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Thrill of sea captures young imagination

By DON HARRISON
Associated Press Writer
KILGORE, Texas (AP) — As a boy, John Herrmann haunted the Galveston docks and watched in awe as the "tall ships" were towed out to sea.

The stocky 13-year-old never dreamed he would some day sail home on one and show the world a wondrous, white wasteland that 40 years later still laughs at man's puny attempts to tame it.

Herrmann, now 55, and his camera were the eyes of a thrilled nation during the second expedition to Antarctica in 1933. The Paramount film "Little America" is his anthology of the 56-man party that endured 16 months on the ice.

"A lot of the things I dreamed about as a kid came true," he said. "I sailed out of Antarctica on a tall ship, Ben round the world, 15 times across the Atlantic, three times across the Pacific."

The bearded band of explorers led by Admiral Richard Byrd returned home to a hero's welcome in 1935. Congress decorated the men with specially cast silver medals.

Herrmann gave the medal and tattered American and Texas flags to a relative. He's content with the memories and the pleasure of relating his ex-

periences periodically to classes at Kilgore Junior College.

His treasured newspaper photos show a ruggedly handsome man swathed in furs, smiling, obviously happy with his lot. But time and the physical strain of a thousand adventures chasing the news of his day have taken their toll.

He walks with steel crutches now — "my sticks" as he calls them. The body is heavier, the hair thinner.

His career is a study in yesterday's headlines. But there were moments when the news pace slowed down and his ingenuity was tested, sometimes with prophetic results.

"In the newsreels, there was never enough news. So we had to have what we called fillers, little feature stories. I was up in Seattle filming with a public relations man at Boeing. Airliners then were just those little eight-seat jobs," he said.

"So I got this guy and said, 'Listen. Let's film a girl serving sandwiches on a plane for a little story. We did. The story hit the newsreels and, well..."

Herrmann's ability to spot a story within a story earned him a place on Byrd's expedition. The admiral had been preparing for three years for the

trip. The "gypsy cameraman" had six days.

The freighter Jacob Rupert left Newport News, Va. and steamed through the Panama Canal over to Easter Island and finally docked in Wellington, New Zealand. On Dec. 12, 1933, they left for the South Pole. It was Herrmann's 41st birthday.

Byrd and his crew sailed south into another world; a dazzling white land of invisible horizons and icebergs the size of mountains.

When the ship could go no further, the men unloaded "everything from needles to airplanes" and trudged 12 miles across the frozen plain to the site of Byrd's first camp in 1929. Portable wooden shacks

were erected and quickly buried by the hurricane-force winds and snow.

The Little Americans crawled inside and the four-month-long night of Antarctica settled around them like an icy shroud.

Outside, the temperature ranged from a "heat wave" of 32 degrees to minus 78. In the shacks, it wasn't much better. "The variation from floor to ceiling was about 70 degrees," said Herrmann. "So you would be sitting there in your fur pants and be stripped to the waist."

Baths were something usually taken only after a voting majority of the "Gray Underwear Club" deemed it necessary for mutual survival. Herrmann had five in a year "and shivered for three weeks afterward because

I washed all the body oil off."

No one was killed on the expedition, but Herrmann almost ruined the record. He ventured out one day alone in violation of camp rules.

"I got lost and tried to follow the damned sun but it was just going around and around overhead," he said waving his arms. "Finally, I saw the radio towers at Little America but I was all in when I got back."

The dangers, however, were secondary to the job at hand and the beauty of their brand new world. Herrmann said he and his comrades all but ignored the mighty "Bear of Oakland" when she arrived to take them home. He simply shrugs when asked why.

"I believe it was five or six hours before any of us went

down to see it," he said. "We didn't give a damn whether we came out or not. I don't really know why. Money was no good to us there. It was a barter system. We had been there so long we got used to it. There's a fascination about the ice."

Herrmann shot 120,000 feet of film from which the movie was made. Six weeks after his return, he was off again, assigned to film the Pacific Fleet on maneuvers. He left Paramount in 1942 and hired out as a cameraman to various film crews until a forgotten hip injury re-

ceived when he fell through a snow bridge in Antarctica stopped him.

The ex-Navy middleweight opened a commercial studio in New Orleans in 1960 and stayed

out for almost 20 years. His wife, Frances, died 16 years ago and he finally closed his shop and came to Texas to live with his sister.

Looking back on a career of

most 40 years, he said there is little he would do differently.

"My orders always were to go ahead and get your story," he said, "because it don't happen twice."

UH loses credit rating

HOUSTON (AP)—A state securities official says the loss of ratings by a private investor service makes University of Houston revenue bonds, in effect, unmarketable.

Moody's Investor Service suspended the ratings as the university continued an investigation of its short-term investments program.

While saying they had not discovered any illegalities, university officials announced the investigation Nov. 29 along with the firing of a financial analyst.

Frank Arnold, State Securities Board deputy commissioner, said Commissioner Richard Latham was told of Moody's suspension Thursday.

"Due to the wide publicity

surrounding the investigation of the University of Houston's short-term investments, Commissioner Latham advised all prospective buyers and sellers of UH revenue bonds to consult their securities dealer prior to transactions in such securities," Arnold said.

Securities dealers, he said, "are cautioned to be diligent in making full disclosure to prospective purchasers."

Arnold said the suspension affects only the secondary bond market and those persons who bought bonds and wish to sell to another investor.

Suspension of a rating is uncommon, Arnold said, adding the normal procedure involves

the lowering of a rating.

"But with so many uncertainties facing them, Moody's took this action," he said.

Moody's had rated most of the university bonds A or A-1.

A spokesman for another rating firm, Standard & Poor's, said Friday they were aware of the investigation and have asked university officials for additional information.

Standard & Poor's has given most of the revenue bonds A and AA ratings.

In addition to the state board, the U. S. Securities & Exchange Commission also is participating in the investigation.

"We have found no evidence of fraud, but if fraud or mani-

pulation of the market is found, the securities commission should have jurisdiction in the matter," Arnold said.

It was revealed Thursday there had been at one time a \$17 million university overdraft at the First City National Bank.

In a prepared statement, the bank said any overdrafts "were properly authorized by responsible financial officials of the university and have since been fully paid."

"The bank has sustained no loss as a result of any of these transactions and still enjoys a satisfactory customer relationship with the university," the statement said, adding that the bank is cooperating fully with appropriate regulatory authorities.

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Halfway house scrutinized

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state district judge has placed a halfway house for former state mental patients in receivership and ordered the operator and staff to keep their hands off the financial records, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

The newspaper said in a front-page copyrighted story that the unregulated Bellaire House was occupied by more than 40 former mental patients.

The paper reported Monday in another copyrighted story that the house was overcrowded, filthy and had poor food. The story also questioned

the handling of the residents' money at the house, which is run by Mildred Brayton, 62, a widow.

The paper said police and district attorney's investigators found more than \$7,500 in small bills at the house Thursday. The paper had reported that Mrs. Brayton recently bought a \$12,000 Cadillac and an \$8,000 Chevrolet station wagon and paid cash for them.

A statement from Horace "Buddy" Mills, former driver and counselor at the house, was presented in court to State District Judge Jim Dear, the paper said.

"Under Mrs. Brayton's direction and at her insistence, I

have endorsed the checks of several Bellaire residents," Mills said.

His statement, the paper said, alleges that residents' Social Security, disability, Veterans Administration and relatives' checks were cashed at least three times a month and all of the money delivered to Mrs. Brayton in small bills.

"Generally checks totaling \$3,000 were cashed the first day of each month," Mills said. "On about the third day of each month, Robert Slick (another employee) and I took checks totalling an average of \$1,800 to \$1,900 and chased them and gave the money to Mrs. Brayton."

He said other checks were cashed later in the month and the money turned over to Mrs. Brayton, the paper said.

It added that Mills said if the patients disagreed with Mrs. Brayton "or get out of line or ask about their money," she would threaten to send them back to the Austin State Hospital.

According to the paper, Mills said he was afraid of Mrs. Brayton and was leaving. Her attorney said Mills had been admitted to the state hospital at Wichita Falls.

The paper said it had withheld for nearly a month a three-part series on the dumping of former mental patients by the state in unregulated halfway houses, while law officers probed the situation at Bellaire House.

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The original site was Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Coe had a 7-2 lead at halftime when a terrific electrical storm hit the area. After a long delay, coaches and officials agreed to resume the game the following day at the same place. But seven inches of rain made that impossible.

The game was transferred to Iowa City and Kinnick Stadium. Wartburg outscored Coe there, 8-0, to claim the final victory, 10-7.

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LULAC forms unit to monitor trials

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The League of United Latin Americans Citizens (LULAC) announced Friday the formation of a unit intended to monitor the administration of justice in matters involving civil rights.

State director Ruben Bonilla and LULAC legal counsel Ruben Sandoval said the purpose of the new organization will be to "centralize the efforts being made in cases being brought to the attention of federal prosecutors."

LULAC's efforts in recent months have resulted in the reopening for possible federal charges of cases involving Mexican-Americans and state law enforcement agencies. The most notable cases were those of Joe Campos Torres in Houston and young Santos Rodriguez of Dallas.

Campos Torres died while in police custody. His body was found in Buffalo Bayou. Four police officers were tried in state court and received a probation one-year sentence.

The Department of Justice, however, has filed federal charges for violation of civil rights and the former policemen are awaiting trial.

Rodriguez, 12, was shot handcuffed in a police car in 1973 while he was being questioned by a police officer in connection

with an alleged robbery. The officer received a five-year sentence.

LULAC is also seeking federal investigations in connection with the death last year of Juan Zuniga who reportedly suffered fatal injuries while in the Sierra Blanca County jail. No indictments were returned.

The organization also led the fight for prosecution of former Castroville town marshal Frank Hayes in connection with the fatal shooting of Richard Morales, a robbery suspect. Hayes received a life sentence.

Sandoval said LULAC also favors the establishment of state legislation dealing with civil rights in the felony category.

"We have to to the federal government because it is our only recourse and because the federal government has been responsive under Carter," he said. "But we would rather have local remedies."

Bonilla said the new unit would have the help of attorneys throughout the state.

"We will screen the cases," he said. "We will be careful. This is not anti-police. We are advocates of law and order, but in these cases there was no law from the persons that were supposed to uphold it. Minorities have been given no credibility when they allege police brutality."



Holiday customs survive

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — The Grand Illumination of the City on Dec. 16 marks the official opening of the annual Christmas fortnight at Williamsburg, which keeps Christmas with traditional customs from the days when this small city was the 18th-century capital of the Colony of Virginia.

The festive program starts with a cannon blast at one end of the old Duke of Gloucester Street, echoed by a second cannon midway along the street and by a third near the other end. Musket volleys follow, and the fifes and drums strike up a lively tune.

"For the residents of the Historic Area, this is the signal to light the candles in all their windows — a tradition known as the white lighting," says Richard B. Seasons, director of special events for Colonial Williamsburg.

Singing, dancing and music continue at various places along the Duke of Gloucester Street for about an hour as part of the opening ceremony.

"Each night thereafter," Seasons says, "the candles are lighted in the windows without ceremony until New Year's and they give Williamsburg that special glow at the holiday season that has delighted thousands of visitors each year."

Burning cressets provide light in the yard of the College of William and Mary and on the Palace Green, and candle-light tours are given through the 18th-century buildings, as well as at the Capitol and Carter's Grove Plantation.

All down Duke of Gloucester Street residents decorate their doorways by combining the natural materials found in the area with designs appropriate to the period, Seasons says. Swags and wreaths adorn the Governor's Palace, and the 40 exhibition buildings and shops are all decorated.

At the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center the famous doll house and a traditional Christmas tree are decorated with handmade ornaments.

Feasting was an important part of the holiday season in early times and Colonial Williamsburg's restaurants fulfill the tradition with special menus, Seasons notes. Hotels have holiday receptions, recitals and caroling, and the old

English custom of finding and burning the Yule log has been revived.

Family members and friends often gathered for impromptu concerts in the 18th century, for music was a favorite pastime, Seasons says. Today, professional musicians wearing period costumes perform each night during the season, playing early-day music on harpsichords, fifes and drums, organ, lutes, violas da gamba and even a bagpipe. Carolers and balladeers sing throughout the season.

Christmas Day, celebrated as the highest of holy days in the 18th century, is still kept in quiet dignity in Williamsburg today," says Seasons, who notes that the 200-year-old bell at Bruton Parish Church rings now, as it did then, summoning residents and visitors to services.

There are holiday films and limited Christmas Day tours of the historic buildings during the day which closes, again at Bruton, with a Christmas organ recital.

Games and contests popular with colonial children are recreated in the garden of the

Governor's Palace during the fortnight. These include hoop rolling, sack races, pie-eating contests, climbing a greased pole, quoits, horseshoe pitching, penny-pitching and dances.

"Present-day children can learn 18th-century dances if they wish and chances are they will not be able to resist marching along with the fife and drum corps or finding out what it's like to race downhill rolling inside a barrel," Seasons says.

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Tiny tots talk turkey

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Looking for a new way to prepare the traditional Christmas bird? Gainesville Times writer Barbara Matthews talked turkey with some children she found shopping with their parents in local supermarkets.

Here are some of their recipes:

"First, I'd get it and put in the sink and pull out the stuff in the middle," said Eddie Martin, 8. "I'd put it in a pan and cook it for one hour and take it out and put the stuff I pulled from the middle on top of it."

Suggested 6-year-old Amy Jackson: "You put it in the oven. When it's finished cooking, a thing pops out of the turkey and that's all."

