

Carter offers 'pro-work' welfare plan

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PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — President Carter asked Congress on Saturday to junk the welfare system and replace it with a \$34 billion plan that moves able-bodied recipients into jobs and provides cash for those who can't work.

But Carter told a nationally broadcast news conference that neither he nor his Cabinet experts could say when the new system would achieve its ultimate goal of actually reducing the total amount of money the American people pay for welfare.

The President also said the proposed reforms failed to meet his goal of being no more expensive initially than the old welfare system.

He expressed confidence that Congress would enact his program by next spring to

become fully effective in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1980. He minimized his differences with key congressional committee chairmen and praised House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill for agreeing to set up a special welfare committee to handle the legislation.

Carter noted that another special panel in the House had helped him win passage of most of his complex energy program there Friday.

The President told the news conference the current system "is anti-work and antifamily, unfair to the poor and wasteful of taxpayers' dollars. There is no perfect solution for these difficult problems, but it is time to begin."

"We must make a complete and clean break with the past," Carter said.

The key to Carter's goal of encouraging the family to stay together is the abolition

of the present "man-in-the-house" rule that disqualifies a family from welfare benefits if both parents are in the home.

Carter's plan would provide income support to families that need it even if there is a man in the house.

Key congressional leaders praised the goals of the President's proposals but indicated they had different ideas about how some of the specifics should work.

Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, commended the "laudable objectives" of Carter's plan. Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he would work to enact Carter's general program but would try to change the formula for income supplements to the working poor.

Carter's proposal makes several major concessions to mayors, civil rights groups

and other interest groups which had been consulted by the administration during the drafting of the plan.

The most surprising of these was his decision to discard his stated goal of keeping his proposed new system from being more expensive initially than the old one.

He said the new system would increase the spending by \$2.8 billion over the \$27.9 billion cost he attributed to the old system. However, this spending increase did not include an additional \$3.3 billion cost of new tax credits for wage-earners who now pay some income tax.

Furthermore, his \$27.9 billion figure included the cost of a number of programs not generally regarded as welfare by the public, such as a \$5.5 billion public service job program that he hopes to eliminate.

The President outlined these major proposals:

—No work will be required for the aged, blind, disabled or single parents of children under age 7. They will be eligible for \$4,200 a year for a family of four.

—Part-time work which does not interfere with child care will be expected of single parents with children aged 7 to 14. A family of four in this category would have its \$4,200 annual payment reduced 50 cents for each dollar earned.

—Full-time work would be expected of two-parent families, single persons, childless couples, and single parents with no child under age 14 if the jobs are available. Whether work is available or not, a family of four in this category would get \$2,300 a year. If work is available, they would lose 50 cents from the \$2,300 welfare

payment for each dollar of earnings above \$3,800.

—Up to 1.4 million public service jobs in state and local government would be created at or slightly above the \$2.30 an hour minimum wage.

—To encourage employment in private jobs, expanded tax credits would be available to low and modest income workers up to a maximum of well over \$600 a year for a family of four. These would apply to persons working in private jobs or in public jobs not subsidized by the federal government.

The minimum payments for those who would work and those not expected to work amount to a modified guaranteed annual income. Part of the tax credit provision amounts to a modified negative income tax, because \$1.5 billion in tax credits would

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Weekend flames busy firemen

A cutting torch set off a fire at 220 N. Somerville at 5:45 p.m. Friday and telephone service to some parts of Pampa was interrupted when the blaze burned through a telephone cable. A Pampa Fire Department spokesman said Saturday the fire caused heavy damage to the building and contents. Firemen were called to Ruby's

Liquor Store, 866 W. Foster, Friday afternoon when a hot ballast shorted out, causing smoke damage. The alarm at Montgomery Ward went off Friday, but it was a false alarm and firemen were called to Price Road to extinguish a grass fire.

(Pampa News photos by Ron Ennis)

18 cent tax increase seen in Pampa budget

By ANNA BURCHELL
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A public hearing on the City of Pampa's \$3,563,963 operating budget for fiscal 1977-78 is expected to be called Aug. 23.

The date will be set during the Pampa City Commission meeting at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in city hall.

The new budget is up 9.8 per cent or \$320,000 above the one approved a year ago. It calls for an 18-cent hike in the property tax rate — an increase from \$1.95 per 100 valuation to \$2.13 — a 9.25 per cent raise.

In other action the commission is expected to authorize the city manager to increase fees in city services to create the needed revenue.

The hikes include everything from water rates to sanitation, and for the first time in history, a charge is proposed for the use of the city landfill.

"I think Pampa is the only city that doesn't charge for landfill use," Mack Wofford, city manager, commented.

The plan calls for the 200 city employees to receive a 6 per cent salary hike.

Wofford said it has not been finally determined what the various rate categories will be for landfill use.

"It is anticipated that the fee will graduate upward from one dollar minimum for small pickup size loads with

appropriate charges for various trucks established on a proportional basis," Wofford said.

If the budget, which has been tentatively approved by the commission, is adopted the new rates would not go into effect until ordinances are changed, probably in October.

During budget study sessions, commission members expressed much interest in keeping rates as low as possible for those who live on fixed incomes.

Wofford stressed that all rate changes are tentative.

The proposed increases to finance the budget for 1977 and 1978 call for monthly residential sanitation rates to increase from \$4.50 to \$4.75 — a 5.6 per cent hike.

Commercial sanitation rates will go up about 16 per cent, with the minimum charge at \$5.50.

The minimum water rate for those who use up to 3,000 gallons will be increased from \$4.50 to \$4.75 — a 5.6 per cent hike.

All rates above the minimum will go up approximately 10 per cent, according to Wofford.

Tap fees for water service will be increased from \$35 to \$60 for a three-fourths inch connection. Charges for other tap sizes will increase at about the same ratio.

Sanitary sewer fee will go up 6 per cent, with the residential

from \$3.30 to \$3.50 per month. Commercial sanitary sewer fees will increase about 9.5 per cent — from the current \$3.80 per month to \$4.20 minimum.

In preparing the budget the city fathers first cut in half a list of capital improvements submitted by department heads, totaling in excess of \$400,000 — slicing the list again in the second go around to \$161,000.

Wofford listed the first priority as salary adjustment which will cost an additional \$110,000.

The water line replacement program will continue with financing from revenue sharing funds. Wofford estimated the

city will spend about \$200,000 this year for that purpose.

During the first budget study the commissioners discussed the possibility of a 32 cent tax hike, but decided they "couldn't live with that."

After revising figures and striking the capital improvement list to a minimum, they arrived at the 18 cent hike. The tax rate is based on 40 per cent of the assessed value. The proposed 18 cent hike is the city's first since 1973 when it changed from \$1.90 to \$1.95.

The city can go to a maximum tax rate of \$2.50 per \$100 valuation.

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Beginnings can be small, but from them on it's what you make of them. In Alice Short Smith's case, a small beginning has grown and given her the means to help others. Story on Gallery, page 15.

The high today will be in the mid-90s as partly cloudy and warm conditions continue in the area.

"Elections are a dangerous institution, and we ought to quit deceiving ourselves with myths about their beneficence."
—Russell Baker

Liquefied natural gas--progress vs. peril

EDITOR'S NOTE — Cleveland, 1944. A tank full of liquefied natural gas cracked and 128 people died in a gas-fed blaze. LNG, as it's called, is gas cooled to the point where it is condensed to a tiny fraction of its normal volume. Easily stored. As plans for LNG tanks progress, scientists weigh their need against possible peril.

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
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EVERETT, Mass. (AP) — The odds against it are towering, but in a nightmare assuming the worst possible contingencies, the script would go like this:

A plane takes off from Logan International Airport. Seconds later, the engines fail. Two miles away, it crashes into a tall white tank filled with 25 million gallons of supercold liquefied natural gas.

Flame soar 1,000 feet into the sky. In the streets of the nearest neighborhood a half mile away, the blast of heat blisters people's skin.

Houses catch fire, but the flames are so intense that fire trucks can't come near. Ambulances turn back before they reach the scorched victims. The fire burns until all of the gas is gone.

The only liquefied natural gas terminal in use in the United States is at the end of Boston Harbor. It has been there since November 1971. Both supporters and detractors of the fuel depot agree that the likelihood of a tragedy is remote. But

they wonder if it is worth the risk.

"The probability of a plane hitting the tank has been calculated," says John G.L. Cabot, chairman of Dustrigas Corp., owner of the terminal.

"The range of risk to the public in the vicinity of Everett is about like being struck by lightning or hit by a meteorite. It's there. It's not zero, because no danger is absolutely zero."

Natural gas is a common fuel. It supplies nearly a third of the nation's energy. But it also is growing scarce. Last winter, schools and factories closed because there was not enough.

Elsewhere in the fuel-producing world, natural gas often is a nuisance. Rarely can those near the oil fields use it, and loading the vapor onto a ship is unprofitable. So much of it is burned off as waste.

Now plants are being built, primarily in Algeria, that can liquefy natural gas. The gas is cooled to 250 degrees below zero, where it turns into a fluid that is one six-hundredths of its normal volume.

Condensed this way, liquefied natural gas, or LNG, is economical enough to load onto tankers and carry across the world. The first shipment was made in 1961, and now Japan imports 80 per cent of its gas in liquid form.

In the United States, only the Boston Harbor terminal, small by world standards, gets regular shipments. But LNG terminals are being

built in Cove Point, Md., and Savannah, Ga. The Federal Power Commission has approved construction of one in Lake Charles, La., and others have been proposed in Los Angeles and Corpus Christi, Texas. There's another one on New York's Staten Island, but it's not in use because it lacks federal approval.

At Boston Harbor, LNG arrives at an average rate of about 40 million cubic feet a day. Chase Manhattan Bank of New York estimates that by 1985 the nation will be importing 6.2 billion cubic feet a day. In 1941, a plant was built in Cleveland that liquefied pipeline gas so it could be stored. Three years later, the tank cracked.

The cold, liquid flowed into the streets. As it warmed, it boiled, wafting clouds of gas vapor. Soon the vapors caught fire. When the huge blaze was over, 128 people had died.

Both sides admit that the design of LNG facilities has changed substantially in the 33 years since.

"The safety is built into the tanks and plant," said George Auchy, manager of the Boston Harbor terminal. "Before we started, we recognized all our possible faults and all of the things that could go wrong — all the disasters that can happen — and designed around them."

