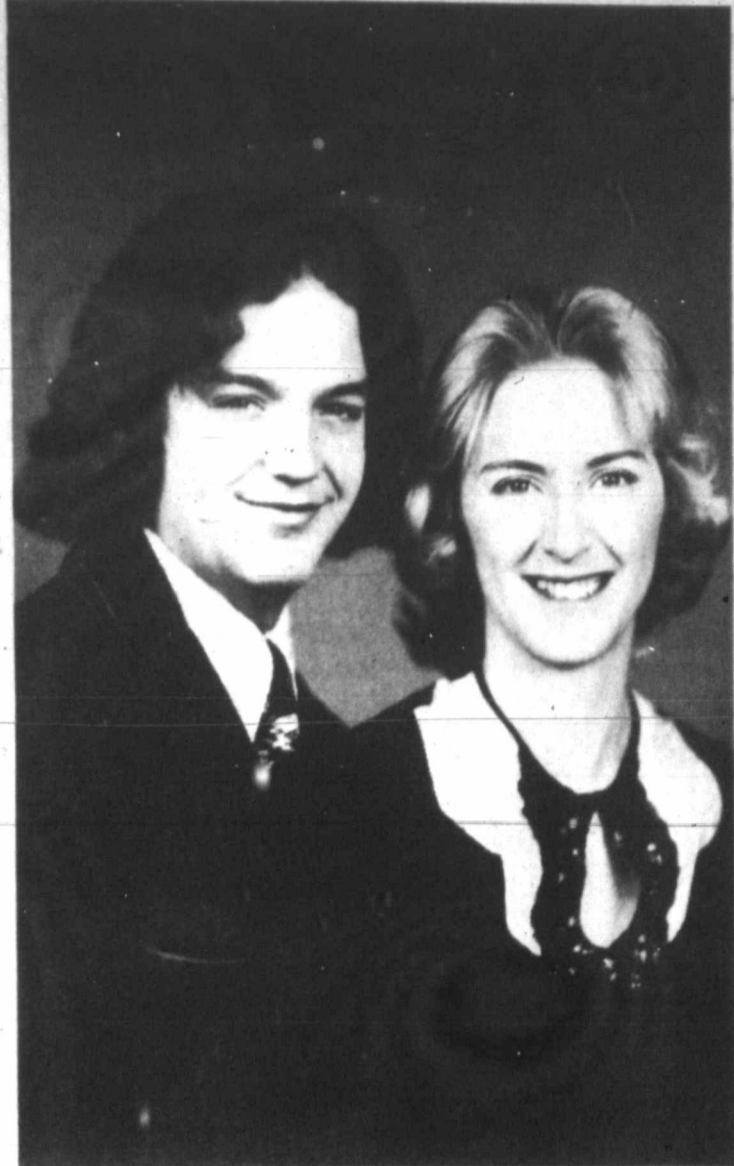
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Cox-Ammons engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Arthur Jr. of 2317 Rosewood announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Lou, to Kerry Lynn Ammons. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Ammons of 1705 Duncan. The bride-elect is a 1976 Pampa High School graduate and is employed at the Impulse Store. Ammons, 1975 Pampa High School graduate, attended Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Okla., for one semester. He is employed as a welder by Cabot Machinery Division. Following the wedding March 18 in the First United Methodist Church Chapel, the couple will make their home in Pampa.



Cook-Bradford engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Cook of 509 Starkweather announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Kay, to Roy Dean Bradford of 1025 Park Drive. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffin of Tatum, N.M. The bride-elect attended Pampa High School and her fiance graduated from high school in Tatum, N.M. He is employed by Oil Field Pipelines. The couple will exchange vows Feb. 12 in the Lamar Full Gospel Assembly.



Mrs. John Mark Taylor
Former Frances Gylene Scott

Taylor-Scott marriage

The First Baptist Church of Plainview was the setting for the holiday wedding of Frances Gylene Scott and John Mark Taylor. The bride's father, F.W. Scott, officiated at the Dec. 31 nuptials. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Scott, reside in Plainview. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor of Pampa. Traditional wedding music was provided by soloist Steve Clark, with Bill Webb at the organ. The bride's attendants were Miss Sheila Luster and Mrs. Coy Walker, the bride's sister, both of Plainview. Anita Menzer was flower girl. Jody Taylor served his brother as best man, and groomsmen were Dick Taylor, also a brother of the groom. Ushers were Coy Walker and Larry Wade. Doug Walker was ringbearer. The bride selected a formal gown of silk and Chantilly lace designed with deep v-yoke and high ruffled neckline. Lace appliques trellised the full skirt that swept into a chapel train. Her veil of silk illusion fell from a Camelot cap. Her attendants were attired in red velvet gowns, and carried clusters of red and white carnations. A reception was held in the church parlor with Mary Warwick of Amarillo, Joyce Scott of Paducah, and Sherry Haddon and Vicki Taylor, both of Pampa, assisting. The bride, a graduate of Plainview High School, is employed as a teller at City National Bank of Plainview. The groom graduated from Pampa High School and is a student at Wayland Baptist College. He is employed at Eaton Stationery in Plainview. After a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple resides at 1509 W. 7th. Apt. 202, in Plainview.