"I'd make my turkey with lemon, flour and sugar," chimed in her brother, Josh, 4. The children varied widely in

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Sadat prays for summit success

By NICHOLAS B. TATRO
Associated Press Writer
ISMAILIA, Egypt (AP) — President Anwar Sadat prayed Friday for the success of his Christmas summit with Menachem Begin and indicated he expects extensive Israeli withdrawals from occupied Arab lands.

Israel Television reported, meanwhile, that Begin will propose a joint Israeli-Jordanian-Palestinian council to administer the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip. The plan would leave open for five years the question of sovereignty over the region.

High-level Egyptian officials say the Israeli prime minister is bringing a peace plan here significantly more flexible than

he has outlined in public. An Israeli legislator briefed by Begin Friday said Israel would be offering "heavy concessions" for peace.

Sadat prayed at the Moslem Mosque of Healing in this Suez Canal city and chatted with reporters afterward. Speaking of the withdrawals he expects, he said, "For sure, the land occupied after 1967, and this is not a concession from the Israeli side at all. It is our land."

Asked whether the decisive summit with Begin could fall despite growing expectations of progress toward an overall Middle East settlement, Sadat replied:

"Maybe, why not? Maybe, because there is, you see, a most important fact. This is

that we shall be very candid, and we shall be putting everything on the table, at least from my side."

Israel Radio, meanwhile, said Begin might extend his scheduled 6 1/2-hour visit to this Suez Canal city 75 miles northeast of Cairo and remain overnight. The broadcast quoted informed sources in Cairo.

Begin's office would not confirm or deny the report, saying only that the prime minister's schedule was "flexible." Sadat's spokesman, Saad Zuhair Nassar said: "If he (Begin) wants to stay, why not?"

Begin briefed the Israeli parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee in Jerusalem about his still-secret peace proposals. He goes to the sum-

mit with overwhelming support from his cabinet, his Likud Party bloc and its ally in the government coalition, the Democratic Movement for Change.

Israeli sources say Begin's proposals are expected to stimulate progress on the Palestinian issue. A major stumbling block in peace talks has been Arab demands for a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Arabic slogans painted near the buff-colored mosque — the same one Sadat prayed at before departing on his historic Nov. 19-21 trip to Jerusalem — said: "God be with you, prophet of peace."

Judge orders new trial

HOUSTON (AP)—A federal judge formally ordered Friday that the state release Calvin Sellars from prison or begin proceedings for a new trial within 45 days.

U. S. District Judge Finis Cowan said a confession attributed to Sellars and introduced into evidence in his 1965 trial would have been thrown out of court if the trial judge had known two Houston police officers had perjured themselves.

Sellars received a death sentence upon conviction on charges of having participated in the 1964 torture-robbery of Mair J. Scheppa, a wealthy Houston tobacco and candy merchant, and Mrs. Scheppa. The sentence was commuted to 99 years in prison in 1972.

Cowan announced his ruling last week and said he would release his written opinion within

seven days.
The opinion said the then-State District Judge John Onion allowed the confession into evidence only because of perjured testimony by Robert Schaller and J. E. Hodges, who were then Houston policemen. Onion is now a judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

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'Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a ...'



Norman Rockwell's Santa

By PATTI HOAG
Pampa News Staff

The News managed to intercept a few letters to Santa again this year before forwarding them to the North Pole.

The youngsters began each letter wishing Santa a Merry Christmas, and then got down to business letting Santa know what they would like to find under the tree this year.

RaNita Barnett sent in a long list of what she would like, and ended with "I know the list is long, so just do the best you can."

The first paragraph of each letter was devoted to the year's behavior. Gina Barnett was not too sure how good she had been, so she just said "I'll try to do better next year."

Valerie Anderson said of her behavior, "I am trying to be nice."

Sherman P. didn't waste any paper writing his letter. He said all he wanted to say in one sentence, one long sentence.

"I love you and I want a skateboard and a minibike and a nether watch and a six million dollar man and a SWAT team truck and a real TV and a racing set and a stayplir and a long

ranger and tonoe."

One rare letter came from Shandon who didn't even mention what he wanted for Christmas.

He wrote, "I have been a good boy. I love you very much. I wist I could pet roudouff and kiss you. You are the goodest Santa in the world."

Brandon Hahn wrote a letter for him and his brother and sister. He didn't seem to know what they would like, so he listed the same things for them as he listed for himself.

Five year old Benny asked for a new bicycle, and added a plea for "no training wheels please."

The most unusual letter this year came from a dog.

"My name is Francis Elizabeth. "Liz." I cannot write this letter myself because I am a dog. I have been good this year and have obeyed my master most of the time. I would like a new tennis ball because I bit a hole in my last one."

The third graders at Travis Elementary wrote Santa as a class project.

Dedria Hunter had an unusual request for Santa. She asked "that they would clean up Enid, (Okla.) so we could move back."

Trudy Snider asked Santa Clus "to bring a white Christmas for the whole world."

Santa might have a hard time answering the request of Dena Lauderback. She asked "for a better yard."

Leslie of Travis asked "for my sister to not have another operation."

Tammie Holovach told Santa she didn't want anything, except "to do better on my schoolwork."

One ten year old who left his letter unsigned wrote, "Dear Santa Clus, I am ten years old. I have not been to bad and not to good but I hope you bring me what I want and I'll tell you what I want for Christmas Eve. I want a football, skateboard, archery set, trucks, a bike and a sled, also some nuts and fruit."

Stacy and Erin Nelson asked Santa to "please don't forget our friends Kyla and Anna, or our cousins Melanie and Rodney. We love you Santa. There will be a snack waiting for you at our house."

Jason Eric Utzman of Lefors wrote a big thank you letter "for all you brought us last year."

Jeff Jones would like a record player with Elvis Presley records. He asked Santa to bring his brother, Kelly, a Mouse Trap game.

Tammie Barrett and Ann Colwell asked for "a little puppy."

Leslie Wallace asked Santa to please bring me a real live hamster, but most of all bring me a raccoon.

Clint Allen asked for a basketball "and a red bike."

Third graders at Travis want to grow up faster than they are, since Scott Lancaster, Richie Dorman and Norman Howard all want motorcycles.

Bicycles are another popular item this year. James

Thompson, Lori Bridges, Bill Allen and Robbin Kitch listed bikes at the top of their Christmas letters.

Deanna Mogus wrote "I have five wishes. Here they are. Please may I have a baby bunny rabbit and a cage. For my parents I want a new bedroom set. My sister wants a school bag. For the world I want friendly people."

Lawana and Bennette Michelle Brown asked for an oven and dinette set.

Ricky, Shell and Katy Stilwell wrote a joint letter to Santa and included Mrs. Santa in the letter.

Randy asked Santa to bring his father "some new shaving lotion and mom needs a presto burger and a jewelry box."

Tammy Stokes, Courtney Ann Egection, Brenda Tidwell, Ann Colwell, Mica Loyd, Mincy, Kirsty and Beth all asked for the most popular christmas gift this year, dolls.

Children thought big when it came to giving gifts to their parents; requests included a diamond ring for Shawn Watson's mother, a new car for James Thompson's mom and dad, a watch for Norman Howard's father, golf clubs for Scott Lancaster's dad, and a van for Dena Lauderback's family.

Bell says use lights

Fatal traffic accidents this year are running more than 11 percent over 1976, according to Major C.W. Bell, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Based on past holiday experience," he said, "we believe many of the traffic accidents during the holiday will involve either speeding or drinking."

Bell has requested motorists to cooperate "in law

enforcement efforts to hold speed down during the holiday."

He also urged motorists to work with officers to eliminate the threat posed by drunk drivers.

Bell asked that drivers burn their low-beam headlights during daylight hours throughout the holidays as a reminder to others to drive safely "and light the way for a safe holiday in Texas."

Skier hints at another run at it

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jerry Ford was reflecting on retirement the other night, and saying he likes it a lot.

Sometimes, Ford said, he wonders who really won.

Carter did.

And off the platform, Ford sounds a bit more wistful about it. Vail may be more fun than Tehran or New Delhi, but Ford, at 64, is not ready to call it a career.

Not that he's necessarily going to run again; the odds would appear to be heavily against it. But he doesn't say no, just maybe. And whatever happens, he obviously intends to have a lot to say about who does run for the Republican Party in 1980.

"I want a good candidate, and at this stage, I am not going to pass judgment on who is and who isn't." But Ford certainly sounds as though he figures he'd be in the right category if he decided to have another go.

Whatever the glories of retirement, on a presidential, congressional and military pension and other benefits that add up to at least \$102,000 a year, Ford still looks back at what might have been.

He looks at the breaks that could have made him president

by election instead of former president-by-appointment.

"If the election had been a week later ...," he said. "We got some good economic statistics within a week or 10 days after the election."

Then there was his pardon of Richard M. Nixon, his gaffe over Soviet forces in Poland, the damage done by charges of financial impropriety, proven wrong but not until they had loomed over the campaign for two difficult weeks.

And in the end it was so close, so close that it's hard to tell which of a dozen things might have turned the outcome the other way.

Actually, the post-election economic reports weren't all that good. Unemployment was up one-tenth of a point, to 7.9 percent. The wholesale price index went up 6 percent. Consumer prices rose 3 percent, the smallest increase in seven months.

There is an echo of Hubert H. Humphrey, who tried so often and lost so narrowly in 1968, in Ford's look back at the final days of the 1976 campaign.

It is not the analysis of an elder statesman content to retire for good.

Ford said he has logged 200,000 miles, to 23 states, since he left the White House. He ticks off his Republican fundraising missions, says there will be more. "I intend to keep it up, helping candidates particularly in any way I can, without being a candidate myself."

Without being a candidate in 1978, that is. The real campaign comes two years later, when

Carter will be up for re-election.

"I'm certainly not going to make any decision until 1979," said Ford.

Ford is trim, tanned, relaxed and apparently ready to take on Carter economics, energy and other policies in the off-year campaign.

He's at odds with his party's conservatives on the Panama Canal treaty, and as far as he is concerned, if a would-be candidate wants to build a 1980 platform on opposition to that pact, it will be futile.

"If the Republican Party is a one-issue party, such as on the Panama Canal, then the Republican nomination won't be worth anything in 1980," he said.

So he'll be a campaigner if not a candidate, and a speaker, if never a spellbinder. Proposing a \$70 billion tax cut over the next four years, he managed to give a speech that

made his best friends drowsy. It was like a Ford administration reunion Tuesday night, but there were nodding heads around the hotel ballroom by the time his lecture was done.

"I must tell you that being a former president is a most enjoyable experience," Ford said.

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As a matter of fact, I can honestly say that I recommend it to President Carter at the earliest possible date."

By 1980, it may be time for sports more political than skiing. "I'll be too old to ski then," said Ford. "But not too old to be president."

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Council approves fuel plans

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State officials hope they have come up with a plan to alleviate energy shortages and help the less fortunate in the event of a severe winter.

The Texas Energy Advisory Council has approved a 70-page plan to handle winter fuel emergencies.

The plan is a bare-bones set of general guidelines on how various state agencies, and federal agencies, can cooperate.

Detailed guidelines on how the council might help poor people pay their bills, or have them deferred without threat of cutoff, are to be formulated by Jan. 8 by the Department of Community Affairs.

Short of legislation, the council may be limited to urging individual city councils to defer bills for certain customers, as San Antonio did last winter.

The Department of Community Affairs, the railroad commission, the Public Utility Commission and the governor's office will implement the plan.

"In my opinion, we are in better shape to face this winter than we were last year," said Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace, who headed the seven-

member drafting panel of an Emergency Energy Preparedness Committee.

"There are more stored supplies in the Northeast than in 1976."

Wallace said severity of the winter will determine need for large-scale allocations of natural gas, petroleum, electricity and propane from areas of surplus to those of shortages.

"Hopefully, we have the ability to allocate energy from one

section of the state to another," said Wallace. "The government is prepared to do everything it can to alleviate any possible energy shortage."

No curtailments of natural gas supplies to residential customers is contemplated in the plan. Commercial customers are not expected to experience severe problems due to availability of substitute fuels, according to projections.

If weather is colder than nor-

mal, however, large shortages of natural gas could occur in some areas of the country, the planners noted.

High demands for substitute fuels for gas "could strain the capacity of delivery systems and cause local supply problems. Shortages of natural gas could lead to increased demand for coal and deliveries could be inhibited because of transportation difficulties and frozen coal during extreme cold weather."

Among proposals to coordinate work of the agencies in event of severe shortages is the establishment of a center in Austin for exchange of information and monitoring of conditions on an around-the-clock basis.

"You can be sure we are not going to let people freeze while we go through hearings on gas rates," said Wallace.

S&L branch completed

A remodeling project at the Pampa branch of Panhandle Savings and Loan Association has been completed at Hobart and Cook.

Doug Howard, vice president and manager of the branch, said a conference room and office space have been added to the branch and the vault has been expanded. Included in the vault expansion was the addition of safe deposit boxes.

To help celebrate the completion of the remodeling project, all visitors will receive a free art print while the present supply lasts.

The color print, "Katzner's Store," by Texas artist Buck Schiwetz, depicts a rustic rural Texas scene.

Schiwetz is recognized by the Texas Historical Commission for the Preservation of Fine Historical Buildings and the state legislature has honored him with the Artist of the Year award for 1977-78.

Wilton White, president of Panhandle Savings, commented that 1977 has been a good year for the association at all its branches, including Pampa.