The safety features are part of the daily routine, but terminal workers are most aware of them. (See LNG tanker p. 4)



The wife of the Algerian ambassador to the United States cracked a bottle of champagne on the bow of the El Paso Arzew to launch the huge liquefied natural gas tanker in Newport News, Va., Saturday. The 948-foot ship, one of three being built for El Paso Natural Gas of

Houston, is similar to Descartes, above, which is being escorted by tugs into Boston Harbor where all other traffic has been stopped by the Coast Guard.

(AP Newsfeatures photo)

Where's the money coming from?

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Hiroshima victims

Searches for brother

By LINDEL HUTSON
Associated Press Writer
GREENWOOD, Ark. (AP) — For years, Walter Loper Jr., has combed dusty archives, pored over books and studied newspaper clips for a clue to the death in World War II of an older brother he idolized.

His effort have been mostly in vain. The government has offered little assistance.

For Lt. Durden Loper of Greenwood, a 21-year-old Army Air Force pilot, was among a handful of American GIs who apparently died as a result of the American atomic bomb blast over Hiroshima, Japan on Aug. 6, 1945.

The blinding flash that signaled the beginning of the nuclear age also killed about 100,000 Japanese.

The government has never officially confirmed that Loper and other prisoners of war believed held at Hiroshima were victims of the bomb.

Loper's widow, Ruth Conway of Colorado Springs, Colo., said she was told about six months after the end of World War II her husband "presumably died" in the Hiroshima blast. Mrs. Conway later remarried.

Walter Loper Jr., 41, now living in Kansas City, has been to Washington for more information about his brother.

"I didn't get offered any assistance to speak of," he said. "I haven't done any real research on it because I haven't known where to go. I collect newspaper articles, I read books. That's about it. I didn't have the money to do too much."

Durden Loper was copilot of a B24, the "Lonesome Lady," which was hit by enemy fire while bombing a Japanese battleship anchored at Kure harbor.

Hospital board sets meeting for Thursday

The board of managers for Highland General and McLean General Hospitals will consider the Pampa Chamber of Commerce medical recruitment status during its 2 p.m. Tuesday session.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of bids for a storage room shelving and medical gas service; consideration of renewal of annual maintenance contract for a laboratory machine, and consideration of enlargement in the physical therapy department floor space area.

In other action the board will hear the reports from the chief of staff and the administrator.

Renewal of employee health and life group insurance plan will also be discussed.

Preacher sentenced

GILMER, Tex. (AP) — The Rev. Craig Lacy of Big Sandy, who pleaded guilty to exercising control over stolen rare books and documents valued at \$75,000, has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Dist. Judge Virgil Mulanax sentenced the Baptist minister here Thursday.

The Rev. Lacy, who has been in the Upshur County jail since his arrest March 10, had refused to post bond. His confinement was based on yet another theft charge from the Upshur County library and the Ambassador College library at Big Sandy.

bor in the vicinity of Hiroshima on July 28. Ten crewmen bailed out; one was never seen again.

Tail gunner William Abel of Denver was not immediately captured by the Japanese. He hid in the mountains, later surrendered, and was liberated after the war.

The pilot, Thomas Cartwright, now a professor at Texas A&M University, was held only a few days before being transferred to Tokyo for more interrogation.

The day after their capture, Cartwright and Loper, blindfolded, were taken to what Cartwright believes was a nearby city. "From what I saw at that time, it related to descriptions of Hiroshima," he said. "Of course it was a very minimal sort of view, but it seemed to fit. And the fact that the crew was killed...one report that I got was that they were killed from the effects of radiation."

In 1949, the remains of Loper and four other crew members were buried at Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis. A tombstone erected there lists the names and gives the date of death as Aug. 6, 1945, but nothing more.

In their new book "Enola Gay," named after the B29 that carried out the world's first atomic raid, British authors Max Morgan Witts and William Thomas say an estimated 23 Americans were held at Hiroshima at the time the bomb went off.

"The fate of the American prisoners of war is not certain," they wrote.

A Pentagon spokesman says there were POWs in the Hiroshima area at the time of the bombing. "The bomb was very destructive, obviously, and they have never been able to conclusively say that these people were killed," said Deborah Glazer.

"There is one person, a Staff Sgt. Needles, who was captured before the bombing, and he did die as a result of injuries in the bombing," she said. "But...we know of no one else that we can say for certain that was killed in the bombing."

The Pentagon, at the request of The Associated Press, has initiated a records search for more information regarding Loper and other crew members buried at Jefferson Barracks. The search is still under way. A problem, Ms. Glazer said, is that many records were

destroyed by fire at the St. Louis center some years ago.

Said Mrs. Conway, "They never did admit to me that they knew that they were there."

"No one ever in our communications said to me 'we knew the boys were there' and that sort of thing. They presumed that they were there. Evidently, the research that has gone into it now has revealed that they did know that they were there, but this was still the primary target, so it had to go."

"I think it would have left a much better feeling had they revealed this all along," said Mrs. Conway. "I never could feel for certain that he was even dead. If they could have come right out and told us, it might have been easier to recover from it."

Retired Gen. Paul W. Tibbets of Columbus, Ohio, commander of the "Enola Gay," said that until the recent publication of the book by the British writers "I had never heard POWs within Hiroshima being mentioned."

Tibbets, who retired in 1966, said that in his military career he "was never appraised that there was any American in that city or near that city that could have been or might have been affected by that attack."

Walter Loper Jr., says the remains and tombstone at St. Louis are to him "an admission on the government's part. Maybe not officially, but an admission."

Loper was 9 when his brother died. "I idolized him because he was a pilot. He wanted to come back to the family farm. He loved the farm life."

"He was religious, a very disciplined individual. He had red, curly hair and a freckled face — and hated it all. He didn't like his freckles and he didn't like his red hair."

"I read every letter he wrote when he was in pilot training. When he came home after he won his wings and his commission, he tried on all of his uniforms and, boy, I thought he was a general."

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By Doug Howard

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News to use

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Frank Annunzio is calling on you for help in winning approval of a bill to limit interest and service charges on credit cards and to control electronic fund transfers.

Annunzio, chairman of the House consumer affairs subcommittee, said the legislation could save credit card users millions of dollars annually. But, the Illinois Democrat warned, "The credit card companies will spend unlimited time and money to defeat this bill because it will end their gold mine. And if the bill is not passed, it will be a signal to credit card companies to place even more outrageous financial demands on consumers."

He called on users of credit cards to write to their congressmen and senators in support of the bill.

Among the provisions of the bill are a prohibition on charging an annual fee for a credit card and the elimination of charges to customers who pay all of their balance each month. "For years the credit card companies sold their cards on the basis that there would be no charge if the balance was paid in full each month. Now that is changing rapidly," Annunzio said.

The measure also would require a written request from a consumer before he could be sent a credit card.

A series of similar rules for electronic fund transfer systems — the so-called checkless banking — also are included in the measure.

CALL THE VA — Nine states were added to the Veterans Administration toll-free telephone service this month, making the service now available nationwide.

Administrator Max Cleland said the service is aimed at veterans who live some distance from VA offices and find it difficult to make a personal visit.

The toll-free number for the Veterans Administration can be found in most telephone books under U.S. Government, Cleland said. Where it is not yet listed, the operator can provide assistance, he said.

States added to the service this month were Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Virginia.

INSULATION MEETING SET — The Consumer Product Safety Commission will hold a

Car imports set record in sales

DETROIT (AP) — Imported cars continued to set a sales record for the fifth consecutive month in July while domestic new car sales fell below industry expectations, say auto company officials.

Sales of imports rose 48 per cent on a daily sales basis to a July record 181,000, easily surpassing the previous July mark of 154,800 set in 1975.

The nation's four major car makers Wednesday reported retail dealer deliveries of 731,033 cars in 35 selling days last month, compared with 736,780 units in 26 selling days during July, 1976.

Although total volume in the latest month was off slightly from last year, the daily selling rate — the industry's yardstick for comparing sales periods — was up 32 per cent to 29,241, compared with 28,338 a year ago.

Predominantly small, fuel-efficient and inexpensive foreign cars have been selling at a record pace since March, taking a 20 per cent share of the total U.S. new car market.

Domestic sales in the month fell some 35,000 to 50,000 units short of industry forecasts.

"We had expected a great month. Instead it turned out to be only a good month," said one industry analyst. "June, though, was better than we thought."

Gas tax vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how Texas congressmen voted in Thursday's roll call by which the House voted, 338-62 to defeat a five-cent-a-gallon tax on gasoline. A yes vote was a vote for the tax. xxx-Denotes not voting.

Democrats — Brooks no; Burlison no; de la Garza yes; Eckhardt no; Gammage no; Gonzalez no; Hall no; Hightower no; Jordan no; Kazen no; Krueger no; Mahon no; Mattox no; Millford no; Pickle yes; Poage no; Roberts yes; Teague xxx; White no; Wilson no; Wright yes; Young no.

Republicans — Archer no; Collins no.

Domestic drilling highest since '59

HOUSTON (AP) — Many onshore oil drilling contractors are ordering new drilling rigs these days.

Domestic oil and gas drilling operations now are at the highest level since 1959 and onshore rig availability is rather tight.

But Ed McGhee, executive vice president of the International Association of Drilling Contractors, says contractors are responding to the situation.

McGhee said some 35 per cent of the contractors contacted in a recent survey have rigs under construction.

"The average being built is two per contractor," he said. "In addition, a third of the contractors who are not now building new rigs say they plan to do so."

McGhee said many of those not building new rigs cite doubts about federal policy as their reasons.

"The Federal Energy Administration, for instance, has been reported to be predicting U.S. drilling activity will peak out in 1980 at a level of about 208 million feet of hole," he said.

"The 1977 figure is expected to reach almost that level." McGhee said the FEA reportedly also predicts that by 1985 domestic drilling will have fallen to about 174 million feet, about the same level as in 1975.

McGhee said contractors anticipate complaints later in the year despite the fact the early July survey indicated at that time that 60 per cent of all land rigs would be available for new

contracts before the end of the year.

But that figure, he said, shrinks as the year wanes. "Those most likely to complain, contractors say, are promoters and smaller operators," McGhee said.

"The reason is the money used by these parties does not usually become available until late in the year, and then must be spent before Jan. 1."

Such a situation, he said, has historically imposed upon rig activity a pattern of fourth quarter peaks and first quarter valleys.