Bowers-Rauch wedding

Ann Marie Rauch and Justin Bowers were married recently in the Shepherd of the Valley Church, Glendale, Ariz. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Rauch of Glendale, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers of Peoria. He is a grandson of Mrs. Mildred Jones of 1347 Coffee. The former Miss Rauch attended Glendale Community College, where the bridegroom is presently enrolled.

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Microwave costs less

By JILL GULLY
Pampa News Staff

Housewives may be interested to learn that gas is no longer the cheapest method of cooking. Statistics show the cost of operating a gas range for all cooking purposes, averages around \$15 per year. An electric range runs at an average cost of \$35 per year.

Today, housewives can do 90 per cent of all their cooking in a microwave oven at a total cost of \$6-\$9 per year.

According to Mildred Prince at Southwestern Public Service

Company in Pampa, microwave ovens have been in existence since World War II, at which time they cost around \$1,500. A microwave oven today may be purchased for between \$300 and \$600.

The major difference for the cook is that she must learn to cook by time alone rather than by looks.

Mrs. Prince has been cooking with microwave for 15 years. She finds it quick and efficient. Many have harbored certain fears about the danger of microwave ovens, but Mrs. Prince explained that they do not store up harmful waves as many tend to believe. Persons with heart problems who wear pacemakers can be affected by the electronic system involved in a microwave oven, she said. However, they

can be equally affected by electric shavers or even ignition systems in certain automobiles. The principle of microwave cooking, as explained by Mrs. Prince, is the frequency of the microwave agitating the molecules of the food—as heat agitates the molecules of water, causing it to boil. Food may be placed in glass, paper or plastic containers. Metal must not be used. Seal-a-meal containers made for reheating food in boiling water will work equally as effectively, and even more quickly, in a microwave oven.

Huffstutler resigns to join ETSU

Dr. Ronald G. Huffstutler, assistant vice president for academic affairs at West Texas State University, is accepting a position at East Texas State University.

Huffstutler will become the dean of continuing education at the school in Commerce. He is expected to submit a letter of resignation to WTSU President Lloyd Watkins today or Monday. He will begin his new duties in June he said.

While a faculty member at WTSU, Huffstutler served as chairman of the Faculty Council, was a consultant for the Texas Education Agency, and conducted extensive seminars in the field of mathematics. Huffstutler presently serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association for Community Service and Continuing Education. He also is liaison between WT and the staff of the Coordinating Board of the State College and University System.

Nurses aide instruction starts Monday

Nurses aide classes will be held from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jan. 24-28 at Highland General Hospital. The fee is \$15 for the 40-hour course, with registration and payment due in advance.

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King-McGill nuptials

Cheryl Gay Lynn McGill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McGill of 513 N. Wells, exchanged wedding vows with John H. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. King of 1608 N. Wells, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15 in the First Christian Church of Pampa. Dr. Ralph T. Palmer, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Barbara Cox, pianist, played appropriate nuptial music and accompanied soloist Randy Cantrell.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Trudy Ivy as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Pam and Debbie McGill, sisters of the bride; flower girl was DeLisa McGill, and Christy Shipley was ringbearer.

Groom's attendants were best man Charles Smith and groomsmen Mike McGill and Johnny Winegart. Ushers were Bryan Sargent and Bill McGill. Candlelighter was David McGill.

The bride wore a formal gown of bridal satin overlaid with lace. The full chiffon sleeves were lace-trimmed, and the

wide skirt swept into a chapel train. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion was attached to a pearl-trimmed lace coil. She carried a white Bible topped with a cascade bouquet of yellow and white roses.

Her attendants were identically gowned in green satin, and carried bouquets of green and yellow carnations.

The bridal gown and attendants dresses were designed and made by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. L.H. McGill.

A reception followed in the church parlor, with Mrs. Helen McGill, Pat Shipley and Judy Haynes assisting.

The bride attended Pampa High School, and is employed at B and B Pharmacy. Her husband attended PHS and West Texas State University. An employe of John T. King and Sons, he is a member of Company B, National Guard, and will report for active duty in the U.S. Army Feb. 7 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The couple will reside in Honolulu.



Lockhart-Braddock engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Lockhart of 2232 N. Wells announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Terry Don Braddock. He is the son of Mrs. Kathleen Braddock of Pampa. The couple will exchange vows Feb. 11 in the home of the bride-elect's parents.