Federal insurance plans keep abortion coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government employees relying on federal money for abortions are judged by a different standard than poor women who need help for the same treatment.

Congress approved restrictions earlier this month on when Medicaid funds can be used for abortions. They call for federal payments only when a woman might die because of a pregnancy or when two physicians certify that she would suffer serious, long-lasting physical damage because of a pregnancy.

Rape or incest victims who promptly report the incidents to authorities also are covered for abortion payments.

But Medicaid is not the only way that government money

is used for the procedure.

Members of Congress themselves are among the 2.8 million active federal employees who can receive indirect federal assistance through subsidized insurance plans should they or their family members choose abortions.

In addition, 10 million active or retired civil servants and their dependents are covered through federally funded insurance programs, on which the government spent \$1.3 billion this year.

The General Accounting Office has ruled that federal employee health programs are not affected by the restrictions.

Another 7.5 million military personnel worldwide are covered through an extensive

health care system, including military hospitals or federal subsidies for private health care.

The Defense Department says military hospitals performed 12,067 abortions between Sept. 1, 1975, and Aug. 31, 1976, while 13,000 abortions were given to military personnel or their dependents in the same period through a private health care system.



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 "Well then, let's quit hangin' around."
 "Arf."

Wind foils suicide attempt

NEW YORK (AP) — An artist jumped from the 80th floor of the Empire State Building in an attempt to kill himself, but landed on a ledge 15 feet below, police said. He then changed his mind and crawled inside.

Officers said Thomas Helms, 27, of Mountain View, Hawaii, leaped from the 80th floor observation deck Thursday night and landed on a three-foot-wide ledge on the 85th floor.

A police officer said winds of 30 miles an hour probably saved the artist's life by blowing him back against the building after he jumped.

Helms lay stunned on the ledge about half an hour before he managed to open a window in the NBC television transmitter room on the 85th floor and crawl inside about 7:15 p.m., police said.

He was ordered held for psychiatric examination.

Helms, who told police he had been New York for about a week with little money and had been sleeping on subways, said he entered the 102-story skyscraper around 3:30 p.m.

After wandering through the building for several hours, he said, he bought a \$1.75 ticket to

the observation deck and went to the 80th floor. He managed somehow to avoid the guards who patrol the floor and scaled the eight-foot steel fence surrounding the deck and jumped at about 6:45 p.m., police said.

NBC console operator William Steckman said: "I couldn't believe it. I felt a tap on my shoulder and turned around and there he was."

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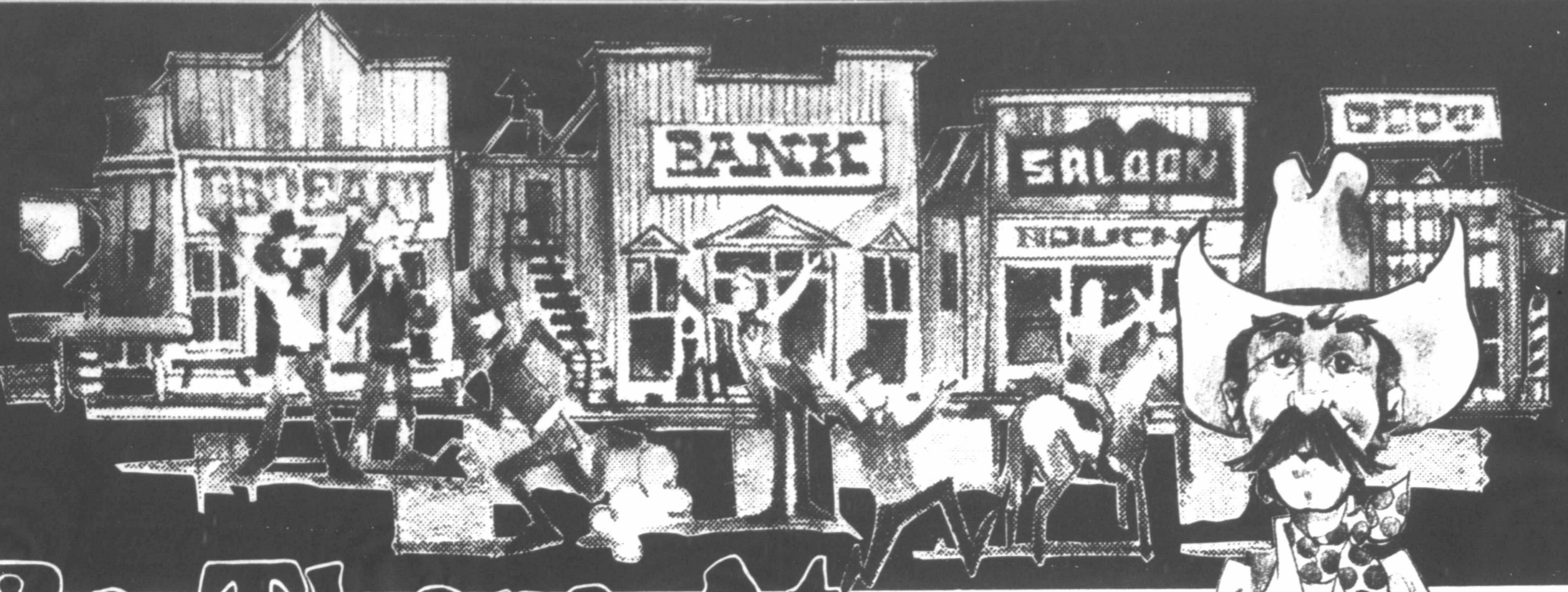
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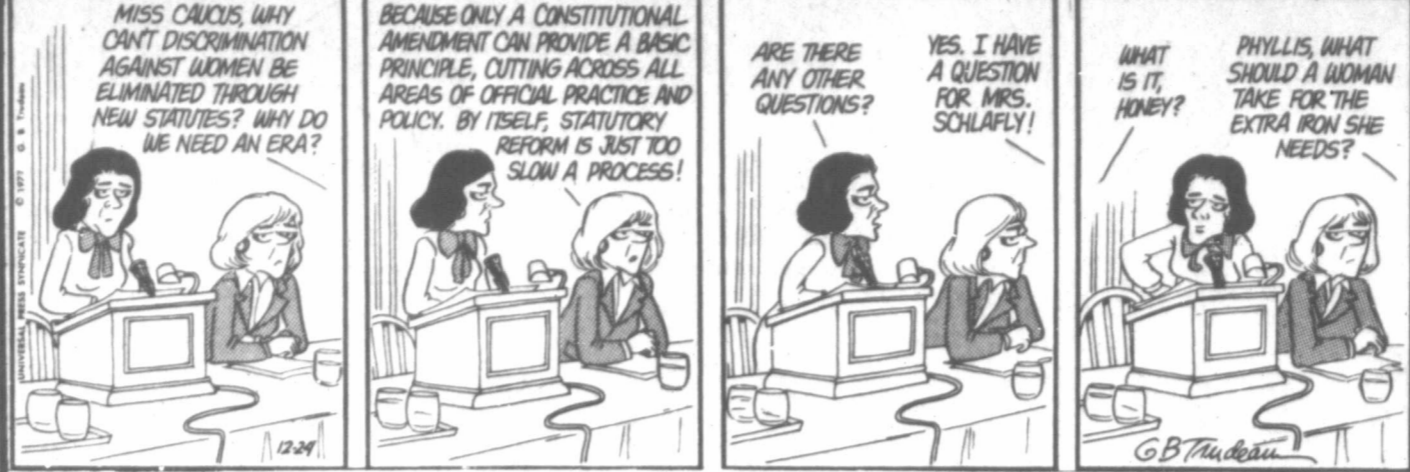
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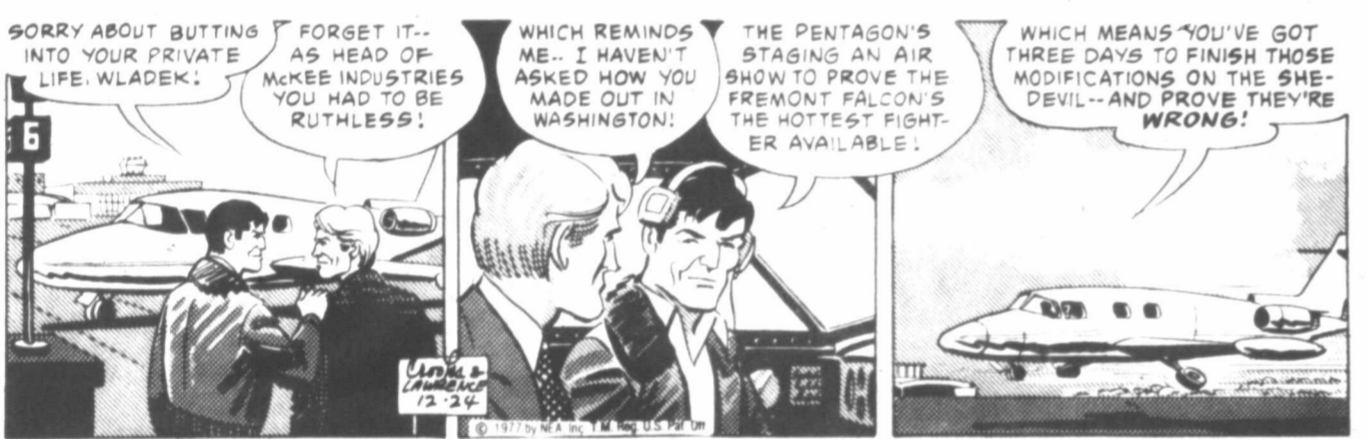
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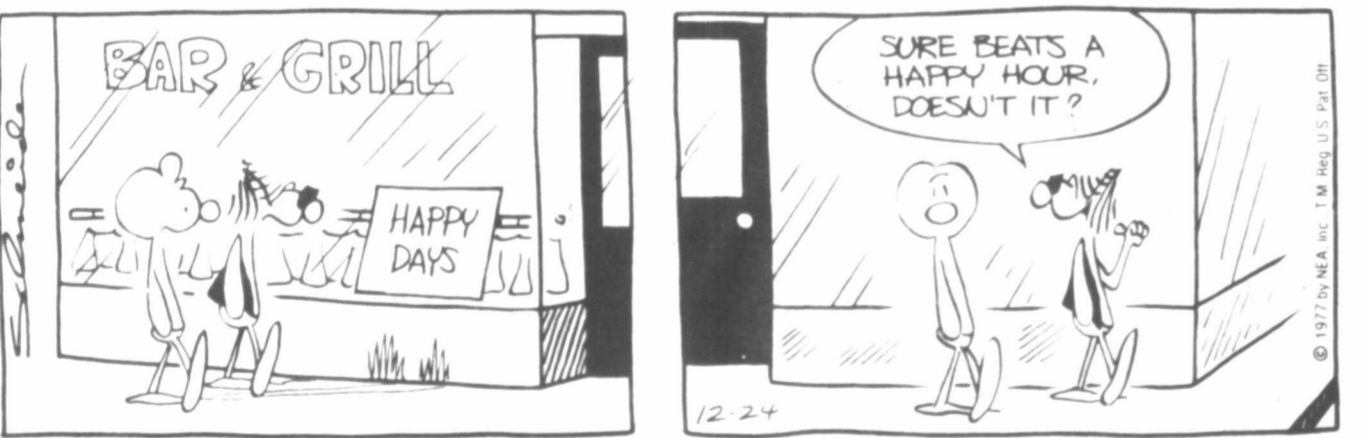
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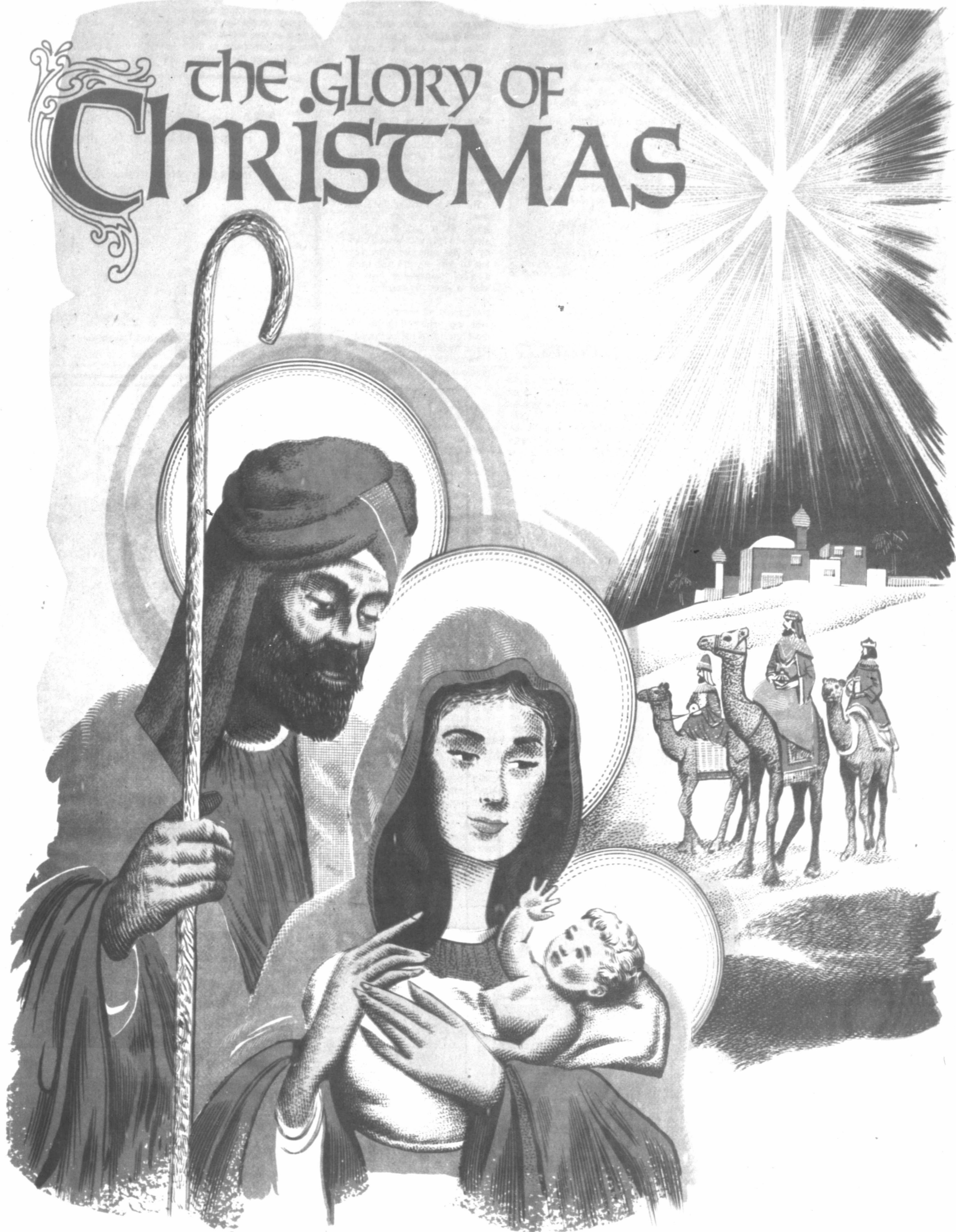
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Advice

Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My mother is in a nursing home. She is 88 and partially senile, but at times she is very sharp. I have brought her new nightgowns, underwear, robes and sweaters, and even had name tapes made and sewn into her clothing. But the next time I visit her, they are nowhere to be found. The last time I was there I looked in her drawer and she didn't even have a change of underwear!

I asked the head nurse what happened to my mother's clothes, and she said she didn't know. I then went to the superintendent and asked her, and she said, "Even the bed sheets disappear around here!"

Abby, either the patients steal from each other or the help steals, but I can't prove anything. What should I do?
HELPLESS

DEAR HELPLESS: Report the nursing home to your State Department of Health and demand an investigation. Nursing homes must meet certain standards in order to be licensed, and none may operate without a license. Reasonable security for the patients and their property must be provided.

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago I had a small dinner party to which I invited my husband's boss, whose wife was out of town.

At the last minute, just to balance my table (and because I felt sorry for her), I invited Juliet, a young friend who had recently lost her husband.

To make a long story short, my husband's boss and Juliet "discovered" each other and a torrid romance developed. Abby, I never dreamed she would look twice at a married man, and I didn't think he was the type to cheat on his wife.

Now the man has left his wife and is seeing Juliet, and I am being blamed for getting these two infidels together. I swear I had nothing of the kind in mind when I invited them to my home. How can I convince the small-minded people in this little town that I am entirely innocent of any wrongdoing?
INNOCENT

DEAR INNOCENT: There is no way to have predicted that your husband's boss would play Romeo to your friend Juliet. Ignore the talk and don't try to establish your innocence.

DEAR ABBY: My niece, who lives in New York, recently married an Italian man and moved to Italy. I was unable to attend the wedding, but I sent them a pair of expensive sterling silver candlesticks.

A friend has now informed me that I imposed a very expensive burden on the young couple because they will have to pay a stiff duty on my gift that may even match the price of the gift! I feel terrible about this, and hope to make it up to the young couple in some other way.

In the meantime, you could do a real service by letting others know about the high duty on gifts sent to Italy—especially since the recipients must pay the duty.

DEAR SAL: I am informed that wedding gifts may be imported to Italy free of customs if the bride is marrying an Italian citizen who, after the ceremony, will reside in Italy permanently.

The wedding gift must be sent to Italy not later than six months after the wedding date. The marriage license and certificate of residence must be shown for exemption.

DEAR ABBY: Friends of ours just had a baby. Neither one of them smokes, but the proud papa felt obligated to pass out cigars to his friends in honor of the occasion.

My husband always accepts cigars from new fathers although he never smokes them.

This seems like such a waste. Do you know of another way of sharing one's joy on the birth of a child?
STUMPED

DEAR STUMPED: I'm stumped, too. But if anyone suggests a suitable alternative, I'll pass it along.

If you feel left out and lonely, or wish you knew how to get people to like you, my new booklet, "How To Be Popular: You're Never Too Young or Too Old," is for you. Send \$1 along with a long, self-addressed, stamped (24 cents) envelope to Abby, 132 Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

Ask Dr. Lamb
Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Recently, my wife went to the diet clinic to lose weight after our baby was born six weeks ago. Three weeks later, she developed acute tetany in the arms, elbows, wrists, fingers, legs, and feet, and her mouth was tetanic with all small muscles of the body contracting. Her tests showed that her calcium was low secondary to hyperventilation. Her body chemistry was changed as a result of the hyperventilation. The doctor did not know what caused the hyperventilation. Can you explain what caused this?

breaths slowly, decreasing the exchange of air. It is NOT advisable to hold one's breath as this may set off powerful reflexes that can cause momentary stopping of the heart, irregularities and fainting.

An old trick is breathing into a brown paper bag; don't use a plastic one. Its effectiveness is disputed, but if it helps decrease the respirations it will help. Of course, when symptoms occur and the person doesn't understand them, the level of anxiety naturally increases and the situation gets worse.

There is no disease that causes this form of hyperventilation. If a person develops acidosis, the respirations may be increased to compensate for the problem, but otherwise you can't really look to some important illness underlying the episode.

Pilots and others suddenly exposed to higher altitude will hyperventilate as a physiological response to the decreased oxygen in the air. Most pilots are trained to recognize this response and to take shallow breaths slowly.

Your wife probably has many reasons for being anxious with a new baby and all that entails, plus trying to get herself back in shape. Reassurance will help, and if she should have such episodes again, then she might profit from some professional counseling. Meanwhile, help her to relax and try to diminish the sources of stress and excess fatigue that she may be experiencing.

To help her with her weight control program, I am sending you The Health Letter number 4-7, Weight Losing Diet. Others who want this plan can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.
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Mrs. Lawrence Benny Wilson Jr.
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Wilson-Casey vows

Miss Cecilia Ann Casey and Lawrence Benny Wilson Jr. were married Dec. 20 in the first Baptist Church of Pampa with Elder Youl Knutson, pastor of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating.

She is the daughter of James M. Casey of Pampa and Mrs. Joan Casey of England. Her husband is the son of L. Benny Wilson Sr.

Special music was presented by Mary Miller, pianist, and Brenda and Sandra Stout, vocalists.

The bride's attendants were Cecelia DeWitt of Garland, Carri Skaggs, Dianna Willis, Jana Norwood and Kristi Carpenter, all of Pampa.

The groom's attendants were Andy Moneyhaws, Bill Browning, De Joiner, Pat Bailey and Kevin Cree, all of Pampa.

For her wedding, the bride chose a formal floor length

chiffon gown with an empire waist and chapel train. The puff sleeves were of organza and had lace cuff.

The reception was in the parlour of the First Baptist Church with Rolanda Brower assisting.

The bride is a graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Your Laundry and Dry Cleaners.

The groom is a graduate of Pampa High School and will attend Midwestern State University in January.

Social Security

Anyone working as a maid, cook, chauffeur, babysitter, butler, gardener and at other household tasks in the house of another, is covered by Social Security if he or she earns \$50 or more in cash in three months from any one employer. The job doesn't have to be regular or full-time. The employee should get a card at the Social Security office and show it to the employer.

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Nantucketers like their winters

By JULES LOH
AP Special Correspondent
NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP) — When winter's rains and rains are over, half a million people will crowd this little island. Now, though, it belongs to the islanders, just 4,000 of them, and they have a secret.

They know, and would just as soon not many others knew, that now is the time when their island is at its most seductive.

Now is the time when tranquility nudges aside gaiety, when the sight of blue chimney smoke rather than white sails gives an even cozier meaning to the phrase snug harbor, when the cobbled streets are vacant and the undulating dunes wear a simple coverlet of snow instead of gaudy bathing towels and the only footprints on the beaches are the chevrons left by gulls.

The old bell tolling the hours from the Unitarian Church spire, as it has since 1815, seems to ring with special clarity in the cold December air; just so does winter's hush allow a more penetrating view of what is generally taken to be a summer resort, an exclusive playground for the well-to-do.

In the winter it is all the more exclusive for being, simply, a home.

Nantucket has always been a precious place to those who live

here all year long, to the whalers of the storied past and the innkeepers of the romantic present.

"The inhabitants," observed one Nantucketer, Obed Macy, who lived here 150 years ago, "generally were attached to their place of nativity and were seldom desirous of leaving it."

He had an observation about the summer people, too, which likewise is as true now as then: "When strangers came to the island, the longer they stayed, the more they were pleased..."

To a Nantucketer, everyone who wasn't literally born here is considered an off-islander. They tell the story of the man who was brought here as a baby and died in his 90s. At his funeral, the preacher praised him as "an honest and upright man, for an off-islander."

That island pride is better understood in the wintertime. In the winter, the island's isolation, 30 miles at sea, becomes less a symbol of escape than a hard fact of life. Last winter the harbor was frozen solid for three weeks so that not even the twice-daily ferry could arrive with supplies.

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Community profile: Lenna Conley She's as young as she feels... and that's young

By PATTI HOAG
Pampa News Staff

"You're as young as you feel" is a popular expression and if it's true, Lenna Conley should be about eight, because at 82, Mrs. Conley has begun taking her first piano lessons.

Mrs. Conley believes that keeping busy keeps you young. She has just retired from the insurance business in September, after working in "every aspect" for 48 years.

Traveling is a big part of Mrs. Conley's life; she's been all over the U.S. and Europe, and hopes to be able to go to Ireland and Spain.

Her favorite spot in all of her travels has been Israel, because "it's different," she said.

"Paris and Rome are just big cities."

Mrs. Conley was born in southern Indiana and attended high school in St. Louis.

She met her husband through her brother's illness. Her brother caught the measles and the house would have to be quarantined, so Mrs. Conley was sent to a boarding house to stay. While there she met Mark Conley and they later eloped.

After they eloped, they went to Mr. Conley's hometown, Fredericktown, Mo., to farm.

"Everyone bought staple foods in barrels in those days; flour, sugar, and lard," Mrs. Conley recalled.

The Conleys have two children, Mildred Prince of Amarillo, who is well known for her cooking and microwave demonstrations around Pampa, and James Conley of Denver. Mrs. Conley is grandmother to six and great-grandmother to seven.

A small town is more to Mrs. Conley's liking than the big city.

"I'd hate to live in Dallas," she said.

Mrs. Conley has never worried about growing old, in fact she "always wanted to have white hair because it's so pretty."

Hobbies take up what little time Mrs. Conley has. She likes to work in the yard planting flowers and digging in the dirt.

Shane, an eight-year-old collie, keeps her company and has run of the house, which is evident by the two chairs and a couch that the spoiled collie has staked out for himself.

One of Mrs. Conley's desires is to move to Mexico for awhile.

"I thought about taking Spanish lessons instead of studying piano but I think I'll take them later," Mrs. Conley said.

Sew new class set for leaders

A weekend workshop following the theme "Sew New for Spring - Summer 1978" will be offered at the Texas 4-H Center near Brownwood on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28 and 29, especially for adult 4-H leaders who assist youth in clothing and sewing projects.

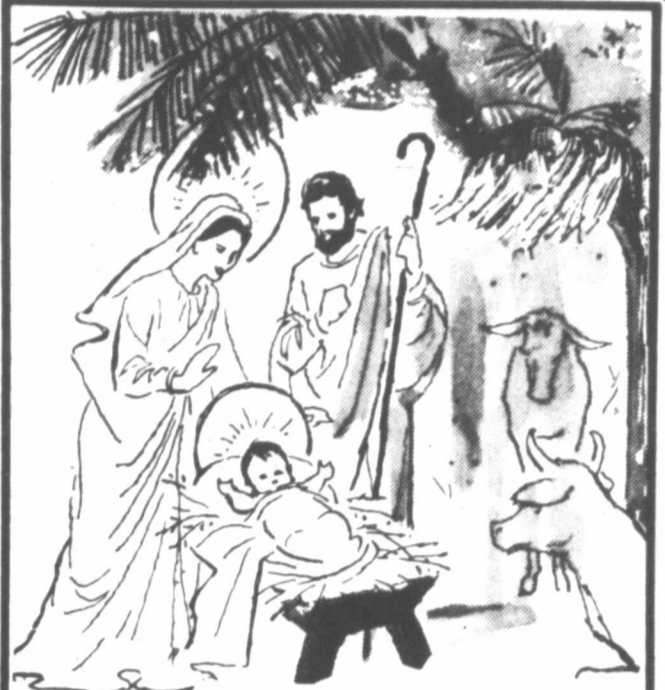
Texas Agricultural Extension Service Area Clothing Specialist Mrs. Becky Culp of Amarillo will lead workshop instruction sessions. She will be assisted by three resource instructors from the Abilene area.