"Contractors point out that from 1957 through the first half of 1976 a store of unemployed rigs could be reactivated to accommodate the wide swings in

demand," McGhee said. "Today, few rigs remain unemployed. To get the kind of rig an operator wants at the place and time he wants it requires a bit of forethought. Some operators, contractors observe, have not awakened to this reality."

The most recent rig count of 2,087 is the highest weekly average to be posted by the industry since 1959.

By comparison, the peak weekly averages for 1972 through 1976 were 1,256, 1,440, 1,664, 1,811, and 1,889. All were posted in November or December.

The activity the first six months of the year prompted two major trade publications, World Oil and the Oil & Gas

Journal, to make upward revisions in their forecasts for 1977 domestic drilling operations.

The Oil & Gas Journal now anticipates 45,300 wells will be completed this year compared with a January forecast of 43,300.

The Journal also projects the total will include 11,038 exploratory tests. This would be the highest level since 1957 and reflects, the publication says, the fact many operators still have faith in finding commercial oil and gas reserves.

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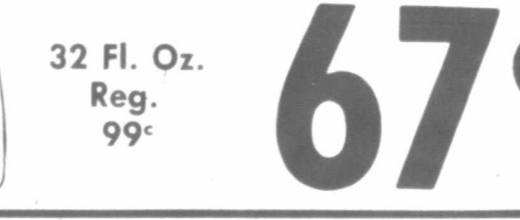


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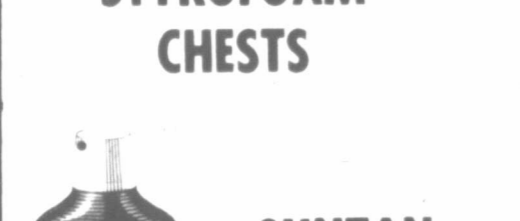
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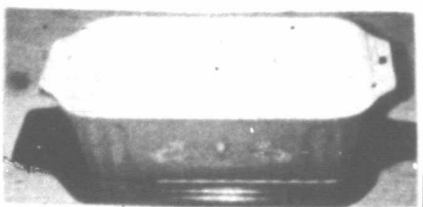
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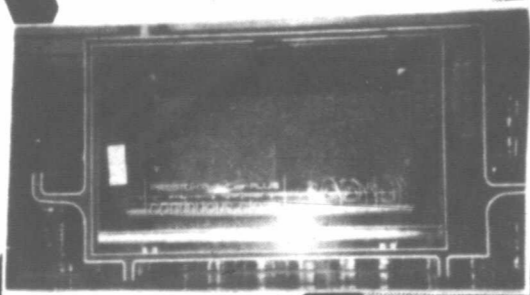
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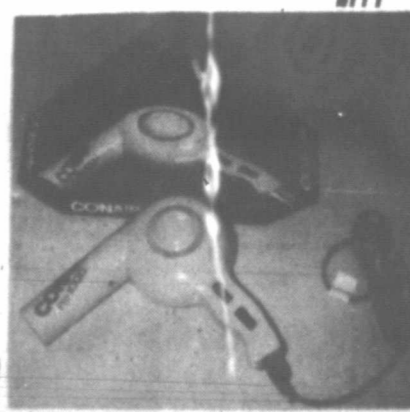
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In agriculture

By JOE VANZANDT
County Extension Agent

Most cattlemen have been keeping fairly close watch over the inventory of all cattle and calves in the United States. These inventories are issued twice a year by USDA and the most recent, July 1, 1977, inventory of 130,566,000 head was a decline of 2 per cent over the previous year's number and a 7 per cent decline from levels on July 1, 1975.

Calves born and to be born during 1977 are expected to total 46.1 million, a decrease of 3 per cent from 1976 and a 9 per cent decline from the 1975 calf crop. Apparently we are seeing the cattle situation get in a little better position for prices to be able to improve at some time in the future — the big question is, WHEN?

From another USDA publication economists discuss the cattle herd liquidation. The economist discuss two alternatives based on favorable weather nationwide or continued drought across a lot of the nation. It will serve as a little food for thought.

Under the favorable weather alternative, they assume improved moisture conditions that would support the present herd size in all areas of the county. It also assumes adequate feed grain supplies and more favorable livestock feed price ratios than in the past year. Under these conditions, the current rate of herd reduction and cattle slaughter would moderate in 1977 and bottom out in 1978. Under this alternative, per capita beef production would probably taper off through the end of this decade, with output in 1980 some 10 to 14 per cent below last year's figure.

With a growing economy and strong demand for beef, prices for live animals and consumer beef prices would probably turn higher — but not as high as under poorer weather and pasture conditions.

This brings us to the second alternative which assumes poor growing conditions for forages and grains this year and in early 1978, followed by favorable conditions through 1980. Poor weather and short feed grain supplies would cause herd reduction to continue at a rapid clip, possibly not easing up until 1979. Such a situation could develop if drought persists, feed cost rise and financially strapped cattlemen are forced to reduce herds.

Per capital beef production

would hold up well this year and next but would decline in 1979 and 1980 as the rebuilding phase of the new cattle cycle begins anew. By 1980 beef production per person could decline by more than 20 per cent below last year's level. This could cause consumer prices to go so high that consumers would turn to other meats, the high prices could also trigger over expansion and again producers would fare the same burdensome supplies and dwindling prices.

Wildfire Potential High
With rangeland generally in the best condition in many years, the danger of fire is great as the dry summer has cured most grasses. There is generally abundant fuel to carry a range fire and ranchers should take precautions to protect rangeland against wildfires.

Fire guards of plowed or graded lands can be built or repaired. Old fire guards grown up in weeds and dry grass are of little value until they have been reworked. Sprayers should be kept in good repair and you may want to keep your sprayer loaded with water, ready for use.

Lightning can start fires, which cannot be prevented. However, man-caused fires can be prevented. Smokers should be doubly sure their cigars and cigarettes are snuffed out and preferably placed in an ash tray rather than thrown out on the ground.

Wheat Varieties
As farmers are beginning to make plans for planting another crop of wheat, some may wonder about which varieties are recommended for this area. The Extension and Research Agronomists have compiled the following recommended list of wheat varieties for dryland or irrigation: Centurk, Concho, Eagle, Improved Triumph, Lancota, Lindon, Onage, Palo Duro, Rall, Sage, Scout 66, TAM W-101 and Tascosa.

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Learning via tv at home

EDITOR'S NOTE — Children who can't go to school because of mental or physical illnesses can plug into learning in the Buffalo suburb of Amherst. Cable television carries lessons to the kids, who respond by writing on a special keyboard. The government program reaches only 150 youngsters now, but the pilot project has potential for expansion.

By BEN DE FOREST
Associated Press Writer
BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Karen Nadrich, 13, does her homework sitting in front of her family's television set. But unlike most kids who keep one eye on the TV and one on the books, her whole learning program is communicating with the TV.

With a special keyboard on her lap, the television asks her questions and she answers. When she answers right, she gets reinforcement. When she's wrong, the screen flashes the words: "Your answer is wrong, Karen. Try again."

Karen, who suffers from a crippling back ailment, is one of 150 youngsters in suburban Amherst in a pilot program of instruction via cable television and computerized lessons. The three-year-old program, funded by the state, allows mentally and physically disabled children to learn at home, in connection with counseling by teachers.

During one recent study session, the screen asked:

"What is the longest part of the alimentary canal (digestive tract): a-the esophagus, b-the stomach, c-the small intestine, or d-the large intestine? She picked 'a'."

"Your answer is wrong, Karen. Try again."

She then correctly picked "c", the small intestine. The TV set told her she was correct, then went on to another question.

When children get tired of questions, they can switch to a game of electronic tic-tac-toe. Another favorite game is trying to land a rocket on the moon. The program involves more than children and computers. It includes teachers, who vary the amount of time they spend with each child, and parents, who can work with their youngsters.

"As far as we're concerned, we think it's very advantageous," said Mrs. Stanley Nadrich. "It is stimulating and Karen can keep up with her

studies. She can do it at home and go at her own pace."

At Gateway, a home for emotionally disturbed youngsters, about 60 children have access to four television sets for Tel-Catch instruction.

"It's fun," says a youngster named John. "I like to practice on the television because you're challenging your skills against the computer. It's a human question problem on a TV screen, says the program helps her practice what she already has learned in class.

John Kreisha, assistant principal at Gateway, says the television program is fine for drill. "It is not a teaching tool per se. It is mainly for reinforcement concepts."

Barbara Bonfiglio, a teacher at Gateway, says the computer can often strike a rapport with a youngster that a human can't. "They would rather have a machine tell them what is right or wrong than for me to tell them."

The Tel-Catch project was launched in 1974 when the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare allotted \$900,000 to start the project and run it for two years.

The program was managed by the state education department's Office for Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions. Amherst was chosen as the site for the project because it had a well developed cable television service.

After two years, HEW withdrew from the program, and the state took over the financing. For the 1976-77 fiscal year, the state budgeted \$100,000 for the program.

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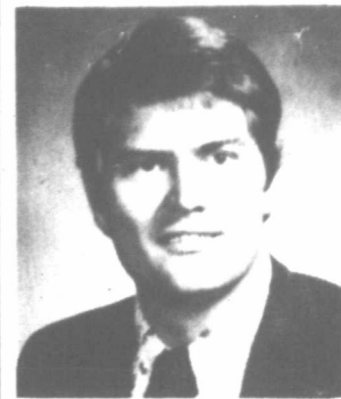
Anson Williams: Happy Days

like on television? Sure you do. And here's a recent listing, compiled by the Nielson folks.

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| 2. ABC Sunday Movie | High Plains Drifter |
| Lucan/Good Against Evil | 8,000,000 |
| 3. Laverne & Shirley | 7,890,000 |
| 4. Barrett | 7,880,000 |
| 5. One Day at a Time | 7,640,000 |
| 6. M*A*S*H | 7,240,000 |
| 7. Happy Days | 7,240,000 |
| 8. Miss U.S.A. | 6,770,000 |
| 9. The Big Event | Father Knows Best |
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Four persons pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated and one to charges of resisting arrest last week before County Judge Don Hinton.

Stephen Wyndell Cox, 32, of Pampa was fined \$200 plus court costs and granted a six month probation term after he pleaded guilty to charges of resisting arrest.