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Salt in man's diet should be studied as a possible severe contaminant or natural pollutant, according to Dr. Harold W. Wolf, head of the environ-

mental engineering division at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Wolf, also a member of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, said this week "high blood pressure is unknown in primitive uncultured societies where salt is absent in the diet. So salt may be a very potent environmental dietary factor."

Civilized man is the only animal who habitually uses 20-30

times his daily requirement of salt, Dr. Wolf said.

Domestic water supplies containing 110 milligrams per liter or more of sodium would place in jeopardy all residents who have confirmed or incipient congestive heart disease, hypertension (high blood pressure), renal disease or cirrhosis of the liver, according to scientific reports.

Dr. Wolf noted that Texas A&M researchers in Dallas, working with the city and the Texas Water Resources In-

stitute, were able to show a rise in all categories of heart disease deaths during a period of time when highly mineralized water was imported to Dallas from the Red River during a drought.

"The high death rate persisted for a year following termination of water importation," Dr. Wolf said.

Dr. Wolf said drinking water supplies should be closely monitored for salt content because persons who drink water with a high salt content would not be aware of it from the taste.

Red Cross offers class

The Gray County Red Cross is offering two courses: one in multi-media first aid and one in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

The CPR class, open to Gray County residents, will be taught at 9 a.m. Jan. 29 at the Red Cross office in Perryton, located at 510 S. Main. Instructor will be Beth Krug of Borger, an R.N. who is a CPR instructor trainer.

Mrs. Margaret Riley, executive secretary of the Ochiltree County Red Cross Chapter, asks area residents interested in taking the course to

call the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

The multi-media first aid class will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Red Room of Southwestern Public Service, 315 N. Ballard.

The instructor, Mrs. Perry Moose, said the course is being taught for members of The Breakers C.B. Club, but that she will have several assistants, making it possible to open the class to more students.

Area residents interested in enrolling may call Mrs. Moose at 665-1027, or the Gray County Red Cross office at 669-7121.