Topics for week-end participants include fashion trends for youth; fabric and notion trends; fashion-fabric coordination; sewing machine adjustments for today's fabrics; and contemporary sewing techniques. Marilyn Tate, county extension agent, said participants will need to take their own sewing equipment for use in the workshop sessions. For additional information about registration, Mrs. Tate may be contacted at 669-7429.



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Mexico Christmas bleak

By KEVIN M. KELLEGHAN
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Leticia, a 28-year-old red-headed secretary, turned from admiring glittering green, white and red lights strung across Christmas-decorated Reforma Boulevard and said, "I can't afford Christmas gifts this year. I've been out of work since August."

She's one of nine million that Sen. Blas Chumacero said are looking for work this Christmas, out of a work force of 23 million still suffering after a year from the nation's most severe economic crisis since World War II.

Leticia gambled a comfortable job two years ago to join a company with bright prospects. The company folded five months after the Aug. 31, 1976 devaluation of the peso, which sent the currency plummeting to half its worth in relation to the dollar.

The company, which was importing American products that doubled in value in Mexican pesos, "was forced to liquidate because it couldn't pay debts it had contracted in dollars."

"I got a job at half the salary at the Ministry of Education," Leticia said. "But I lost it last August. I haven't been able to find a job since. Everyone tells me to come back after the first of the year."

Unemployment hit just about every occupation, but construction workers were the most severely hurt. The government—traditionally the largest employer—cut back on roads and buildings during the economic crunch this year.

Over a million construction workers were cut from payrolls, according to one report. Other millions, such as plasterers and bricklayers, couldn't find even temporary jobs.

Guillermo, an office worker, got a job in January after four months of looking, but was paid only half his salary each month because of the austerity program. He almost lost his used car, which he bought just days before the devaluation. He has been promised the balance of his pay next year.

The last names of both Leticia and Guillermo are deleted, at their request, but their stories are typical of the struggle this year by middle-class Mexicans to make ends meet in the midst of inflation that has doubled prices this year and a recession that has closed thousands of businesses and their jobs.

Still, city hall has decorated Mexico City, as it does every year during the Christmas season, with bright lights and fresh poinsettias on major boulevards.

City workers hang strings of colored bulbs from every light-post on major thoroughfares. Pinatas swing from telephone poles. Tall statues of the three wise men and Santa Claus adorn downtown Alameda Park.

Street vendors hawk tacos, lottery tickets, inflated plastic dolls, popcorn, hot dogs and wind-up ducks at hundreds of street corners.

For the vast majority of Mexico's 63 million, Christmas this year will be celebrated at home and 30,000 are leaving the city daily for provincial home towns.

They are getting together with friends each evening during the eight days before Christmas, at "posadas" or parties, which often include religious candlelight processions.

After that, comes Nochebuena (Christmas Eve) and Navidad (Christmas Day). Mexicans enjoy their traditional meal on Christmas Eve, followed often by midnight mass at Roman Catholic churches to the clanging of thousands of church bells.

New Year's Eve is celebrated noisily, much like everywhere else in the world.

On Jan. 6, the day of "Los Reyes Magos" (The Three Kings), many traditionalists give Christmas presents, recalling the gifts of the Three Kings, or wise men, to the Christ Child.

There will be regional celebrations that impart a special flavor to Christmas in Mexico.

In Queretaro, north of the capital, a parade of floats will snake through city streets carrying scenes from the bible.

Celaya, in Guanajuato State, will host an agricultural and commercial fair with bullfights, cockfights and fireworks.

There will be a festival honoring the radish, in Oaxaca in Southern Mexico, with arrangements, sculptures and figurines made from the vegetable on exhibit.

Indians in costumes depicting the three kings will parade in the village of Puruandiro, Michoacan.

The "Rosca De Reyes", a large round bread loaf with a miniature plastic doll hidden inside, will be broken on Jan. 6. The person who finds the doll has to give a party later in the year.



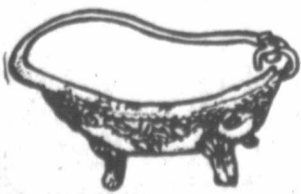
50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Hewett will be honored at a reception on Friday at the Community Center in Monahans. The Hewetts were married in Pampa in January of 1928 and were residents of Pampa for more than 20 years. Friends are invited to the celebration.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scott Joiner

Joiner-Steddum vows

Miss Brenda Gail Steddum and Warren Scott Joiner were married Nov. 23 in the home of the bride's parents with the Rev. Nat Lunsford officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Steddum of Pampa. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Joiner of Pampa. The maid of honor was Nita Steddum, sister of the bride. Best man was Dee Joiner, brother of the groom.

For her wedding, the bride chose a floor length empire-waisted gown of bridal satin, designed and made by the bride's mother. The sleeves were sheer with satin cuffs. The reception was also in the home of the bride's parents. The bride is a 1977 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Cabot. The groom is a 1975 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Pampa Cable TV.



Mrs. Randy Laycock
The former Lea Johnson

Laycock-Johnson wedding

Miss Lea Johnson of Amarillo and Randy Laycock of Lubbock were married Dec. 16 at Highland Baptist Church with the Rev. M.B. Smith officiating. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Johnson of Pampa. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Laycock of Pampa.

Special music was presented by Doris Good, organist, and Tina Hardin, vocalist.

The bride's maid of honor was Brenda Moyer of Lansing, Michigan. Bridesmaids were Melissa Johnson of Pampa and Nita Johnson, sister of the groom, of Amarillo.

The groom's best man was Daniel Miller of Pampa. Groomsmen were Chris Johnson, brother of the bride, of Amarillo and Dennis Laycock, brother of the groom, of Canyon. Ushers were Mark Johnson of Billings, Montana and Tommy Laycock of Pampa.

Flower girl was Tiffany Soukup and ringbearer was Aric Johnson.

For her wedding, the bride chose a formal gown of white giana jersey, fashioned with a Queen Anne neckline. The neckline was completely framed with heavy Venise lace. The A-line skirt flowed from the empire waist to a chapel length train.

The reception was in Highland Baptist Church. Assisting were Debra Morgan, Angela Mayfield, and Terry Miller. The bride is a graduate of WTSU with a degree in elementary education. The groom is enrolled at TTU majoring in accounting. He is employed by Hygiea Water in Lubbock.

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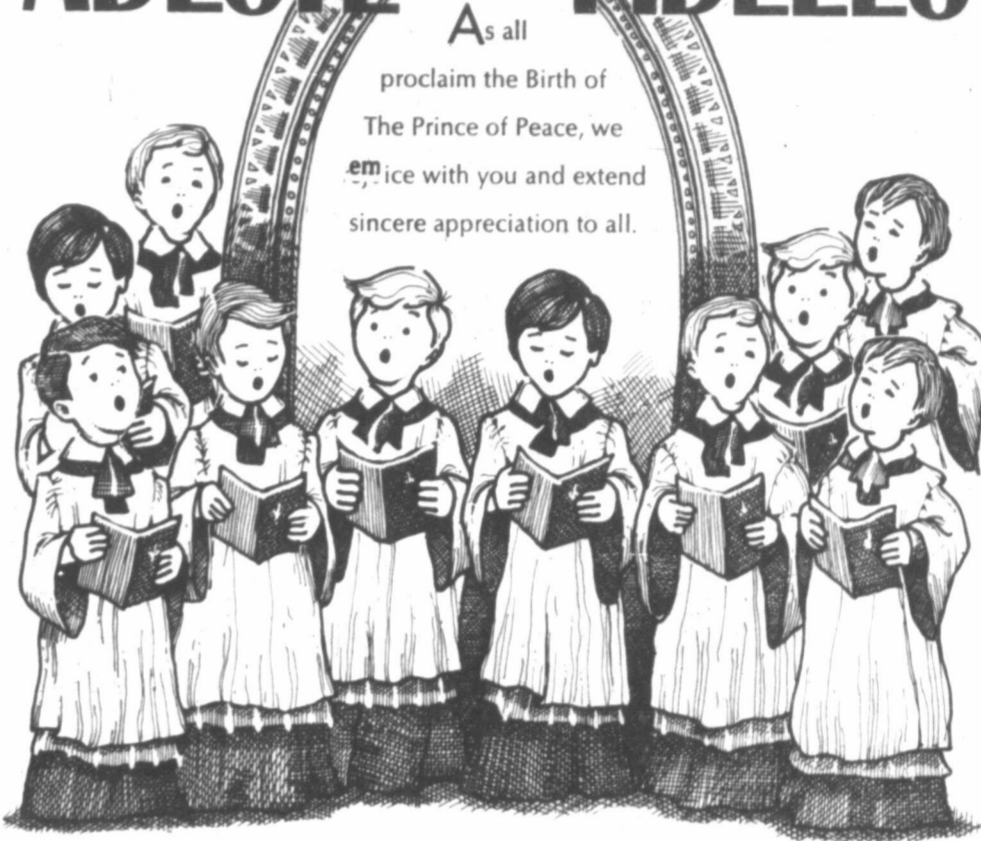
Cowbelles get officer slate for coming year

The Top O' Texas Cowbelles named Joyzelle McIntire of Pampa as president for the coming year at the group's December meeting.

Also named as new officers were Mary Weatherly, Wheeler, as first vice president; Juanita Brown, Groom, second vice president; Willie Lou Taylor, Pampa, secretary-treasurer, and Koell McKay, Pampa, corresponding secretary.

The Cowbelles also decided at the meeting to use radio and newspaper outlets to promote the sale of beef gift certificates during the Christmas season. The certificates were available at area banks and may be redeemed at area meat markets.

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At wit's end

By ERMA BOMBECK
A book called "How To Hide Almost Anything," by David Krotz, isn't as crazy as you think.

No one wants to live in Rip-Off City, especially these days. And face it, we're living in a time where you pay 50 cents to park at a park and swap for the opportunity of buying back your kid's bicycle that was stolen the night before and feel that you got a bargain because you only had to pay half of what you originally paid for it.

I wish I understood what I just wrote. Mr. Krotz lists 157 pages of likely spots to hide things that

includes baseboards, plumbing, secret panels, woodpiles, beams, ceilings and trapdoors. It's a book most parents can't afford to be without.

Heaven knows I'm not a paranoid possessive person, but I have the only tennis racket in the house with strings. Because it is unique in that it offers a ball some resistance upon contact, it is in great demand.

I have hidden it in the broom closet, behind the hot water heater, under my underwear and on the bookshelf behind the complete works of Shakespeare.

I had it in the trunk of my car, in a box in the attic marked "TUNA RECIPES," in a suitcase with a broken handle, and jammed between the table pads for the dining room table. I once put it under the dishtowel and as distasteful as it was, one of the kids actually lifted it, revealing my last child-proof hiding place.


My husband says I have no imagination. "If you really want to hide something, you can't think like the hider. If I wanted a tennis racket, the first place I'd look is on a hanger in your closet with your bathrobe over it."

"Who told you?" I shouted.

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25th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Britton of 1229 Darby will be honored at a dinner party and reception Tuesday to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The dinner party will be at Jim's Steak House and the reception will begin at 8 p.m. at 2126 N. Russell. Their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cloud, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Derrel Hext, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Britton and Shelly Britton will host the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Britton were married Dec. 27, 1952 at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. Britton is an employee of Cabot and Mrs. Britton is employed by Flint Engineerings and Construction. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception beginning at 8 p.m.

Martin-Slater engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Quarles of 2212 Lynn announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Ann Martin, to Gary David Slater. He is the son of Mrs. Daisy Slater of Waynoka, Okla. The marriage will be an event of Dec. 30 at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Claude Cone officiating. Slater is employed by AT & SF Railroad in Amarillo.



Pampa dancer named

Angie Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards of Pampa, has been named Miss Dance 1978 of Dance Masters of America Chapter 35. Recent competition was in Lubbock. She has been a student of Madeline Graves for nine years and will compete in August for Miss Dance of America in San Francisco. Miss Edwards is a senior at Pampa High School.

(Pampa News photo)

Club News

Beta Chi Conclave

Beta Chi Conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota attended a Christmas party recently at the home of Mrs. Loyd McKnight. Secret pals were revealed as gifts were exchanged. A business meeting was conducted by president Norma Lantz. Refreshments were served by Mrs. C.E. Penno, Mrs. Helen Lette and Mrs. Robert Skaggs.

The next meeting will be a jewelry coordination program in the high school library at 7 p.m. Jan. 23. Hostesses will be Mrs. Donald Parsons, Mrs. Melvin Kunkel and Miss Norma Lantz.

Pampa Chapter of OEA

The Office Education Association Chapter of Pampa had their Christmas party recently. The members made different kinds of candy to give to their employers. The members exchanged gifts with each other and gave teachers Mrs. Wanda Doughten and Mrs. Jane McBride their gifts.

The business meeting was called to order by president Patti Elliott. The treasurer reported that she had sent \$125.50, which had been collected door-to-door, to the Special Olympics Project. Volunteers will begin selling basketball programs on Jan. 6.

Homemaker news

By ELAINE HOUSTON
County Extension Agent
Draft Dodgers

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- Caring about what the other person thinks or feels.

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City to buy namesake

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — Round Rock, named for a large round stone in Brushy Creek, doesn't own its namesake but a move is afoot to buy it.

Councilman Bill Kitts suggested Thursday night that the city parks department start a

fund-raising drive to buy the property where the Old Chisholm Trail guidepost is located.