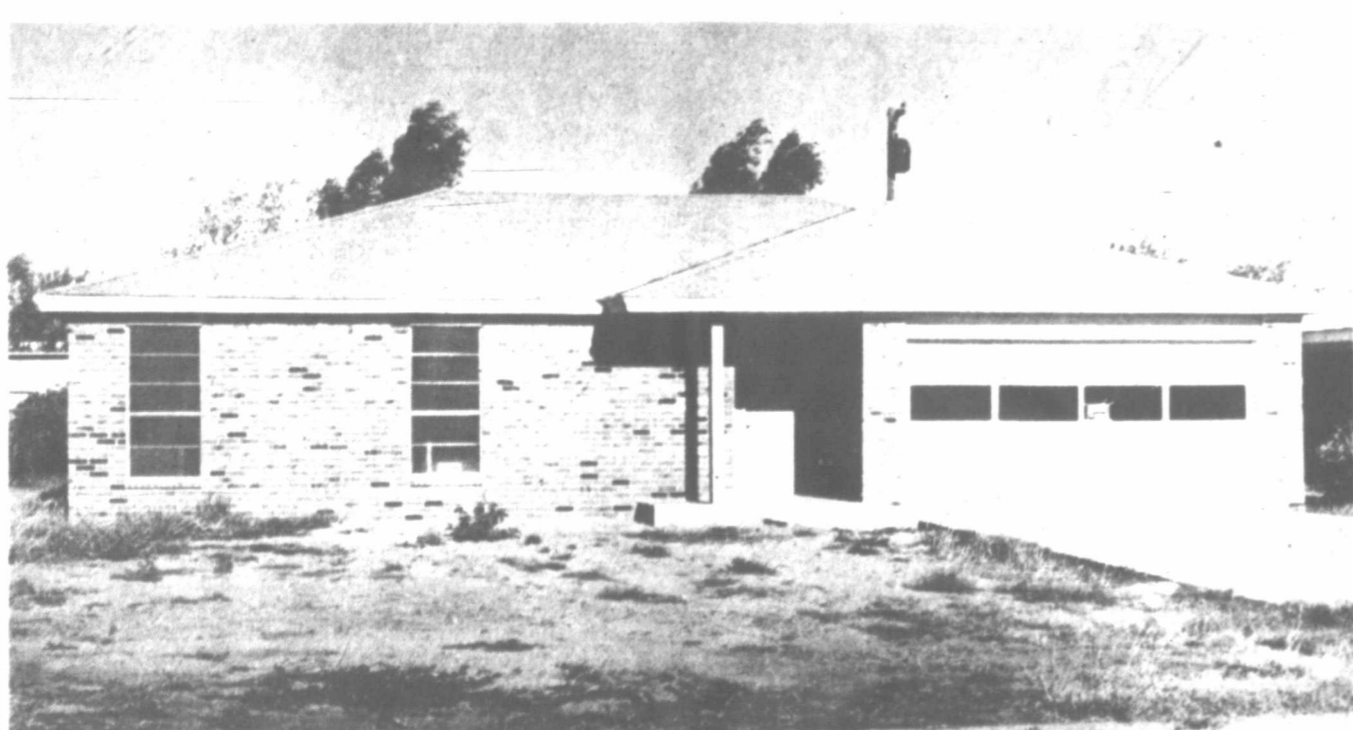
Those who pleaded guilty to DWI charges were Bobby Dean Weidon, 25, Alan Ray Cloud, 21, and Armandares Mireles Sabas, 26, all of Pampa, and Charles Leon Slinker, 36, of Mounds, Okla.

Each was fined \$200 plus court costs and granted six month probation terms.

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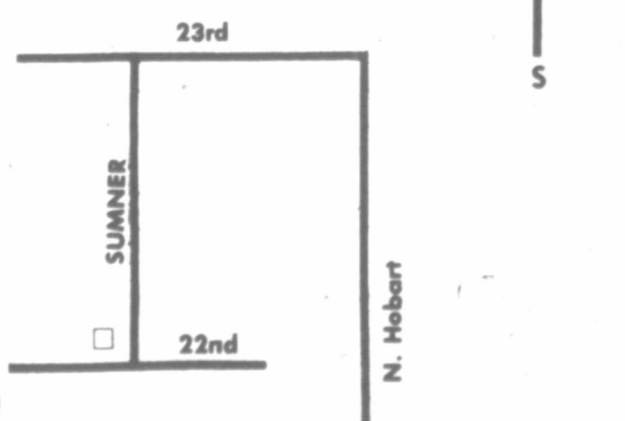
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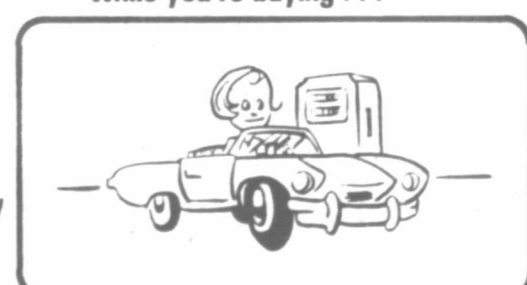
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ASPCA head links animals abuse to social problems

By JULES LOH AP Special Correspondent NEW YORK (AP) — The baby possum climbing up the back of Duncan Wright's chair and onto his shoulder was only mildly distracting, at least compared to the mynah bird screeching obscenities downstairs.

a fund raiser the other night at Madison Square Garden, Harvey bit three people, including basketball star Willis Reed.) But where others see only the humor, Duncan Wright sees reason for distress.

"No. A lot of people would want to make a pet of her but she's a wild animal. Her mother was killed right here in midtown Manhattan, can you imagine? There were 10 in the litter. Our problem is to see that we don't domesticate them. When they are old enough I'll take them south, probably Virginia, and turn them loose in the woods."

Duncan Wright, with a chuckle, designated Harvey as his personal Attack Rabbit and uses the beast to help raise money for the ASPCA. (AI

NYC manhunt nets no killer

NEW YORK (AP) — The 44-caliber killer is the target of the greatest manhunt in New York City history. But it is doubtful if any of the 300 police officers hunting him would recognize the so-called "Son of Sam" if they sat next to him on the subway.

shooting of 29-year-old Stacy Moskowitz, fifth female victim of "Son of Sam." One young man also died.

20 to 35 year old, standing 5-foot-7 to 6-foot-2, weighing anywhere from 150 to 220 pounds. Police are considering the possibility that the 44-caliber killer has deliberately misled them through the use of disguises, including wigs and false moustaches.

Robert Sadoff, a forensic psychiatrist at Philadelphia General Hospital, who pointed out: "He's probably the last kind of individual you'd expect to do this sort of thing. He's a non-descript individual leading a quiet life. When he's his usual self, he could be an industrious, helpful guy."

to make any definite conclusions." It is generally agreed that there is a psychopathic sexual twist to the mind of the killer, whose primary targets have been women.

Teachers' groups back bonds

The executive boards of the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association and the Pampa Association of Educators have voted to support the upcoming school bond issue.

appropriate \$2.2 million to finance repairs for school buildings.

president of PAE. "We want the school board and the community to know that we support this."

Texas State Teachers Association Membership includes teachers and administrators.

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Abortions will depend on interpretation

By RICHARD CARELLI Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — The heated political and legal debate over federal funding of abortions for poor women may be decided by how Congress and the courts interpret two phrases: "life-endangering" and "medically necessary."

an abortion that is medically unnecessary, and a resulting one by a federal judge in Brooklyn.

al of abortions only when the mother's life is endangered. The pro-abortion lawyers also say that the justices in past decisions have defined the phrase "medically necessary" broadly enough to encompass physical, mental, emotional and familial factors.

Meanwhile, the question is being debated in Congress. The 1976 Hyde Amendment, sponsored by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and attached to an annual appropriations bill giving HEW and the Labor Department their operating funds, expires Sept. 30.

The House has voted to renew the abortion funding cutoff in the same form as it was enacted last year, that is that federal abortion funds can be used only in cases where the woman's life is endangered.

Manson disciple gets mistrial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Saturday in Leslie Van Houten's retrial on murder charges when the jury reported it was hopelessly deadlocked in the case of the former Charles Manson disciple.

Her attorney, Maxwell Keith, had said earlier he would be pleased with a hung jury. "Worse things could happen," he said.

new trial. "I'll be better: I've had practice," he said.

Briscoe, govts to discuss border office

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe meets Monday with three other Southwest governors for the organization of the Southwest Border Regional Commission.

They contend that the court has mandated governmental help for "medically necessary" abortions, a definition that apparently is less restrictive than the Hyde Amendment's approval.

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\$25,000 bond for kidnaping

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A \$25,000 bond was set Friday for an Elmer, Okla., man charged with kidnaping a Vernon, Tex., woman and allegedly driving her to Waurika.

The bond for Jimmy Dean Howard, 20, was set when he made his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Charles R. Jones.

A federal complaint filed against Howard accuses him of kidnaping Norma Jean Hurt, 18, after she hitchhiked near Altus on Wednesday.

Miss Hurt told the FBI she drove Howard to Vernon, where she stopped to let him out. Instead, she said, he produced a .23-caliber pistol and forced her to drive him to an area near Electra, Tex., near Wichita Falls.

Howard was arrested a short time later at a roadblock east of Waurika.