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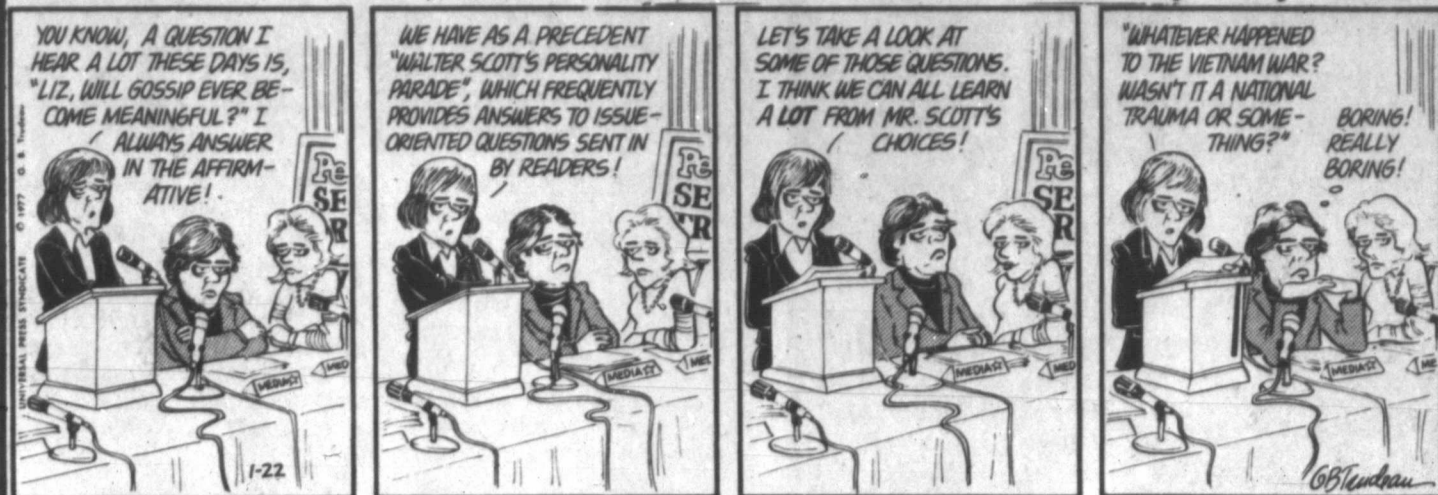
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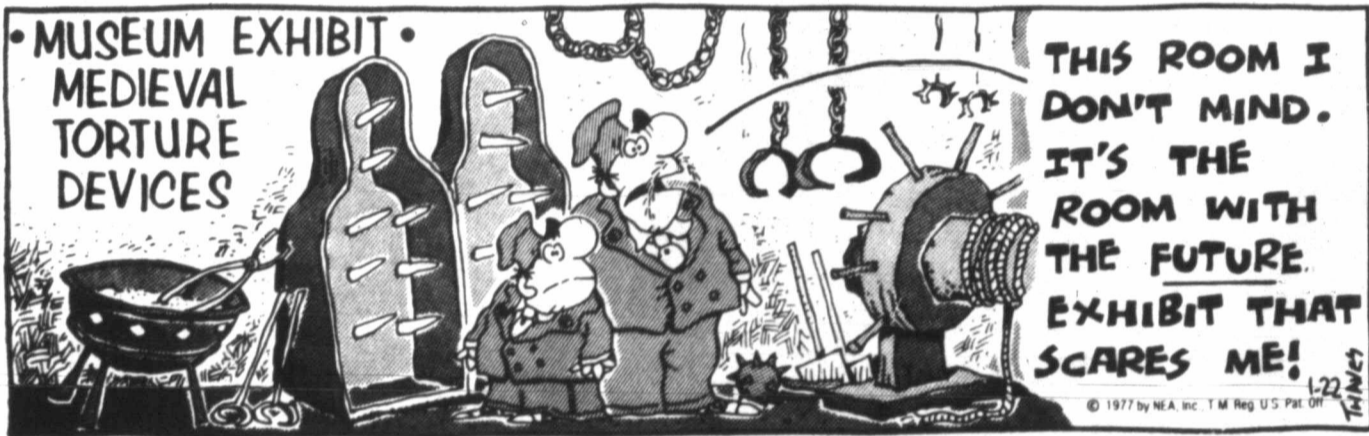
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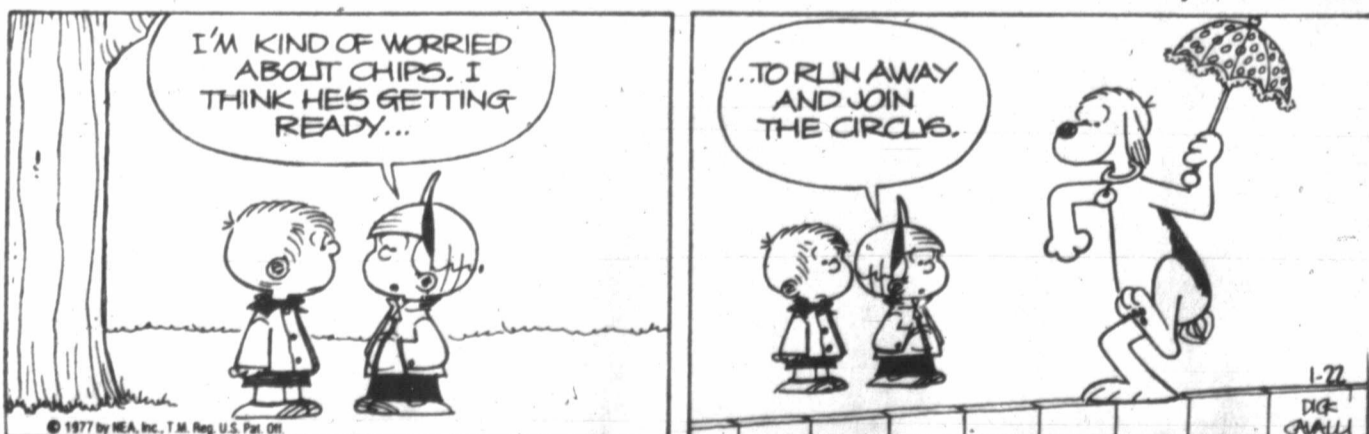
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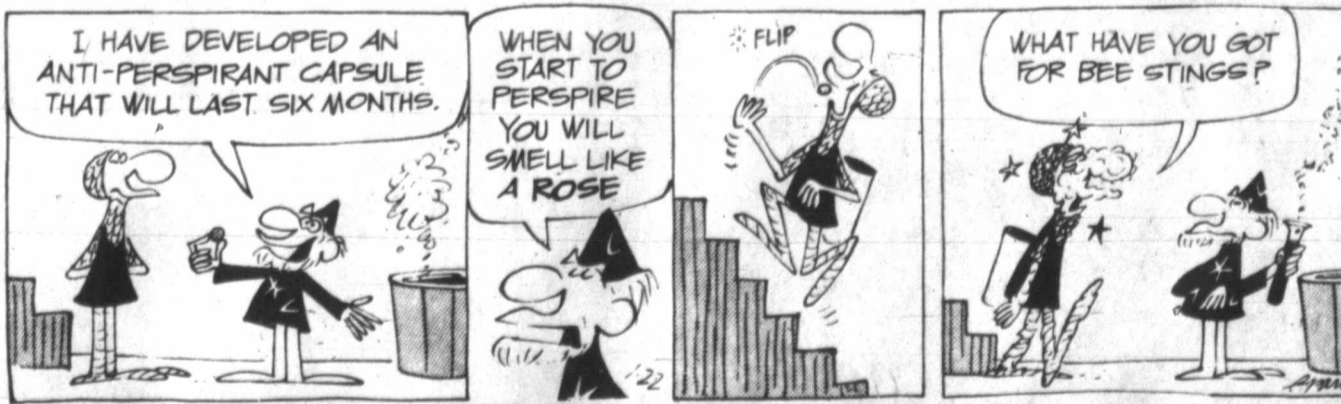
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Crossbreeding results may be predicted