He figured the cost at about \$225,000 for a six-acre tract, half of which might come from the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

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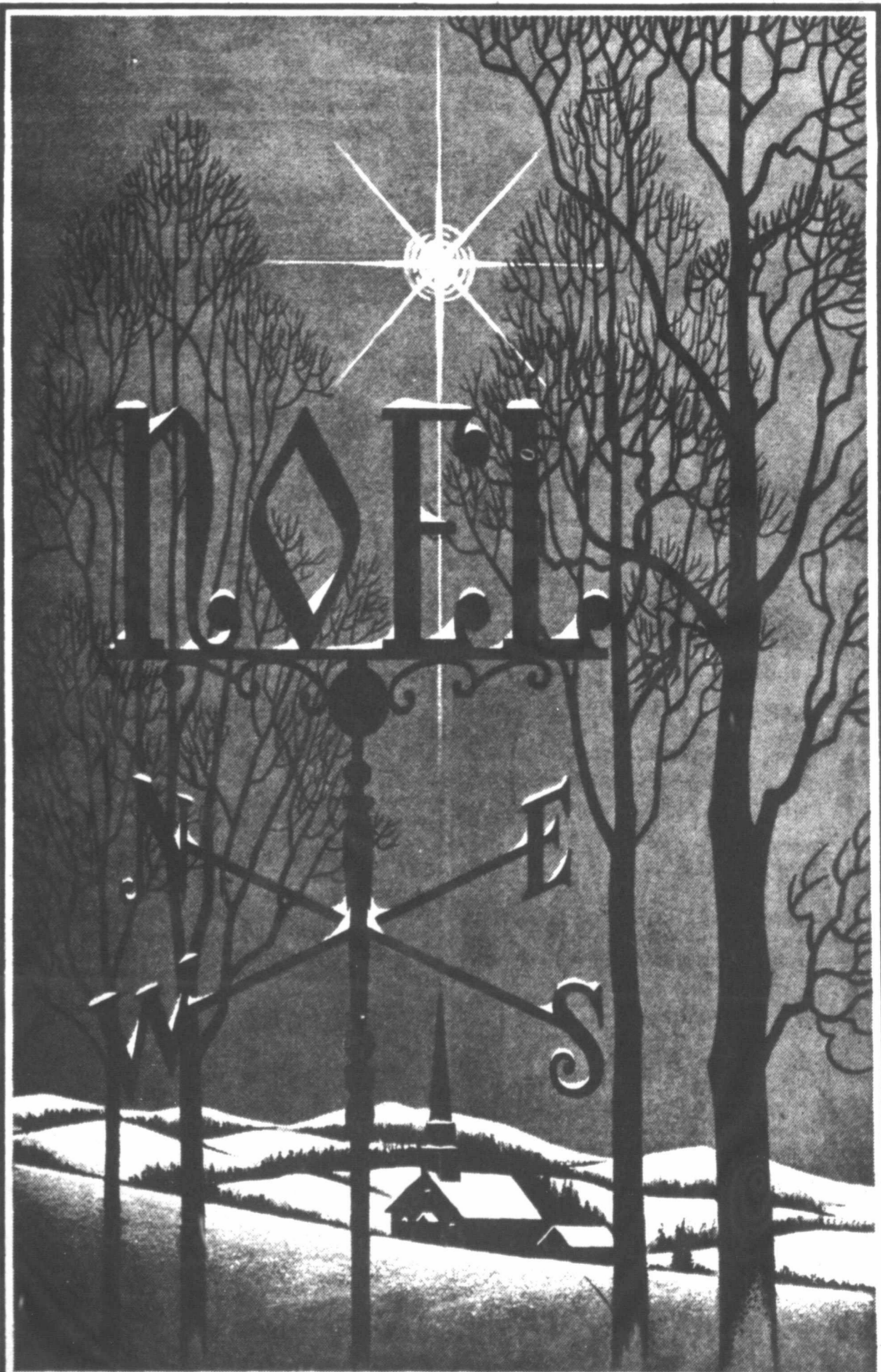
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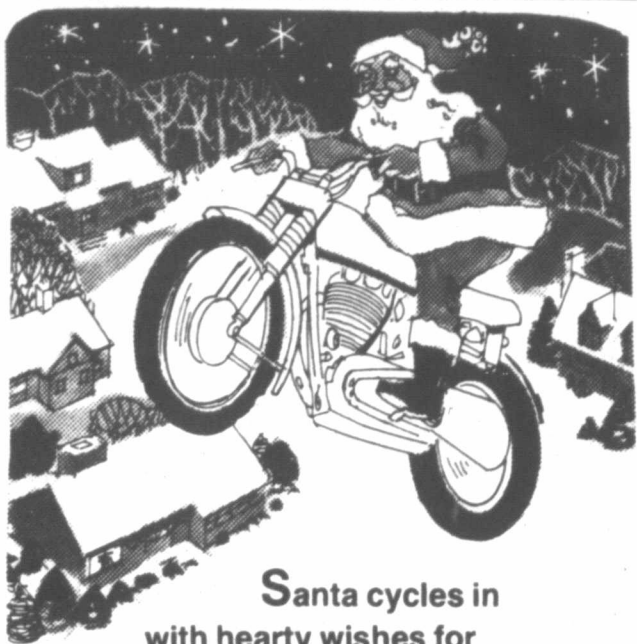
Dina Leaser was named Gray County Poster Child for 1978 at the December meeting of the March of Dimes board of directors.

The board scheduled Jan. 21 for the annual Bucket Brigade, with participation coming from Pampa civic groups.

The Mothers' March will be held Jan. 22, with anticipated participation by youth groups from the First Presbyterian Church, the First Methodist

Church, the First Baptist Church and the First Christian Church, under the direction of Mrs. David Holt. Mrs. Margaret Hall will direct the Travis district.

Money collected through the Bucket Brigade and the Mothers' March will be turned over to local polio and birth defect patients, birth defect research, and to the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.



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Mrs. Floyd Lee Odell
Former Rebecca Lois McCurley

Odell-McCurley wedding

Rebecca Lois McCurley and Floyd Lee Odell, both of Amarillo, exchanged vows Dec. 22 in the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie. The Rev. Aaron Laverty of Borger officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McCurley of Mobeetie. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Odell of Amarillo.

Special music was provided by Paul Marlin of Amarillo and Kathy McCurley of Lamesa. Organist was Debbie Stribling of Miami.

Mrs. Donna LaRue of Amarillo was matron of honor, with Bob Odell, brother of the groom, serving as best man. McLeigha Brown of Borger

served as flower girl with Ross Allen Brown as ring bearer.

The bride wore a formal Victorian gown of chantilly lace over bridal taffeta, designed with a closely fitted neckline and sheer yoke enhanced with seed pearls and organza ruffles. The long sheer lace tapered sleeves fell to double flounces over the wrists. The fitted empire bodice fell into a full skirt of a double scalloped flounce hemline.

The couple will make their home in Amarillo where the bride is employed by the First National Bank.

The groom is employed by Consolidated Distributing Co. Inc. of Amarillo.



Mrs. James Michael Burrus
Former Annette Christine DiCosimo

Burrus-DiCosimo vows

Miss Annette Christine DiCosimo and James Michael Burrus were married Dec. 23 at St. Vincenc de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francis J. Hynes officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe DiCosimo of Pampa. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Burrus of Borger.

Special music was presented by Tracy Cary, organist, and Debbie Lehnick, vocalist.

The bride's maid of honor was Tammy Chambless of Pampa. Bridesmaids were Debbie Goodin of Austin and Mrs. Becky Barnett of Arlington.

Max Lane of Borger served as best man. Groomsmen were John Saucier of Borger and Vincent DiCosimo of Pampa.

For her wedding, the bride chose a formal gown of

candlelight silk organza over bridal taffeta. The dress was designed with a sweetheart neckline, empire bodice and long sheer sleeves. The skirt extended to a lace trimmed hemline and swept to back fullness, cascading to a chapel train.

The reception was in the church's cafeteria. Assisting were Merrilyn Miller, Vicki Pryor, Mary Spearman, Cheryl Robbins, Kathleen Attendorf and Mrs. Chris Tepley.

The bride is a Pampa High School graduate and attended Texas Tech. She has been employed with Sun Supply Corp. in Lubbock.

The groom is a graduate of Borger High School and Texas Tech. He is presently an accountant for Denver City Well Service.

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Women embark on new careers

By CAROL DEEGAN
NEW YORK (AP) — Ann Diehl got married in 1968, one year after she was graduated from high school. Seventeen years later, divorced and the mother of seven children, Ann decided to go back to school and get a job.

Ms. Diehl enrolled at the New York State University at Farmingdale, where she is studying business administration. A scholarship from the Clairol Co. plus a job as an administrative assistant at the university, is helping her put herself through school.

"I didn't want just a locked-in job, but was looking for a rewarding career," she said. Her future plans include a master's degree in business administration and a career in the administration of continuing education.

Despite a hectic schedule, Ms. Diehl is on the Dean's List, is president of the Long Island Region of the United States Association of Evening Students, and is a member of Alpha Beta

Gamma and Phi Theta Kappa award societies.

Her children, who range in age from 5 to 19, are "built-in babysitters."

"I used to be proud of their achievements," she said, "but now we're proud of each other's."

Ms. Diehl was one of the participants in a day-long workshop in New York City sponsored by the Clairol Loving Care Scholarship Program and Catalyst, a national, nonprofit organization that helps women launch and advance their careers.

Among the participants were Alexis Herman, director of the Women's Bureau for the U.S. Labor Department, and Bess Myerson, a well-known columnist and consumer advocate.

Miss Herman said there are more than 37 million female workers in the United States today — about 40 percent of the nation's labor force.

Women have been responsible for two-thirds of the labor market expansion in the United

States since World War II. More than three million women have entered the U.S. labor force in the last five years, compared with 800,000 men, Miss Herman said.

Yet despite the increase in the number of women who are working, the income gap between male and female workers has been widening in recent years.

In 1955, the average woman worker earned 64 cents for every dollar earned by a man. That figure has dropped to 57 cents for every male dollar, Miss Herman said.

The Labor Department cites two primary reasons for this income gap: a continued concentration of women in low-skilled, low-paying jobs and a sharp rise in the number of women entering the labor market at beginners' level jobs.

Women workers today are concentrated in 20 of the 400 occupations currently identified in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles, Miss Herman said. "The traditional fields have

been saturated so that women must think about alternate careers," she said.

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(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)



Fed aid shifts to N. E.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The regional allocation of federal aid has shifted in favor of the New England states in response to local economic needs, a federal study concludes.

A key reason for the recent boost in per capita federal aid to the Northeast is the region's large welfare rolls and high unemployment, the study says. The General Accounting Office, in a report released on Thursday, said the flow of federal money from 1969 to 1975 showed that regional disparities lessened during that period.

"The Northeast, while its population grew most gradually and its unemployment rate rose to highest in the nation, began to receive a greater percentage of federal aid than it paid in federal taxes," said the agency.

"Those regions in a relative economic decline are gaining relatively in federal aid," the GAO said. "Thus, the complex formulas and other factors that determine the flow of aid do seem responsive to changing conditions."

The GAO said simply, "The federal system is a method of redistributing income," and the Treasury Department explained, "The goal of federal

policies should not be to return funds to each state in proportion to its tax contribution, but rather to insure that expenditures are made in response to need for these expenditures."

Officials in the industrial states cite deteriorating economic conditions to argue for a "winners" share of the federal pie. They say they need more federal money — just as southern and Appalachian states depended heavily on Washington during temporary periods of economic hardship.

The GAO study included a list of winners and losers revealing which states contribute more money — per resident — in personal income tax revenues to Washington than is returned in federal aid.

The GAO cautioned, "Some states are more in need of aid than others, and naturally these may not be the states with the highest income levels, and therefore the highest tax receipts."

The big losers, in unqualified terms of dollars and cents, are the high-income industrial states of Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey and Ohio, along with Florida.

Other, less drastic, losers were California, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The big winners included most growing states: the entire Southeast except Florida, most of the Rocky Mountain states — Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah — and Alaska, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

Steel price rises

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The nation's leading steelmakers have followed tradition and fallen in line with 5.5 percent price hikes on most sheet products, the second major price boost announced this year.

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A gift of contemplation

By JOHN CUNIFF
 AP Business Analyst
 NEW YORK (AP) — Reviewing the year, one is inclined to the view that the best Christmas present of all might be a period of reflection on what we are doing and what we hope to accomplish thereby.

Without benefit of invitation, which is the spirit of gift-giv-

ing, these thoughts are offered as subjects of contemplation for:

—**GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:** By what alchemy does the government expect to stimulate the economy by the creation of public sector jobs?

Doesn't part of the job shortfall result from government activities that weaken the private sector and prevent it from creating productive jobs that result in tax revenue rather than tax drain?

One more question: Is it the role of government to attempt eliminating all risk in life, even to the point of reducing personal options and telling people how they should run their lives?

—**BUSINESS EXECUTIVES:** What is the rationale behind those big incentive bonuses?

Shouldn't the shareholders, or owners, expect management, their hired hands, to exert the ultimate effort at all times?

And at any rate, wouldn't it be nicer to raise dividends before paying those bonuses?

Another question: Why complain about the intrusion of Washington into business affairs and then run there when your own or your company's self-interest is involved?

Last one: Shouldn't some companies consider stepping back from what they deem to be powerful, effective merchandising, but which many con-

sumers consider to be outright exploitation? For everyone's good?

—**LABOR OFFICIALS:** What can be done about the terrible maladjustment between skills needed to perform on the job and the absence of skills among high school graduates and even among mature job-seekers?

Does a higher minimum wage help or hinder the unskilled? That is, does it deter some concerns from hiring the unskilled and thereby deny them the opportunity to learn and earn a living?