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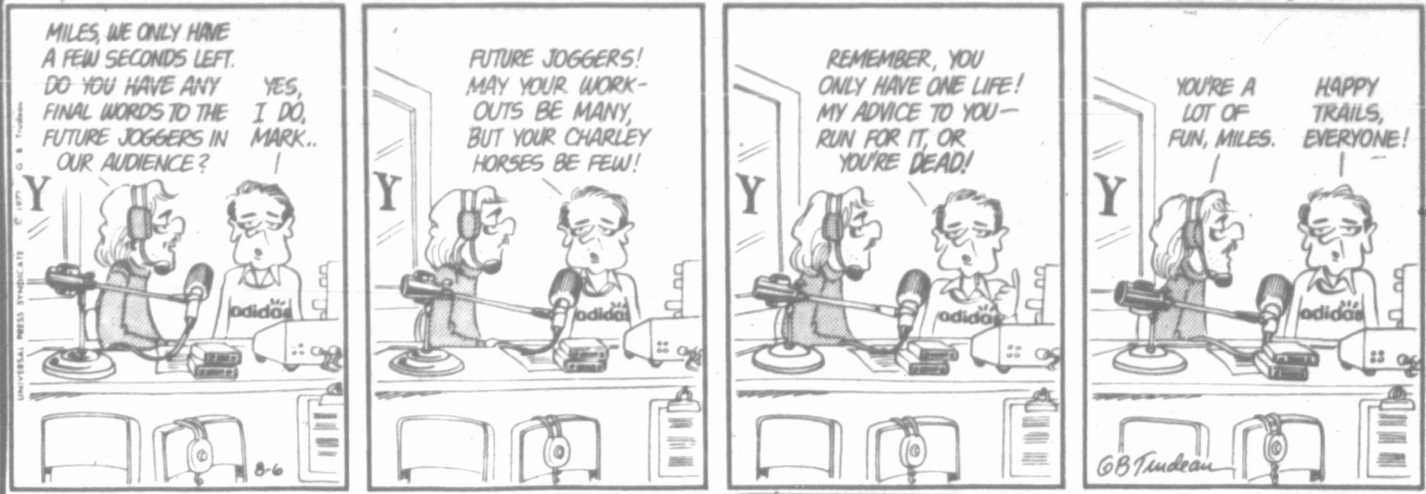
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Pat recovering, Julie writing, others jailed

Three years later, Nixon claims innocence

By DON McLEOD
AP Political Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years after the Nixon administration came to a tearful end, Richard M. Nixon himself is one of the few among its power elite who has remained free.

Three years ago Tuesday, on Aug. 9, Nixon resigned in disgrace after unsuccessfully fighting Watergate scandals stemming from what the White House once called a "third-rate burglary attempt."

Now Nixon works on his memoirs in San Clemente, Calif., three of his top lieutenants are serving prison terms of 2 1/2 to 8 years and the mastermind of the Watergate break-in, G. Gordon Liddy, is preparing to get out of prison next month.

H. R. Haldeman, Nixon's chief of staff and considered by many the second most powerful man in the country at the time, entered a federal prison camp

at Lompoc, Calif., in June after two years of legal appeals failed to overturn his Watergate cover-up conviction.

John N. Mitchell, attorney general, Nixon campaign manager and close political adviser, entered another prison camp near Montgomery, Ala., the next day.

John N. Ehrlichman, Nixon's White House domestic adviser, has served 10 months in a federal facility at Safford, Ariz., on a cover-up conviction and a concurrent sentence for a White House "Plumbers" unit break-in.

In all, 25 persons have gone to jail in connection with the various scandals which caused Nixon to announce that he was stepping down for the good of the country. His resignation, the first ever by a U.S. president, followed approval of impeachment articles against him by the House Judiciary Committee.

To this day, Nixon still maintains he was innocent of any illegal activity.

Thanks to a blanket pardon from his appointed successor, Gerald R. Ford, Nixon was spared prosecution on Watergate-related charges, but his long fight against impeachment, for custody of his White House papers and tapes and defense of various other suits ran up legal bills estimated at \$1 million.

Part of this was defrayed by a fund-raising drive directed by Rabbi Baruch Korff, and Nixon is beginning to bring in money from his television and writing enterprises. But friends say the financial strain remains heavy.

Nixon got \$600,000 plus a percentage of the profits from his widely viewed series of television interviews with David Frost. And he is at work on memoirs which are expected to earn him something in the range of \$2 million.

Nixon continues to guard his privacy and seldom appears outside his San Clemente compound. Friends and associates say his circumstances and moods are improving from the early days after his resignation.

Former First Lady Pat Nixon suffered a stroke a year ago which temporarily left her left arm and leg paralyzed and gave her a speech impairment, but friends report a "remarkable recovery."

Mrs. Nixon also keeps a low public profile, but friends say she is active and has a special interest in gardening and managing the San Clemente home.

The Nixon daughters, Tricia Cox and Julie Eisenhower, live in New York with husbands Ed Cox and David Eisenhower, both members of New York law firms.

Julie is currently promoting her new book and David is working on one about his

grandfather, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

John Dean, the former White House legal counsel who provided some of the most damaging testimony against Nixon, is one of the survivors who is doing rather well.

Dean served four months in prison but quickly made a comeback with a best-seller book. He has a new book in the works, a budding lecture career and writes occasionally for Rolling Stone magazine.

Dean's wife Maureen, who became a nationally known personality by sitting next to her husband during his Senate Watergate Committee testimony, also wrote a best-seller and is finishing a screen play. The Deans live in Los Angeles.

Jeb Stuart Magruder, the former White House aide who was deputy director of Nixon's 1972 campaign, served seven months in prison. Now he is living in Colorado and working as an official of the Young Life Foundation, a religious organization.

Liddy, once general counsel of the 1972 Nixon campaign and architect of the Watergate break-in, has spent more time behind bars than any other Watergate figure.

After President Carter reduced Liddy's sentence, a parole board decided to grant him early release. He is scheduled to leave the federal prison camp at Allenwood, Pa., Sept. 7, after 52 months imprisonment.

Another member of Nixon's administration who is doing well for himself is Spiro T. Agnew, Nixon's first vice president, who resigned in 1973 after pleading no contest to a variety of bribery and corruption charges.

Agnew, who still makes his home in a Baltimore suburb, has become a highly successful business agent for interests in the Middle East and Mediterranean. He also has written a novel.

Gerald Ford, the former House minority leader who stepped in as vice president after Agnew, succeeded to the nation's top office when Nixon resigned and served out the remaining 29 months of Nixon's second term.

Defeated last year in a bid for election in his own right, Ford retired to Palm Springs, Calif., but is an active ex-president with writing, teaching and television commitments.

Henry A. Kissinger, Nixon's

secretary of state, remained in the job under Ford but came increasingly under fire from administration critics. Although he says government service drove him into debt, Kissinger has a book contract for a reported \$2 million and a deal with NBC for political commentary.

The former Harvard professor also has returned to teaching with a series of seminars at Georgetown University, and his expertise in foreign policy is still sought by congressional committees.

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Vance pushes Mideast peace effort

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said today that the United States will have to intensify its mediating efforts if a peace conference on the Middle East is to be held before the end of the year.

Vance told a news conference after talks with Jordan's King Hussein that there is "some narrowing of differences" between the Arabs and Israel.

But he said he agreed with the Arab view that the more that can be resolved in advance of a formal conference in Geneva "the better off we will be and the less likelihood that we

will run into snags and obstacles."

Vance said at this midway point in his 12-day mission that he could see "some narrowing of differences on the issue of the nature of peace" but acknowledged he has made little if any headway on a Palestinian withdrawal from the territories it won in the 1967 war — Vance said "that is a question for the negotiations and one which I do not wish to discuss in advance."

His assessment of his trip so far indicated prospects for a Geneva conference in October are approaching the vanishing point. Israel had suggested Oct. 10, Egypt concurred and President Carter said a meeting that month was "very likely."

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themselves on this issue, insist meanwhile that a Palestinian homeland be set up on the Israeli-held west bank of the Jordan River and in Gaza.

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Jordan, Syria and Egypt to report to Arab leaders on Israel's positions.

He will make those stops next Thursday and then fly to London for deliberations with British officials about means to bring the black majority into control of Rhodesia.

Energy vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how Texas congressmen voted in the roll call by which the House passed 244-77 President Carter's energy act. xxx denotes not voting.

Democrats — Brooks no; Burleson no; de la Garza no; Eckhardt yes; Gammage no; Gonzalez no; Hall no; Hightower no; Jordan yes; Kazen no;

Krueger no; Mahon no; Mattox no; Milford no; Pickle yes; Ponce no; Roberts no; Wilson yes; Wright yes; Young no;

Republicans — Archer no; Collins no.

'Lost Battalion' meets in Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) — Survivors of the famed "Lost Battalion," who were captured on Java and imprisoned by the Japanese, reassembled Saturday with a better-late-than-never attitude.

A special item on their program was the presentation — nearly three decades late — of a presidential unit citation and an East Indies campaign streamer.

These items were delivered to the Texas National Guard outfit which inherited the colors and lineage of the World War II unit, the 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, from Wichita Falls.

Members of the original 800-man battalion were the first Texans mobilized for combat in that conflict. A Japanese blockade kept them from reaching the Philippines.

With 1,500 Australian troops aboard a Netherlands freighter, they were diverted in 1942 to Java, where the Allied forces were being attacked by 30,000 Japanese.

Under Dutch command and lacking anti-aircraft weapons, the Texans used land artillery pieces with timed fuses to help protect the Allies' airstrip during enemy air attacks.

Next the battalion fought hit-and-run battles until early March, when its 541 officers and men were overrun while defending the beaches which

faced Sunda Strait.

On March 8, 1942, British Gen. Wavell surrendered Java. The Texans were destined to work as prisoners on a railroad crossing the storied bridge over the River Kwai. Meanwhile the Allied command assumed there were no battalion survivors and nothing more was heard from them until the middle of 1945.

The unit was dropped from the Allied roles and truly became a lost battalion.

Their captors put the Texans in prisoner work gangs building the span made famous in the movie "Bridge over the River Kwai." Laboring under inhuman conditions, the 300 battalion survivors clung to life until they were liberated in 1946.

Eventually these men returned home and formed the Lost Battalion Association which held its annual reunion in Lubbock.

A Dutch doctor who was held prisoner with them ascribed their determination to survive to their "grim humor, discipline and pragmatism."

One of the Texans — Clyde Filmore of Wichita Falls — risked his life to keep forbidden notes on the ordeal. To hide them, Filmore slit his canteen liner and the bottom of a valise the Japanese let him carry.

At the insistence of other survivors, Filmore assembled and published his notes in 1973 and told the story of the battalion.

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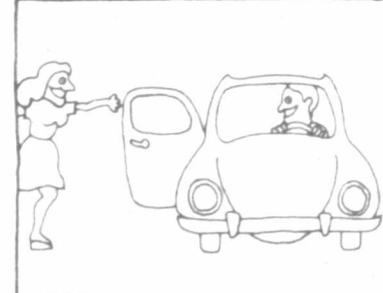
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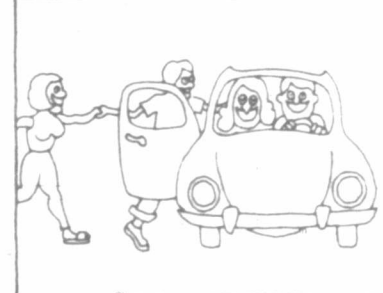
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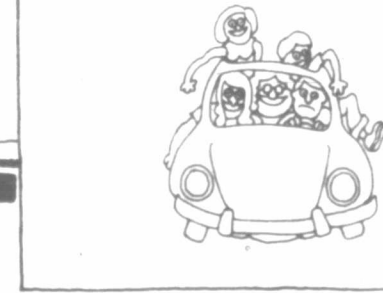
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Moped--lazy man's bicycle

EDITOR'S NOTE — The moped is sort of the lazy man's bicycle, the lady-like motorcycle. Born in France, it has buzzed European roads for nearly 30 years, but it's just catching on in America. Like many other two-wheelers, it can be economical, fun — and dangerous.