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

Hybrid vigor, one result of crossbreeding, can give beef producers a number of advantages. In some instances, it can result in faster production of quality beef at lower cost.

So the consumer has a real stake in the cattlemen's growing interest in crossbreeding with both domestic and "exotic" or foreign breeds. But the producer needs to know what advantages he can expect when he crosses breed "x" with breed "y."

A major limiting factor in research on beef cattle crossbreeding is the long generation interval (length of time required for breeding and growing out calves). Research scientists of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are seeking ways to predict outcome of different crossbreeding programs.

Dr. Tom Cartwright heads a program for the Experiment Station which uses

computers to simulate actual production and predict outcome.

A mathematical model of a herd is devised, using functions developed in economics, genetics, nutrition, and other areas applicable to cattle production. The model's predictions are then tested against real cattle at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research Center at McGregor.

"In this way, the bits and pieces of isolated scientific information can be useful to the producers," says Cartwright.

The production of beef cattle is subject to many rapidly changing conditions. The cost of feed, price of fed beef, growth patterns of different breeds, efficiency in converting feed to usable meat, and availability of foodstuffs are some of the influences on beef cattle production. Production decisions, which previously were based on educated guesses, can now be based on computer simulation of actual production.

Dr. Cartwright and his co-workers have developed a mathematical model for computer simulation of reproductive performance of cows and heifers. The effects considered in the model are age, weight, weight gain, mature size potential, lactation (milk production) status, and time since last calving.

All of these effects in the model interact with past or present nutritional levels and genotype (breeding) for size, which includes potential for rates of gain and maturing. The model was validated by comparisons with research results and was found to correspond

USDA plan for predators coyotes on 'the pill'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plan by the Agriculture Department to increase research on predator control includes projects to repel coyotes from livestock areas and to see if they might be limited through birth control.

The department's Agricultural Research Service said that scientists at the U.S. Range Sheep Research Station in Dubois, Idaho, are testing chemicals which "show repellent properties" and that others in College Station, Tex., have developed one from bitterweed, which is promising.

At the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Neb., scientists are looking into

closely in all cases tested.

Simulation results indicated large differences in conception rates due to past and/or present nutrition and nutritional requirements. These results emphasize the reproductive performance which can be achieved by attention to the different nutritional requirements of cows and heifers due to their age and weight, and lactation and growth requirements.

The lifetime nutrition of a cow or heifer in relation to her past and potential production level is important. The nutritional requirements for milk production

and growth, especially in young cows and heifers, interact with the quantity and quality of past nutrition and presently available nutrients to affect the age or

time since calving at which they will conceive.

Cartwright feels that the time has arrived for a greater interest in input-output relationships and the intercon-

necting components of production systems. There is a need for a systematic, objective method for exam-

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Ag agent offers advice on supplemental feeding

By JOE VANZANDT
County Extension Agent

As we are in the grips of a dry, severe winter, I have had several questions about cattle rations. The following summarizes a practical approach to supplemental feeding of beef cows.

1. Feed an 8-12 per cent phosphorus supplement with similar calcium content, free choice year round.

2. Inject or feed vitamin A if in doubt.

3. Always feed enough protein to maintain a 6 per cent plus protein ration for maintenance of rumen function and feed intake. Additional protein will be needed for some production situations. When in doubt about the amount and type of supplement to feed with low quality forage, feed a dry pregnant cow 4 lb. of actual supplemental crude protein or the equivalent of 1 lb. of a 40 per cent protein supplement and a lactating cow 8 lb. of actual crude protein or the equivalent of 2 lb. of a 40 per cent protein supplement.

4. The use cow condition or fatness as a guide to additional feeding. Loss of weight or condition suggests more energy, and thus pounds of supplement, is needed. The protein content can be decreased in proportion to the increased level of supplemental feeding.

For stocker cattle the weight and expected daily gain will cause the requirements to change considerably. Also, the availability of pasture and feed require nearly every situation to be considered on an individual basis for stocker cattle.

If you need assistance in calculating a supplemental feeding program for your cattle, come by the Extension office.

Pruning season is here. Most plants are best pruned during their dormant season, so here are some important rules you'll want to remember:

Have a purpose for your pruning. Trimming a plant just to be trimming can be detrimental.