—**CONSUMERS:** Is it clear who pays the bills for all the demands made upon the system?

That government expenses are always passed on in the form of taxes or inflation? That added business expenses, for cleaner environment and safer products, for example, usually result in higher consumer prices?

Unless, of course, that these added expenses somehow contribute to greater productivity, in which case the expenses can be absorbed by business and perhaps even a price decrease passed on?

But that otherwise the consumer is where the buck stops. He and she can pass to nobody else. They must pay.

Rapist 'has feelings'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A convicted rapist pleaded guilty to four counts in a Waco court, he says, because "I didn't want to put anyone else through anything."

"I'm a human being. I have feelings for other people, too, believe it or not," Thomas Grettenberg told the Austin American-Statesman in a telephone interview from the Waco jail.

Grettenberg was ordered Thursday to serve 135 years in prison for five "choker" attacks this year.

The sentence leaves Grettenberg eligible for parole in 12 years. He was convicted last month by a Waco jury of the Aug. 19 aggravated rape of a University of Texas coed and assessed a 33-year sentence. The 135-year sentence includes this sentence.

The new counts involved two for aggravated rape and two for burglary, which Grettenberg confessed to Thursday.

He would not discuss the assaults that panicked Austin women from April to September.

"I could not put anybody through any such proceedings as the last trial," in which Grettenberg's purported victims testified against him, he said.

The latest convictions dispose of all charges against Grettenberg.

State District Judge Carl Anderson said he had thought of Grettenberg's future but added, "I unfortunately have seen some of your victims, and I have not been able to erase from my mind the hysteria, the fear, that was contained in their eyes. At 3 o'clock this morning I could still hear sobs of emotion, body-wracking sobs, and I could still see their tears."

The father of the woman who detailed her Aug. 19 rape for the jury last month was told of the sentence and is "tremendously relieved," said Assistant District Attorney Steve Edwards. "He (the father) said it was a very good Christmas present," said Edwards.

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Farm to market meeting results in no decisions

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Last week's meeting between Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland and a European Common Market leader produced no important decisions but helped underscore the administration's view of how global farm trade should work.

The meeting, held in Brussels with Finn-Olav Gundelach, commissioner of agriculture for the European community, was not a negotiating session, the two leaders said.

But it helped clear the air regarding international wheat negotiations and for the forthcoming final phase of multilateral trade talks in Geneva, Switzerland, next month.

Thirty years ago the United States and 22 other nations set up the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which was intended to bring more order to world business and gradually result in liberalized trade.

Today, about 110 countries are involved in the agreement. One important subject, when the final phase of current talks begin Jan. 15 in Geneva, will be the place of agriculture in the negotiations.

In the previous "Kennedy round" of talks in the mid-

1960s, most concentration was placed on reducing protective tariffs among industrialized nations. However, agriculture was not included in the across-the-board tariff cuts.

Now, however, Gundelach and Bergland appear to agree that agriculture should be given a higher priority in final negotiations on the agreement.

"These negotiations are more ambitious," Gundelach told a news conference after his talks with Bergland. "They must deal with our agriculture in a more fundamental manner."

One complaint of U.S. farm officials is that the Common Market countries have persisted in a "common agricultural policy" in which variable levies are frequently used to restrict imports of U.S. agricultural products.

Bergland has said he does not think the Common Market will alter this policy and added that it might be a waste of time to focus on it and other issues which presumably cannot be changed.

Gundelach acknowledged that while "we might have difficulties and even severe difficulties to overcome in the agricultural field, we would both do our utmost to prevent the

trench warfare which was taking place between the U.S. and the community on agriculture for God knows how many years."

The European Common Market countries, despite barriers which limit the entry of some commodities, imported more than \$6.8 billion worth of U.S. farm products in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30. That amounted to more than 28 percent of the year's total of \$24 billion exported by American farmers.

One of Bergland's prime objectives since he joined Jimmy Carter's Cabinet last January has been to seek policies aimed at leveling what he calls the peaks and valleys of farm commodity prices.

Bergland believes that international commodity agreements can help stabilize U.S. farm prices and generally create a better world food supply and price situation for everyone, including poor countries.

Bergland, in his Brussels news conference with Gundelach, said current talks in London are aimed at reaching a new international wheat agreement.

He added that one of the U.S. objectives is a price system to eliminate some of the wild swings in grain markets which have occurred in recent years.

There also has been suggestions that corn and other feed grains — called coarse grains — ought to be included in the London discussions at the same time wheat is being debated.

Bergland said that "it's possible" that the wheat talks will result in a general type of grain agreement but that discussions on coarse grains should be conducted separately from wheat.

"It may be more practical to conclude one or two separate agreements," Bergland said. "That is a matter which will be negotiated, but the important fact is that we are prepared to entertain such negotiations and receive all legitimate proposals from countries who've a stake in the coarse grain issue."

But Bergland was adamant that "we think any grain arrangement, including wheat, must contain some discussion and some discipline in the area of price. So it's not a matter of principle involved in that regard. It's a matter of detail. We are not so far apart in that regard."

In agriculture

By JOE VANZANDT
County Extension Agent
Farm problems

The Extension Service sponsored a farm marketing meeting in Amarillo last week. It was advertised to discuss various marketing alternatives and the new farm bill. This was a very informative meeting that got down to the basics of farm problems and offered several marketing solutions, but not enough farmers attended. From the Gray County area Raymond Maddox and Elmer McLaughlin attended.

As I see the farm problem, it is basically the fact that farmers are not organized in the market place. There is not one voice that speaks for agriculture, particularly when it comes to selling farm products. These things are not going to happen overnight but with hard work some market organization might arrive sooner than most people would think.

The Extension Service will sponsor more farm marketing meetings in the future. If someone is real concerned and willing to work on this big problem in agriculture please contact me. This will be no easy task but it may accomplish more than driving tractors up and down the highways.

least two conditions must be met to achieve an equitable sharing arrangement: 1) assets must receive returns equal to their economic productivity; and 2) variable inputs which directly determine yield level must be shared in the proportion as the crop. These principles are basic to equitable share leases.

I have a new Fact Sheet, L-1547, Calculating an Equitable Crop - Share Arrangement, which is available in the County Extension Office. It offers some ideas and one formula to calculate a crop lease.

Cottonseed for cattle

With the good cotton crop being harvested, cattlemen need to certainly consider using cottonseed as a protein supplement. With the value of cottonseed figured at \$68. per ton and using only the value of protein furnished as the basis for comparison, cottonseed cake is worth \$117 per ton; 20 percent cubes - \$57 per ton; 30 percent blocks - \$85 per ton; alfalfa hay at 17 percent protein - \$49 per ton and 32 percent liquid feed - \$91 per ton.

These values per ton reflect only the comparative values based upon what the protein from cottonseed costs. Also in addition cottonseed have about 15 to 20 percent more energy than cottonseed cake does. These values do not consider availability, transportation, labor and storage costs. However, cattlemen can see that currently cottonseed are a bargain as a source of protein for cattle.

Demand for petrol down from previous

HOUSTON (AP)—Many consumers may not agree, but the 1977-78 winter season got off to a slow start in terms of demand for petroleum products.

The American Petroleum Institute reports that November weather was 9 percent warmer than normal and 25 percent warmer than last year.

As a result, domestic demand dropped to 17.5 million barrels a day, the lowest monthly average for the year. November demand was 1.4 million barrels below November 1976.

Fuel oil requirements accounted for practically all the demand decline.

Total demand for light and heavy fuel oil approximated 5.7 million barrels a day, some 1.3 million or 18.3 percent below year earlier requirements.

By contrast, the severe 1976-77 winter season peaked last February when demand for petroleum products hit a record 20.2 million barrels a day as the Institute reported the heating season was 16 percent colder than normal and 28 percent colder than in 1975-76.

February demand for fuel oils exceeded 8.6 million barrels a day, some 1.9 million or 26 percent above the year earlier level.

Total demand for petroleum products the first 11 months of 1977 averaged a record 18.2 million barrels a day. This was 6.2 percent above the 17.2 million average for the same 1976 period.

Despite the November cutback, January-November requirements for fuel oils averaged 6.3 million a day, nearly 600,000 barrels or 9.8 percent higher than in 1976.

By contrast, motor gasoline demand over the 11 months averaged 7.1 million barrels a day, only a 2.8 percent increase over the same year earlier period.

In its November report, the Institute said domestic crude oil production, including the North Slope, was 5 percent above that of November 1976. Excluding the North Slope, domestic production was down 3.7 percent.

The Institute said the effect of North Slope production was reflected in November crude oil imports that averaged 5.9 million barrels a day. This made November the first month of the year in which crude imports dropped below the 6 million barrels a day level.

Products imports for the

month averaged 1.7 million barrels a day, 16 percent below the year earlier level.

Overall imports for the month, the Institute said, were down 4.3 percent and accounted for 41 percent of new supply as compared with 45.5 percent in November 1976.

November crude oil production, including the North Slope, averaged 8,455,000 barrels a day, compared with 8,043,000 a year earlier.

With the June-November output from the prolific Prudhoe Bay region spread over the full 11 months, January-November domestic production averaged 8,212,000 barrels a day, compared with 8,130,000 the same 1976 period.

This means North Slope oil will permit domestic crude output to increase the first time in seven years.

Domestic output peaked at 9,637,000 barrels a day in 1970. It then began a steady decline, dropping to 6,463,000 in 1971, 9,441,000 in 1972, 9,208,000 in 1973, 8,774,000 in 1974, 8,382,000 in 1975, and 8,156,000 in 1976.



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Estate Planning Seminar

An Estate Planning Seminar will be held in Pampa at the Senior Citizens Center at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5. Dr. Ray Sammons, Area Extension Economist - Management, Amarillo, will present the program.

This program should be of interest to all persons regardless of age or financial situation. All of us will have certain estate problems at some time in the future. The general public is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and hear all phases of estate planning and new estate tax regulations discussed.

Crop leases

It seems that the "standard" crop leases may be in for some up-dating due in large part to the economic plight of a lot of farm operators. The crop-share ratios typical to most areas are deeply rooted in tradition. However, they may not promote the most equitable arrangements under current conditions.

Farm rental agreements can be written many ways but a fair and equitable lease is somewhat difficult to define. However, at

All-out oil production continues

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The railroad commission pushed all-out production on into 1978 today, with chairman Mack Wallace commenting that "the only bright spot" is a report that crude oil imports have declined from a year ago.

One exception to the 100 percent statewide oil allowable for January was the huge East Texas Field, which was restricted once again to 86 percent production.

Commission examiners currently are hearing separate requests to raise that field's allowable to 100 percent or divide the field and drop one sector as low as 50 percent.

The commission meeting marked the final appearance of Jim Langdon who, after 14 years, has resigned and will be replaced by former House member John Poerner.

Nominations by major crude oil buyers total 3,651,865 barrels a day for January, a decrease of 135,234 barrels from December. Most of that decline, however, was caused by the failure of Texaco Inc. to submit a figure for "additional demand."

Sam Dickens of Texaco said it was merely a "housekeeping change."

Wallace said crude oil imports into the United States were 7,633,000 barrels per day

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This family knows there is no Santa

By Tom Tiede

BAILEY SWITCH, Ky.—(NEA)—The government believes there are at least 26 million people in America who can officially be classified as poor. Some have no jobs. Some have no money. Some lack food, clothing and medical care. But the poorest of the poor are those who don't have Christmas.

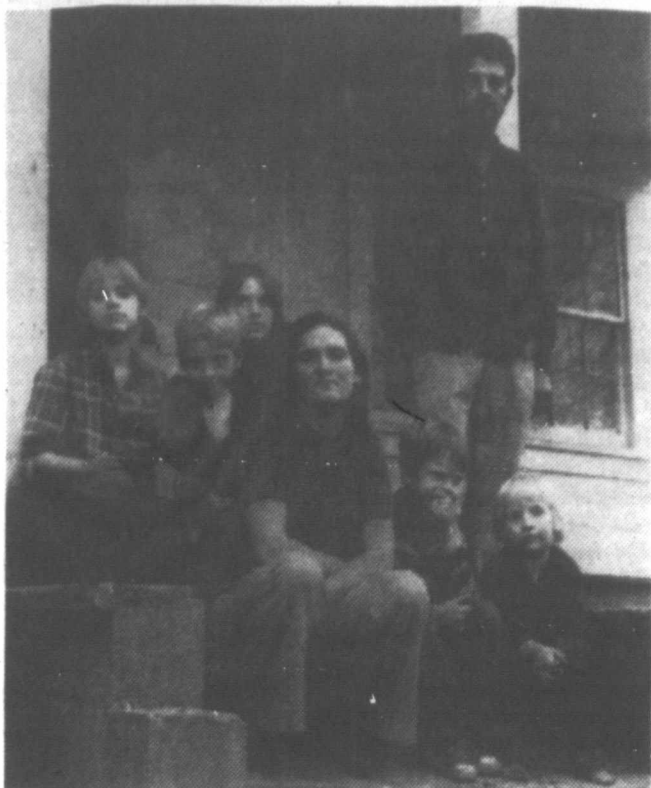
The George Hobbs' family of Bailey Switch is in the nethermost. It lives here on a mountain of despair, alongside a road that has no end, and not even the holidays can alter the grief. George Hobbs says December 25 is "just another day" in his home. "I feel awful sad about it, I sure do."