By PAUL TREUTHARDT
Associated Press Writer
PARIS (AP) — Mopeds, the curious Gallic hybrid of a bicycle with a baby motor, born in the austerity of the Marshall Plan era, have given independence to youth and mobility to workers in Europe since World War II.

By day, their buzz is familiar in European cities. In darkness, the sound drills through the countryside as kids ride home from a dance in the next village or farmers head out to the fields at dawn.

Now, Americans are discovering the virtues of the vehicle that sips only a gallon of gas every 100 miles or so and is easy not only on the pocket-

book, but on the environment, the leg muscles and the nerves during rush-hour traffic jams.

But, says Jean Chasanel, secretary-general of Motobecane, France's largest producer, "There's a lot more talk about mopeds than there are mopeds on the roads in the United States."

U.S. sales last year were only about 50,000, but Chasanel is optimistic. "We expect total industry sales of 100,000 units there this year, that's in the 31 states which have passed laws favorable to the moped."

The Department of Transportation is optimistic, too. It forecasts three million mopeds on U.S. roadways by 1980.

Some 30 manufacturers are vying for the U.S. market. The biggest are Motobecane, which pioneered the moped in 1949 and expects to supply one-fourth of those sold in America this year; Steyer Daimler Puch of Austria and Batavus of Holland. The lone U.S. manufacturer is Columbia in Westfield, Mass.

Basically, a moped is a

strengthened bicycle powered by a motor about one-fifth the size of a cylinder of an old Volkswagen. It usually is chain driven.

A recent New York court decision says it's a moped if it goes no faster than 17 miles per hour, a motorcycle if it goes faster. Europe is more lenient, allowing 25-30 m.p.h.

France has the most mopeds in use, some six million, followed by Italy's three million and Holland's two million.

The popularity of the moped stems from its economy and the lack of restrictions on the rider. Of moped laws passed in 31 states thus far, half require no vehicle registration. Many don't require a driver's license, and none requires crash helmets or liability insurance.

But as accident rates increase in Europe, crash helmets are expected to become compulsory soon in France and Germany. And already in the States there is sentiment to make the laws more stringent and uniform.

Moped sales rose markedly in

Europe in 1973-74, but Chasanel strongly opposes the idea that the oil crisis was responsible.

"We always say we believe the increase was because of interest in the basic qualities of the vehicle itself."

"We were shown to be right when deliveries dropped back in 1975-76 at the height of the economic crisis, and also because laws making crash helmets compulsory started coming in."

In the United States, he says, it "is still too soon to say if mopeds have become fashionable. We need to see how sales develop. But President Carter's energy program might help."

An aide pointed out that relaxed laws for mopeds only began appearing in the last couple of years, after lobbying by the Motorized Bicycle Association, strongly supported by the French industry.

Across Europe, the youth market dominates moped sales — for transport as well as sport.

But in London, more and more white collar workers are

seen weaving through dense rush hour traffic on mopeds.

In many European countries the legal speed limit for mopeds is 30 kilometers (about 20 miles) per hour. Mopeds are supposed to be built not to exceed that speed, but its a ham-fisted youngster who can't make minor adjustments to leave the speed limit behind.

In the Netherlands, where flat terrain lends itself to mopeds, the little bikes are second only to the car as the most popular form of motor transport, and in Denmark, there were 450,400 mopeds at the end of 1975 for a population of a little over five million.

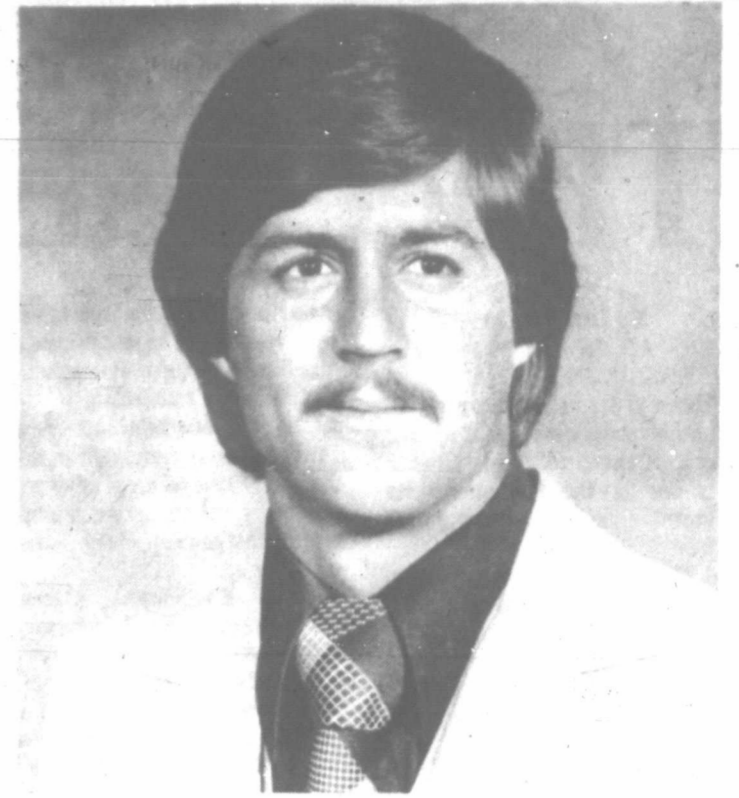
But Swedish authorities say the number of mopeds dropped from 750,000 in the early 1960s to around 400,000 now. They attribute it mainly to the fact that mopeds have developed from being bicycles with auxiliary motors into baby motorcycles, and thus become more expensive.

Mopeds are popular in the poorer areas of southern Spain, particularly with construction and farm workers.

In Switzerland, the energy crisis brought a brief switch from larger to smaller cars, but no significant change in sales of the long-popular moped. If people are turning from cars to mopeds, it usually is because of traffic and parking problems, the Swiss say.

The outstanding problem of the moped however, is the vulnerability of the rider in accidents. The figures are higher in France, with twice as many mopeds as any other country. Last year in France, 1,232 people were killed on mopeds, compared with 503 on larger motorcycles.

The British Ministry of Transport says moped riders are not entirely to blame. "Time and time again car drivers say: 'I'm sorry, but I just didn't see him,'" a Ministry spokesman said.



New band assistant

Jim Duggan, 1973 Pampa High School graduate, begins works this month as the new assistant band director at PHS. He replaces Bill Surface. Band rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m. Monday at the band hall, said director Jeff Doughten. Students are requested to check into the band hall during the day Monday to check out instruments, flip folders and music. The premiere performance of the Pride of Pampa band this season will be Sept. 2 when the Pampa Harvesters play Hereford.

Challenge cup goes to Pampa 4-H'er

A Pampan took top honors during the 15th Annual State 4-H Horse Show in Houston July 26-30 by winning the coveted State 4-H Club Horseman of the Year challenge cup.

Sue Smith, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Smith Jr., represented District I in the Vit-A-Way Award challenge cup judging.

She qualified for the state show by winning fifth in aged geldings, second in showmanship and western pleasure and first in western horsemanship to take the all-around title at the District I 4-H Horse Show in Amarillo in June.

As a district all-around champion she competed for the Vit-A-Way award against representatives of 13 other 4-H districts.

Judging was based on outstanding leadership, citizenship and horsemanship. Miss Smith's name, county and year will be engraved on the trophy which she may keep for one year.

This is the first year in the history of the challenge cup that a District I 4-H member has been named winner and other District I entrants brought home enough points to put the district in a third-place finish.

Among Gray County contestants, Kelly Moore of McLean placed third in pole bending and 10th in barrel racing. Each of the speed event drew nearly 100 entries. Miss Moore rode a 10-year-old mare, Chief Pease.

Christal Atchley of Lefors finished in eighth place in halter competition and a 14-year-old Stinnett 4-H'er, Robert Guinn,


rode his mare Molly to a fourth place finish in reining.

Miss Smith competed against more than 200 entries in the showmanship division. She made the cut to the semi-finals, but failed to advance to the finals.

The state contest attracted 600 top 4-H horsemen and horsewomen from all areas of Texas.

The 1978 State 4-H Horse Show will be July 13-15, 1978 at a location to be named later.

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Marriage license fees increase for Texans

Texans will pay more for a marriage license beginning Aug. 29, according to bill passed by the 65th Legislature.

The bill hikes several other fees collected through county clerk's offices in the state's 254 counties.

Marriage licenses will increase from \$5 to \$7.50 — but birth certificate filings will remain at \$2.

It will cost more to register, search and obtain a certificate of cattle brands. The fee will go from \$2 to \$5.

Safekeeping of wills in the county clerk's office will increase from \$3 to \$5.

It will cost \$5 to register an assumed name under the law as compared with the present \$2.

Hospital lien filings will go from \$2 to \$5.

Certificates for dental, optometrists, and nurses will go from \$2 to \$5.

Federal tax liens remain at \$2 and the release will stay at \$1.

The filing of deeds, quit claim deeds, deeds of trusts, releases, oil and gas leases, mechanic's liens and right of ways filed in real estate records will double in fee costs increasing from \$1.50 to \$3 for the first page. Each additional page or part of a page will increase from \$1 to \$2.

Wanda Carter, Gray County clerk, stressed that the state law

states that county clerk shall assess those fines.

"In other words, we don't have a choice," she said.

The issuance of an abstract of judgment, recording the judgment (first page in each case) will go from \$1.50 to \$3.

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Mrs. Smith believes in growing old gracefully and investing in youth



By JEANNE GRIMES
Pampa News Staff

McLEAN — Alice Short Smith sits in a pillow-padded rocking chair in her white stucco home. She looks for all the world like a grandmother straight out of a Norman Rockwell classic.

But appearances can be deceiving.