Prune at the correct season.

Spring flowering plants such as azaleas, forsythia, bridal wreath, pyracantha, quince and Carolina jasmine flower on old growth produced last year. Prune these after they've flowered.

Most other trees and shrubs should be pruned now. Hybrid tea roses should be pruned before early March, the climbers after they have flowered.

Use the proper tools. For small pruning jobs use hand shears. For limbs over one-half inch in diameter, you'd best use lopping shears, and for limbs over one inch thick, use a pruning saw. For heavy jobs you'll probably want to rent a chain saw. For tall jobs pole saws and pruners are available.

Don't top your trees. Not only does it ruin a tree's natural shape and beauty, but it exposes the tree to insect, disease and sun-scald.

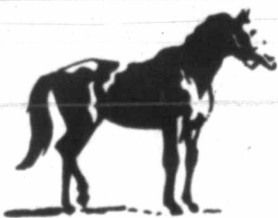
Be skeptical of door-to-door tree pruners unless they can provide local references and have a local address. Check references before hiring. Good pruning techniques are important.

Always make cuts flush with the trunk or remaining limb. Stubs are slow to heal over and

invite disease and decay. If you're pruning a large limb that could peel the bark away from the trunk as it falls, make a shallow cut underneath first, then cut down from above.

Always seal wounds over one-half inch in diameter with pruning paint. These asphalt-based materials dry hard and help to prevent insect and disease entry.

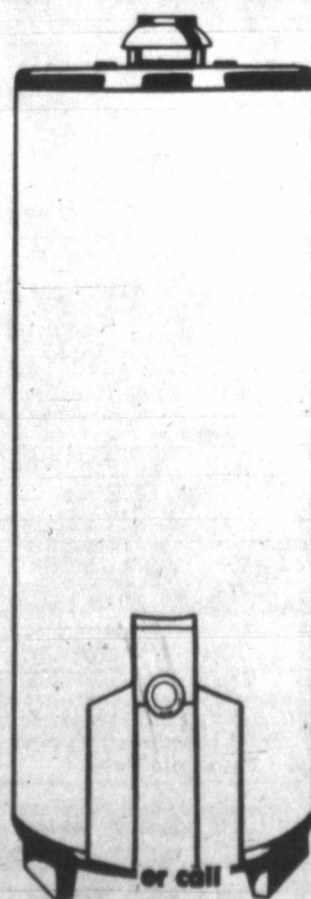
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Bullish on railroads

Western lines lead new boom

By NEA/London Economist News Service
NEW YORK — (LENS) — Are railway companies glamor stocks? Foreigners investing in the New York Stock Exchange often consider the question absurd. They are wrong.

Railways have pulled the Dow Jones transportation average up to a 12-month-high despite the low-flying performance in this index of airline stocks. The airlines have been so hurt by higher fuel prices, competition from charters and talk in Congress of deregulation that some brokers (among them Kuhn, Loeb and Oppenheimer) have removed them from their recommended purchase lists.

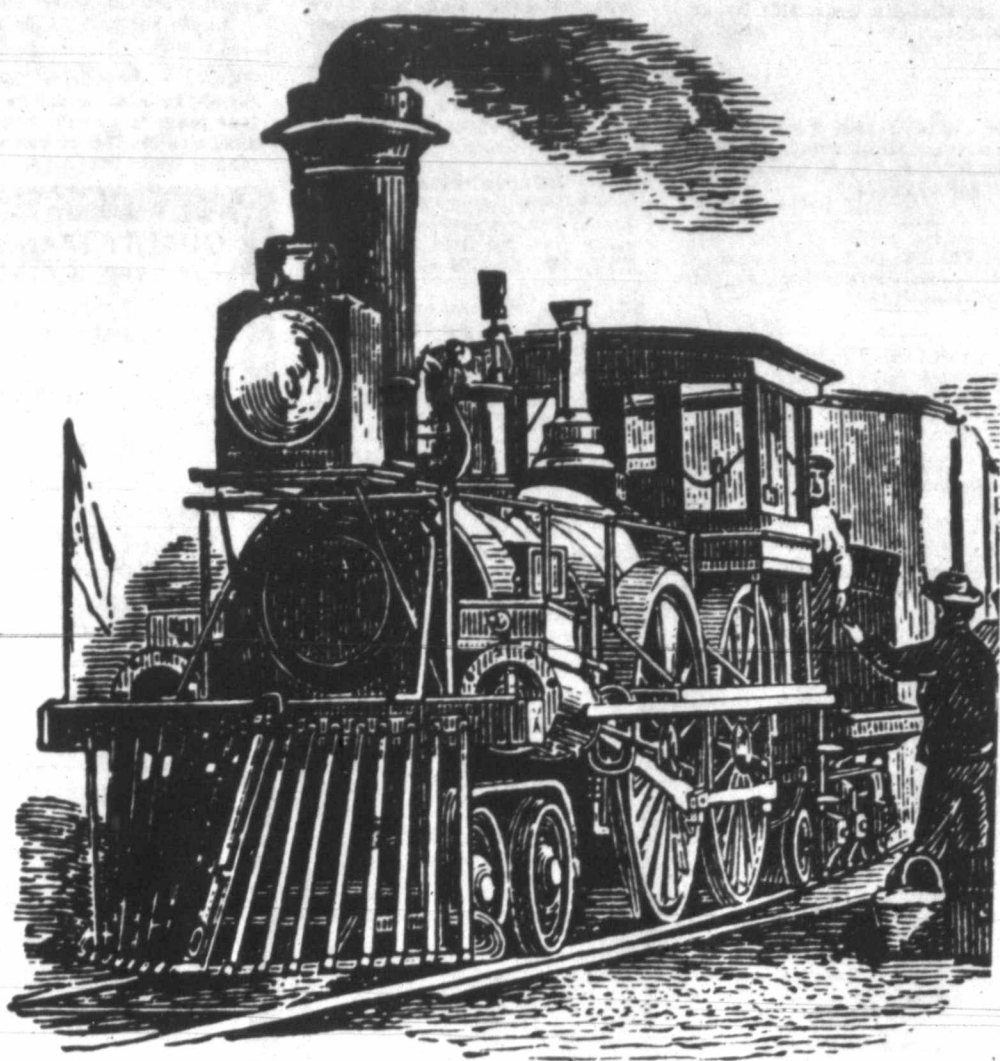
Yet European investors still feel disoriented when they are advised to buy the shares of American railways, or those of public utilities or broadcasting companies.