Hobbs is an epileptic, 42

years old. He was born in a place called Stinking Creek, whose name was a prophecy for his life. He was too sick to go to school, he says, and too unreliable for employment. "I can't read, I can't write. The only thing I ever done like other people was to have a family."

The family numbers 11: Hobbs, his tobacco chewing wife Betty, two children who have left home, and Glen, 17, Bessie, 13, Clarence, 11, Will, 10, Edward, 8, Jamie, 7, and Robert, 5. Jamie has epilepsy, too; some of the other children are retarded; young Robert has never received a Christmas gift.

The family lives in a \$50 a month shack on a slope of the Appalachians. It shares the dwelling with two dogs,



GEORGE HOBBS AND FAMILY: "If you got a tree, the kids cry if there's nothing under it." (Photo by Tom Tiede)

numerous rats, and a legion of cockroaches. When it rains, dead worms appear on the kitchen floor. In summer, spiders nest in the children's beds. Young Robert says he eats the ants, sometimes.

The shack has three rooms. The walls are caving in, the windows are broken, the roof leaks. The floors are indicative of the decor: they are warped pieces of random boards that frame occasional gaping holes. The holes are for garbage.

At night, a hole in the living room also serves as a toilet. There is no plumbing in the Hobbs' home. Sulfur water is drawn from a well, and other matters are attended to in an outhouse. Bathing is done in a wash-tub. George Hobbs says he has never had a real bath; "I had a shower a couple of times, that was when I was put up overnight in the hospital."

The Hobbs do have electricity, but only after a fashion. The light in the living

room is a 15-watt bulb affixed to the ceiling. Lights in other rooms are also too dim for reading. Besides this, the only items powered in the shack are a TV, range and wringer washer. Hobbs says the refrigerator is recently broken.

That refrigerator is sorely missed. The family can't store milk, meats or other perishables. But then, as Hobbs says, he can't afford many perishables anyway. "We eat bread a lot," he says. "I tried to get the food stamps, but you got to pay for them, you know, and I got nothing to pay with."

Hobbs is not totally without funds. The family receives nearly \$600 a month in public assistance. But \$400 of this is taken by rent, heat, utilities, etc. And that leaves barely 70 cents per person per day to cover everything else. Everything else includes food. "It's a rough go," says George Hobbs.

So rough that there is nothing for extras, not even for Christmas. The Hobbs have not put up a tree in two years. No ornaments, the father explains. Besides, "if you got a tree the kids cry if there's nothing under it." If the children ask, Hobbs will tell them that things may get better next year.

No doubt the children will ask. They have learned about Christmas from television. They have felt the holiday excitement at school. They have seen the stores stuffed with wonderful luxuries, like new shoes. Still, the children won't ask much. They know the

answer. "There is no Santa," says Will.

Clarence says he may spend Christmas watching wrestling on television. Edward and Bessie will play with the dogs. Jamie, the epileptic, will be satisfied if he can spend the holidays at home; he's been much in the hospital as of late, the last time so that a tapeworm could be removed from his intestine.

The father had hoped the family would have a Christmas dinner. But then the refrigerator broke. "I'd get ice cream, but the stores close down, and anyway there's no car." Robert, who has never known Christmas, says he will eat dry cereal, and chew tobacco, and stand on his trouser cuffs in the yard.

George Hobbs says the holidays will hurt at his house — and no one more than him. "I look at my wife, and my kids, and I feel like I wish there was no Christmas." On the fourth Sunday of the month, then, surrounded by absolute failure, he will remember this 1977th Christian celebration by trying to forget. (NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

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Prayers for peace urged

By GEORGE W. CORNELL AP Religion Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — The prayers of Christmas centered on the region where the day had its origin — and on the efforts occurring there to bring peace.

"Pray for peace in the

Middle East at your Christmas services," urged the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, citing the talks on Christmas Day between leaders of Egypt and Israel.

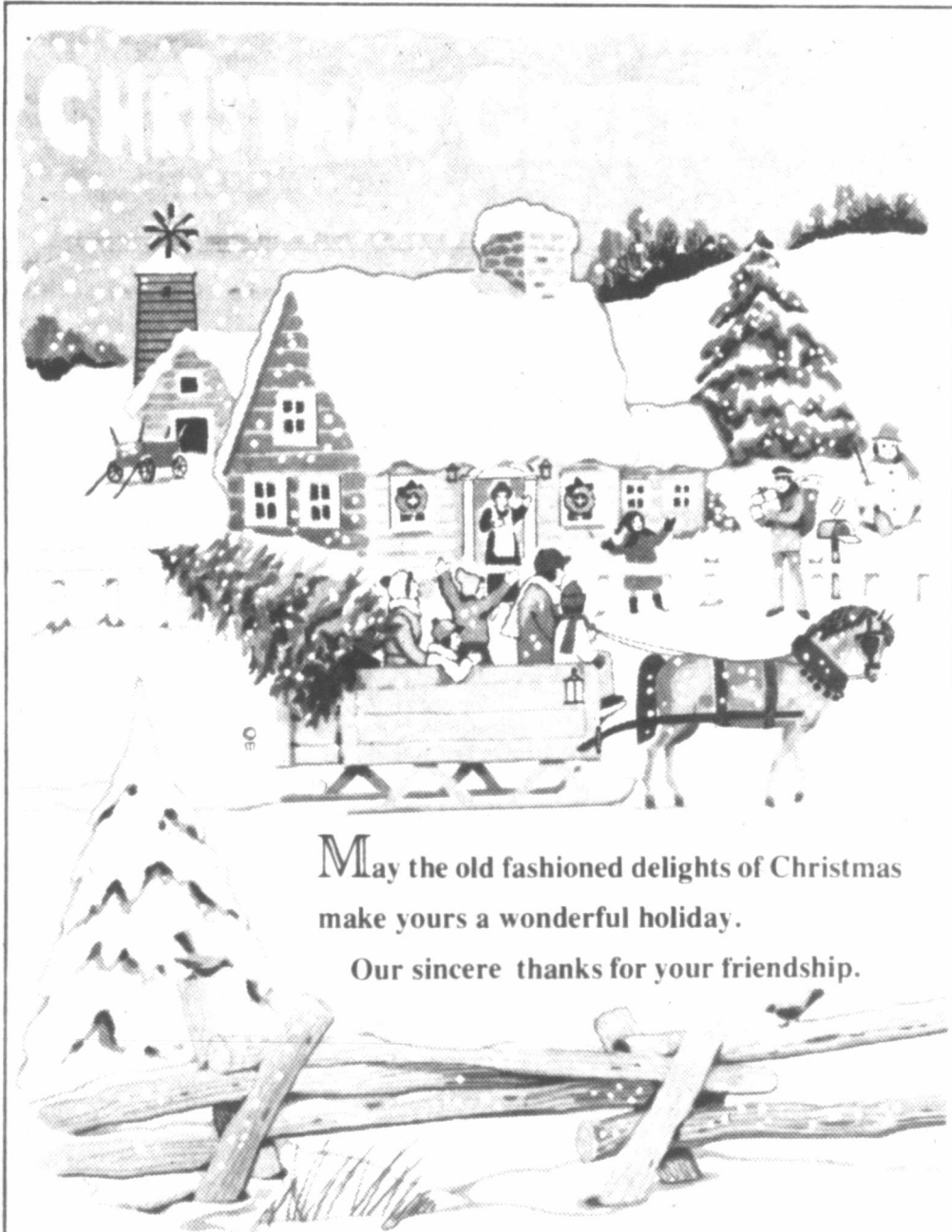
Numerous other church leaders called for supplications to God in that cause.

In an appeal set for the start of a televised midnight Christmas Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Terence Cooke, New York's Roman Catholic archbishop, asks Catholics across the nation to pray for success of the Middle East meeting.

The particular devotions, seeking Divine Guidance for the talks of Israel Prime Minis-

ter Menahem Begin and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, were described by the archdiocese as an "intervention reserved for special need."

Bishop Allin expressed hope the prayers would continue through the months ahead during expected continued negotiations. Leaders of several Episcopal dioceses were making similar appeals.



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'Santa' recalls sixth street down-and-outers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For the past 28 years, just before Christmas, a bespectacled man with a long, long memory parks his van on forlorn, seedy Sixth Street. He's Santa Claus. At least that's what Fred Politz is to the sad and hopeless souls, the walking wounded who populate the dirty alleys and doorways of the weary downtown street littered with empty wine bottles.

A line of eager men formed this week as Politz opened his van. With smiles and nice words for all, Politz handed meat and cheese sandwiches, potato chips, salad, cookies and cigarettes into outstretched hands.

"Much obliged," "Thank you, sir," "This is very nice, thank you," they said. Some patted Politz on the shoulder. He smiled at everybody, and made sure they got a little of everything being offered. He handed out 800 packages Wednesday.

It is all free, and Politz pays for it himself, as he has every year since 1949. Politz used to run a liquor store here, which also stocked groceries and personal items. He sold out and left in 1960, but he comes back every year at Christmas time to show the forgotten men that someone remembers.

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Boren endorses strike

ENID, Okla. (AP) — Gov. David Boren endorsed the farm strike Friday and urged all Oklahomans to write President Carter and other officials about "the desperate financial condition of American farmers."

Boren, in remarks prepared for delivery at a farmers' rally at the Garfield County Fairgrounds, said he supports the farm strike "as a demonstration to the entire nation that American agriculture is in deep trouble."

Farmers in many states have said they will not plant crops or bring food to market until the federal government acts to guarantee them what they consider a reasonable profit.

The governor had declined to endorse the strike earlier, saying he supported efforts by farmers to obtain fair prices for their products but could not recommend that they strike.

State Sen. Gene Stipe, D-McAlester, had demanded earlier this week that Boren and other state political leaders quit "fence-straddling" and take a firm position on the strike.

In his speech, Boren said, "I will continue to support the farm strike as a demonstration to the entire nation that American agriculture is in deep trouble."

"With only 4 percent of the American population now en-

gaged in agriculture," he said, "dramatic demonstrations are needed to wake up our fellow citizens and Washington leaders."

He said he had written letters to President Carter, Agriculture Secretary Robert Bergland and congressional leaders urging them to take action to help farmers.

Hundreds of farm vehicles rolled into downtown Enid dur-

ing early-morning darkness for a day of demonstrations climaxed by the fairgrounds rally and Boren's speech.

After a parade of tractors around the square, the vehicles moved on to the fairgrounds for the huge luncheon and rally, sponsored by the American Agriculture movement. Police estimated between 650 and 700 farm vehicles were involved in the parade.

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Your money's worth Discarding unneeded records at home

Sylvia Porter

(First of two columns) Are you among the millions of Americans — individuals and business owners — who are exaggerated savers of papers and records, receipts and cancelled checks?

Do you know which of the many papers cluttering your home or wasting valuable space in your office are easily expendable and should be tossed out now?

Have you even a vague — much less clear and informed — knowledge of what records are needlessly overcrowding your filing cabinets or desk drawers and only confusing you?

This, year-end 1977, is an excellent time to update your filing system by getting rid of nonessentials. But while pamphlets and even books have been written to warn you what records to keep, little reliable guidance ever is given in what to discard.

As just one illustration, while you should keep checks and other receipts that may be needed for income tax purposes as proof of payment, it isn't at all important to keep all cancelled checks. It's even silly.

In reviewing your own accumulation of records, don't overlook the fact that you often store more than one copy of the same record.

Overlooked, too, by many of you — individuals and business — is the need to transfer periodically records from your easily available active files to inactive files in an out-of-the-way place.

DISCARDING RECORDS AT HOME: Concentrate your efforts on the most important documents that may be jamming your drawers. You can create a family filing system that is efficient and exceedingly helpful with little equipment and a modest outlay. Once you have screened out the nonessentials, a filing box containing manila folders and costing only a few dollars plus a small safe deposit box, also available at little cost and tax deductible too, will provide all the home file storage space your home will need.

Dispose of your weekly and monthly salary statements after you have checked them against your annual W-2 wage forms.

Lighten your files by using a cancelled check that relates to an entry on your return as your record. Unless you fear that the

nature of a medical expense is ambiguous, for example, your cancelled check to your physician is adequate evidence that you have paid for a specific medical service. Look into your files. How many physicians' statements have you been needlessly accumulating in your files from years gone by? Pediatricians' bills? Orthodontists' statements? Other bills that are clearly identified by your checks?

CAUTION: Don't throw out bills from the drugstore. The IRS may request proof of deductible drugs vs. nondeductible items such as cosmetics, etc.

As a rule of thumb, dispose of your personal tax records after six years. Federal tax statutes make your tax return vulnerable to challenge up to three years under normal circumstances. The six-year period is considered the time frame for checking returns on which income has been understated by more than 25 percent.

If you income — average, discard returns over five years old. The IRS usually retains personal returns for six years and can supply copies at a moderate cost.

After you have recorded the year's total dividend payments, discard these papers on receipt of the annual dividend tally supplied by the company. Be sure, though, to retain a record of capital-gain distribution dividends because they must be reported for tax purposes when the shares are sold.

Discard checks paid out for maintenance costs on your house. The only real reason to keep records on such costs as papering and painting is if you plan to sell your house soon. But keep permanent improvement records that add to the value of your property, such as the addition of central air-conditioning.

Periodically check your warranties and guarantees, and if they're out of date, discard them. Throw out health maintenance certificates that have expired. Old Blue Cross-Blue Shield cards that you have accumulated from different employers (or as you have changed internal medical programs) can be a jumble of befuddlement — particularly if you must search your files in a hurry for a current validation.

Tomorrow: Discarding records at your business.

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