She is a businesswoman, shrewd in the ways of managing a corporation. She has invested in life and despite the sometimes tragic consequences, she says her investment has paid off.

"I've just never known anyone like Mrs. Smith," Milton Morris, executive vice president of the Opportunity Plan Inc., in Canyon, said. The Plan is one of Mrs. Smith's philanthropic enterprises.

The Opportunity Plan is a loan program designed to "give children the opportunity to go to school," Mrs. Smith said. It finances educations in the form of interest-free notes.

"We are a non-profit corporation and she has been on our board for years," Morris said.

In the early days of the Plan's existence, Mrs. Smith established a \$1,000 memorial to her parents, J.C. and Amanda Short, Gray County pioneers. Later her contributions to the fund reached \$35,000.

"In addition, she gave us some money with instructions to invest it and use the income to help pay our expenses," Morris said. "Nobody but Mrs. Smith would think of that."

"Nobody raised it from her; she just gave it."

Morris said Mrs. Smith also gave \$10,000 to help pay for the building where the Opportunity Plan is located. He added that over the years, Mrs. Smith has donated more than \$130,000 to the organization.

"Mrs. Smith has sent 150 students through college," Morris said. "Some have gone all the way through to get their doctorates. She was the very first one to approve the idea of students going to schools other than West Texas State University."

"She told me to feel free to send kids wherever I thought they ought to go. She has never fussed if I took a chance on a student who was a long shot."

There is something about Mrs. Smith that gives you hope and encouragement. Her parents were hardworking people and she was brought up the right way.

J.C. Short, his wife and two children moved to West Texas in 1890 and homesteaded a quarter section of land near Lefors. Life on the plains was hard and within a year the youngest child was dead.

Eventually the Shorts had seven daughters and one son "who lived to maturity." Alice was born in 1899.

Mrs. Smith's upbringing on the plains helped teach her the importance of thrift and education. She taught school in Ochiltree County for four years to save the money to finance her college education.

"I taught two years for \$100 a month and of that I saved \$50 a month," she said. "Then the second two years I got to teach in a better school and I got \$125 a month."

She attended classes at West Texas from 1924 until she got her degree in 1928 and then it was on to New Mexico to teach for six years during the Depression.

"I especially saved my money then," she said. "The State of New Mexico gave teachers certificates in lieu of part of their salary. I was able to buy some of these from teachers who were not able to manage on what they were getting."

The certificates were similar to savings bonds.

Mrs. Smith eventually returned to school to earn a master's degree and then she taught physics in the Pampa schools until her marriage at the age of 42.

"I had a very happy marriage," Mrs. Smith said. "But my husband (John L. Smith) died within two years of leukemia."

"I woke up all of a sudden and found myself out in the cold, hard world of business," she said.

Smith, 10 years her senior, was an independent oil operator who had an oil lease on the Short homestead. Mrs. Smith took over operation of the lease for five years before selling out to her husband's partners.

"They (the partners) were pretty anxious to get me out," she said.

After selling interest in the lease, Mrs. Smith said, "I felt I had to move somewhere. I didn't want to live out there all alone."

She moved to McLean in 1949 to live with an older sister.

Mrs. 1952 Mrs. Smith, C.E. Simmons, Simmons' son and two other men formed Simmons Machine and Tool Inc.

"We started into the irrigation business and we hit it just right," Mrs. Smith said. "It was always in my mind ... to help boys as much as we could and Simmons felt the same way. We wanted to start two branch shops using college boys working their way through school to run them. Eventually we got seven shops going."

"When you invest in boys, you get an excellent return on your investment," Mrs. Smith said.

The firm now operates five shops in three states.

With her businesses growing, Mrs. Smith decided to make a memorial to her husband at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Since Smith had sent 19 boys to college, Mrs. Smith considered establishing a college scholarship fund at the ranch.

But Cal Farley suggested instead that she furnish two art rooms in the ranch's then-new library and science building.

In September the latest of Mrs. Smith's gifts to boys and education will be dedicated in Lubbock.

"The shops and I are putting a memorial to Mr. Simmons at the Texas Boys Ranch in Lubbock," she said.

The memorial, a 5,000 square foot building, will serve as administrative office space and student learning center, according to Dave Maley, director of the two-year-old facility for boys.

The C.E. Simmons Learning Center will also have a library and Maley said the full basement will double as a storm shelter. The library and learning center will be in the basement and family counseling offices, individual counseling and testing rooms will be located upstairs.

The 320-acre ranch has 20 boys in two cottages at the present time, Maley said.

"I never did think I'd stay in the business after Mr. Simmons died in 1967," Mrs. Smith said. She plans to step down at the end of this fiscal year.

"I'll always be a part of them," she said, "but it's time to step down. I think they've got things running so smooth now ... I think it will always be something I can be proud of."

"I shall grow old gracefully and have pleasant things to think about."

Jerry Heasley picks Detroit's minds

By TIM PALMER
Pampa News Staff

To the driver who thinks his 1975 Cutlass Supreme is one in a million: think again. There were 150,874 of the colonnade hard-top coupes manufactured that year.

The figure is from a new reference book that is a sensation among automobile enthusiasts. "The Production Figure Book for U.S. Cars," by Jerry Heasley of Pampa, lists for the first time complete numbers of American cars produced each year by the major motor companies.

The 180-page book, Heasley's first, uncovers data once thought lost forever. Now, everything from a Peerless to a Pontiac is included in one central reference.

For example, a car owner may want to know how rare is his 1955 De Soto four-door sedan. Heasley's research reveals that De Soto produced 128,787 cars that year, of which 26,637 were four-door Fireflite sedans. The book is as specific as possible, listing the number of cars made according to body styles, makes and models.

"At last!" exclaimed one critic. "A central source of information on production figures for U.S. cars is available ... your reviewer, as an editor too, appreciates a reference source such as this one. You can't imagine how often we are asked — 'how many were built?' This monumental volume is sure to be a standard reference four decades to come."

Released June 15, the book is the culmination of two years' work.

Heasley took an active interest in collector cars four years ago and bought some old autos. But what really captured his attention was the literature concerning automobile history. Heasley is not a mechanic — he has a degree in math and physics from West Texas State University — but neither are many auto historians.

He says he is not a writer either; he is a researcher. His book began with a little personal investigation until he realized the magnitude of the project.

"I had worked on my own, then I

thought it would make a good book," he explained, "and I tried to get a contract with a publisher."

Which was no easy assignment. His first choice was Motorbooks International of Osceola, Wis. Not interested. He tried several others. Not interested. Motorbooks again. Again not interested.

"I don't give up easily," Heasley said, and he sent in a sample. Motorbooks finally decided it was saleable and tried to buy the idea from him.

Again he did not give up, and Motorbooks eventually hired him for the compilation of the book.

He went to Detroit — "I know executives from all the Detroit auto companies," Heasley says now who were eager to help with the project. Still, with much of the data hidden away in company archives, they did not think the information was available.

"I just wouldn't take no for an answer," Heasley said. "My premise was it was there if I just looked long enough. If you look hard enough and long enough eventually you'll find it."

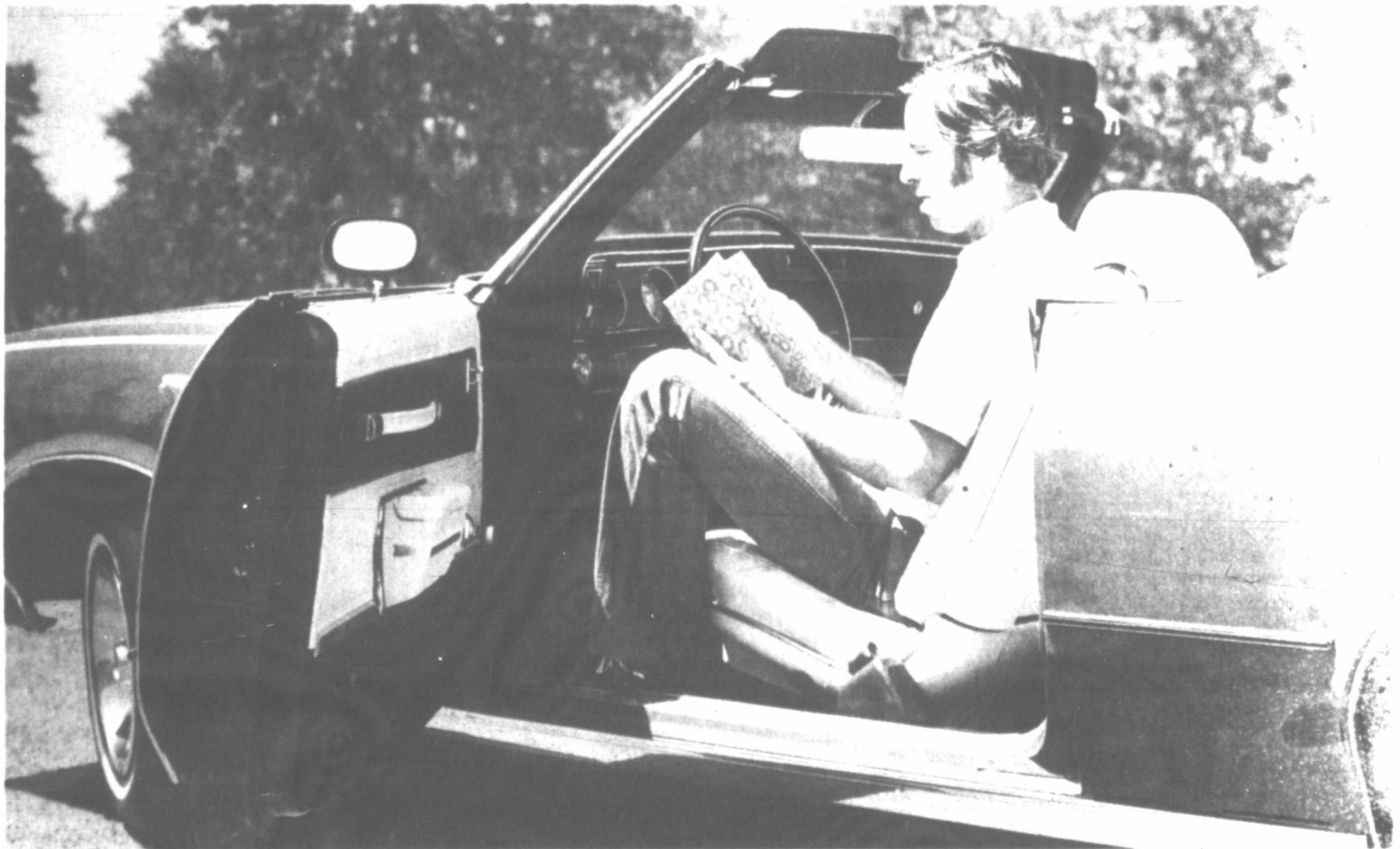
The records turned up, yellowed and dog-eared, and Heasley's project was in gear. He compiled figures on 60 makes of automobile, from the modern Fords and Chevrolets to the classic Packards and Flints.