Most Europeans associate railways with the loss-making public sector. The way in which six northeastern American railway companies, including the once proud Penn Central, have gone from the bankruptcy courts into the Consolidated Rail Corporation, a government subsidized concern, has helped confirm their prejudices.

American brokers disagree. On their recommendation share buyers have, over the past year, pushed the price of Santa Fe Industries (which owns the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway) up from \$31 to \$38, Burlington Northern from \$34 to \$43, Union Pacific from \$78 to \$101, and St. Louis-San Francisco from \$24 to \$41.

The Dow Jones utility average ended 1976 at the year's high. As public utilities are often purchased mainly for their yield, the recent spectacular firming of bond prices has helped their share prices.

So has the recent willingness of rate commissions to grant them liberal



price increases. Railways are arguably a less cyclical, more attractive, longer-term investment than most other shares. Some of the rail companies are rated attractive by, among others, Merrill Lynch (which likes Burlington Northern, Santa Fe and Chessie System) and by Janney Montgomery Scott (Seaboard Coast Line, Burlington Northern, and Norfolk and Western).

The outlook for the next 12 months or so is made smoky by the risk of strikes in the coal industry, the railways' biggest customer.

The United Mine Workers Union is to hold what promises to be a turbulent presidential election in June. This could provoke industrial unrest. So could negotiations on new labor contracts for both coal and railway workers

to replace those that run out at the end of 1977. Railways also have the disadvantages of being both capital-intensive and labor-intensive, and of competing against truckers (road haulage companies) who have their highways paid for by government while the railways have to lay, maintain and repair their own track.

Railway rates are still generally lower than those charged by their competitors, but they are criticized for an unreliable delivery record. Shippers have, as a result, continued to switch freight from rail to road, except for the most bulky or heavy commodities, such as grain and coal.

Nevertheless, respected share analysts continue to rate some of the railway companies, especially those

operating west of the Mississippi, as a sound investment over the long haul. Why? OPEC is one answer. Higher oil prices, plus jitters over nuclear power, have persuaded Jimmy Carter that America ought to rely more on its vast coal reserve. This means more business for the railways that haul it.

More important, the western railways were granted, and also purchased, vast tracts of land when the West was opened during the 19th century. This land contains a lot of timber, coal, oil and the other treasure. Santa Fe, for example, can cover its dividend even without its railway earnings.

Violence high in Texas

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — One out of 24 adult Texans was a victim of violent crime in 1975, according to estimates prepared by a branch of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Statistical Analysis Center made its estimates on the basis of a random sampling of 1,000 persons, whose names were obtained from the computerized file of drivers' licenses maintained by the DPS.

It found one out of six Texans age 16 and over was the victim of some kind of crime during 1975.

Males, youth and ethnic minorities all had above average risks of being victims of crime," the report said.

The victims of violent crime tended to be from low income groups while the property crime victims tended to be

from higher income groups. A third of the victims expected to be victims again in 1976. The crime they most anticipated was burglary of their homes.

The criminals were young, the victims recalled—32 per cent under 18 and 48 per cent between the ages of 18 and 25.

Projections made from the data indicated property crime cost Texans \$850 million in 1975, or \$98 per adult Texan.

"The public favors the idea of compensation of the victim, especially by the offenders. The public favors increasing the allocation of financial and personnel resources to juvenile offenders," the study showed.

It found that 45 per cent of all crime victims had sustained thefts, while 29 per cent had been burglarized.

Of the victims of violent crime, four-tenths of 1 per cent said they had been raped, 2.2 per cent had been assaulted with a weapon and 5.6 had been assaulted with fists.

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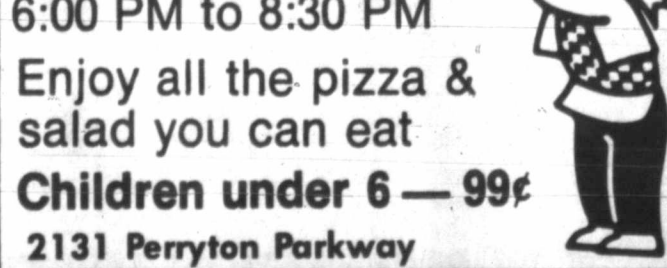
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Mob leader convicted

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Gerald Ellender, the first person convicted in connection with labor violence that left one person dead in Lake Charles a year ago, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The sentencing of Ellender came Thursday, just five days after the anniversary of a Jan. 15, 1976, mob attack at the Jupiter Chemical Co.

Ellender's lawyers said he will appeal. The trial of another accused in connection with the Jupiter incident — Donald Lovett — begins Monday at Gretna.

Ellender was convicted in October of aggravated criminal damage to property, and faced a possible 15 years.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge William G. Swift Jr. said the evidence had convinced him that Ellender knew of plans for

violence against members of the small, independent union manning the construction site.

Witnesses at the trial characterized Ellender, a past president of Pipefitters Local 106, as field commander of the mob that used a forklift to break down the plant gates and then shot up the site.

Judge Swift allowed Ellender to remain free on bond and gave him until March 21 to appeal.

Last week Swift had denied Ellender's motion for a new trial. Lawyers for Ellender argued unsuccessfully at a hearing before Swift that the state's star witness, John H. Jensen Jr., had lied.

Although 21 persons were charged after the Jupiter incident, Ellender is only one convicted so far and the first to be sentenced.

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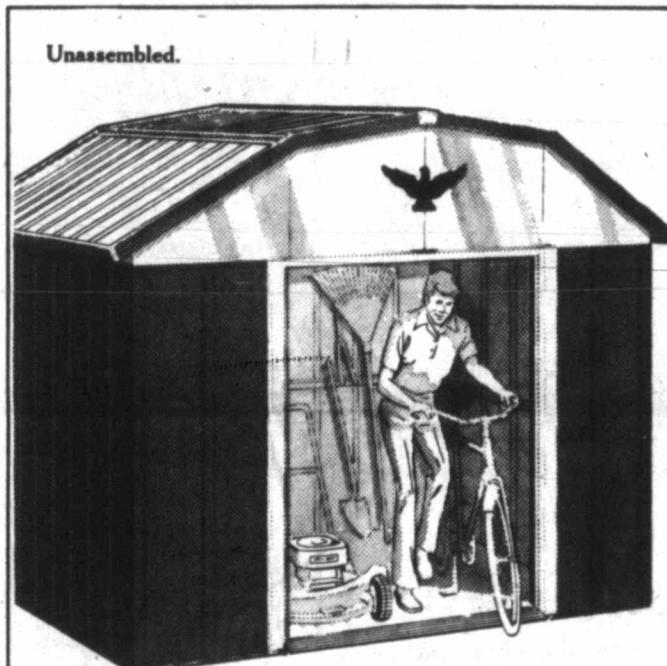


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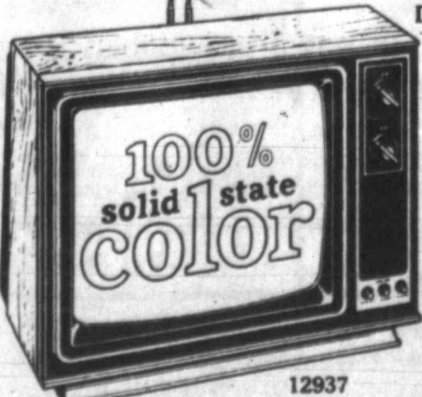
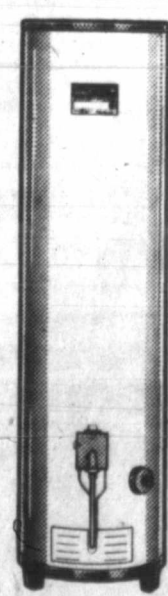
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