Proofreading the copy, Heasley said, "was quite a job. But this is going to be a reference book for decades so it's got to be accurate."

The research was "something that's always interested me," he said. "I always wondered how many of each body style were made ... how rare it was. Most of these figures have never been seen. My book answers many of the questions the experts cannot answer."

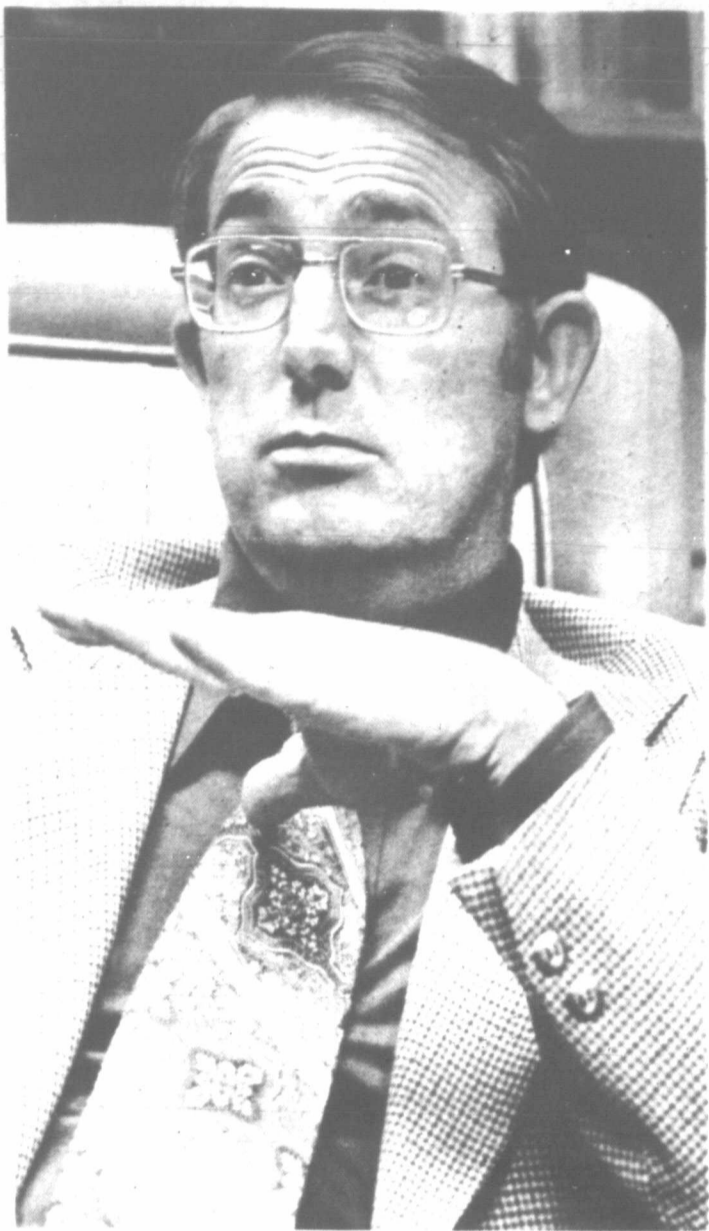
Heasley currently works in Pampa and writes a regular feature for "Old Cars," a tabloid for automobile enthusiasts. His first books is now available in Pampa and the author has two more research ideas that interest the publishers.

Have auto research, will write



Jerry Heasley of Pampa, author of "The Production Figure Book for U.S. Cars," examines the recently published book in a 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Convertible. Incidentally, Heasley's research shows that only 11,571 such cars were manufactured that year.

(Pampa News photo by Thom Marshall)



(Pampa News photos by Ron Ennis)

Community profile--John Glover

He's a different sort of coach

By TIM PALMER
Pampa News Staff

When John Glover was a scrawny high school basketball player, his coach told him never to give up. He didn't, and the 5-foot-9 inch roundballer from Gober, Tex., later won an athletic scholarship that financed his college education.

His coach was an inspiration, the kind of inspiration Glover hopes to be for the youth at the First Baptist Church.

Though his official title is minister of music, Glover said it "probably should be minister of music and youth."

Of the 15 choirs he organizes, nine are exclusively youth groups. For a music major who always wanted to be a coach, it's the best of both worlds.

John Glover was born in the North Central Texas farming community of Gober, the son of a mechanic. He attended Austin College in Sherman and Southwest Seminary in Fort Worth before getting his degrees. During much of that time he thought he wanted to be a coach; something made him change his mind. He went into church work.

"It was so much a part of my life that it was hard to think of doing it in life," Glover said. "I began to see a little bit beyond my college years, so I began to kind of redirect my life."

"Really," he continued, "the kind of work I do is very similar to coaching. I am a coach, but not of a

sport. I work with young people, which is a very big part of my life."

Glover has been with the Pampa church for almost five years. Since he left the seminary, he's worked for five other churches. "Experience is the best teacher," he said. "There hasn't been a Sunday that I haven't been responsible somewhere for music in the church."

Each of the 10 vocal choirs and the five handbell choirs meet for at least one hour of practice a week. He calls the music program a "ministry to the family." Rehearsals are so timed so as to bring the family to the church together rather than disrupt their home routine.

Glover and his 15-member staff oversee the entire operation, which involves more than 400 people. "It's a pretty good group to handle," he admitted. "I have my week set up where it's just about all I can do."

Still, he makes time for his most important hobby—his family. His wife, Virginia, and three children, Stephen, Teresa and Michael, are all active in the church. Family activities also include tennis, fishing and cycling.

He composes music when he can, especially for special occasions such as the dedication of the new church. "I want to write more," he said. "Maybe when I get a little older and the kids are grown up."

Presently he is too involved with other things. Despite his crowded schedule, he accompanies his young choristers on yearly retreats and missions. The

high school choir and puppeteers returned recently from their summer mission to Canada.

The trips, Glover said, are learning experiences for all involved. As a combination teacher and disciplinarian, he is, in fact, their coach.

He teaches them music:

"One of the highest forms of music is singing praise to God... it's real interesting to read music and to sing it, but to work with a group to produce it is something else... music is such a growing medium. You can hear it in the home. That greatly benefits us in the choir because children are able to hear music. We try to build on that."

And he tries to teach them something else besides: "If I can put a building block into some young kid that someone else can build on or that he can build on, then I've made a lasting investment."

He thought back to his old high school basketball coach. "At strategic times in my life someone was on the scene that made a real impression in my life. My coach instilled in me a desire. I had to work in a sport that was beginning to become a tall man's game. He taught me there was a place for me if I really wanted it. To be where you want to be and not where others want you to be is the most satisfying place."

John Glover knows that he is where he wants to be, and he tries to direct others toward that end. "The value," he said, "is in giving them the equipment with which they can face life."

Teens turn on creative talents

CHICAGO (AP) — Garner Holt of San Bernardino, California is an inventor. He's built a six-foot-tall computerized man named Sam who walks and talks. He's designed a haunted house and he's developed a mine ride for a Wild West town near his home.

This may seem like the stuff that ordinary inventions are made of unless you consider that Garner Holt is 16 years old. Sam became a reality when Holt was only 15 and his latest project is a commission to convert his high school's swimming pool heating system to solar energy.

Garner has a lot of company. Thousands of teen-agers across the country are into exciting, creative ventures, according to a recent survey of top teens who are listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." At the same time that they're busy maintaining perfect academic records, these young people are inventing and building complicated machinery, running their own businesses or dabbling in politics.

Science and technology tempts many teens, the survey revealed. Edward Morgan, a high schooler from Chattanooga, Tenn., has constructed his own computer terminal which hooks up to the family telephone and television set.

"It's great when I have a question or need to do some research," he said. "All I do is call up the nearest computer and it flashes the answer on the TV screen within a matter of seconds. I'm planning to take the terminal to college with me."

UFOs are the prime interest of Joel Ennis of Palm City, Fla. Joel publishes a newsletter

called "UFO Insight" and sends it out to subscribers from Ohio to California. Joel noted, "I don't have that many subscribers but I am making a little money, which will help when I go to Cal Tech next year."

Money for college is one reason why Martha Forward, who lives in a suburb of Chicago, started her own catering busi-

ness. Martha began cooking and catering when she was 13 and has done all kinds of parties from a buffet dinner for 150 to a sit-down for four, from teas to luncheons and cocktail parties.

"My busiest time is Christmas," said Martha, "when I am doing as many as five parties a weekend. But then, I have five people working for

me." Martha became interested in the catering business through her mother, who is an excellent cook. While she uses the family kitchen and shares utensils, Martha has her own refrigerator in the basement of their house for storing in-

redients and special party dishes.

Music plays a significant role in the lives of these teens. Almost every one of the students queried plays one or more instruments and some are performing at a professional level.

Weaver-Wilson engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weaver of Ochelata, Okla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jami Anne, to James Blaine Wilson. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Flowers, 2105 Lynn, and of the late Jim Bill Wilson. Miss Weaver is a 1977 graduate of Ochelata High School, and her fiance is a 1977 graduate of Barnsdall High School in Barnsdall, Okla. The couple will marry Aug. 12 in the Church of God in Nowata, Okla.

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Mrs. Michael R. Selby
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Selby-Meredith vows

Kimberley Meredith and Michael R. Selby were married in Amarillo's St. Mary's Catholic Church Friday. The Rev. Charles Welter of San Antonio officiated.

The bride, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Griffin of Pampa, was given in marriage by her grandfather. She was attended by Renne Meredith as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Renne Johnson and Gayla Moore. Patricia Quillin of Dalhart was flower girl.

Attending the groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hughey of Battle Creek, Mich., was Doug Leask of Battle Creek as best man. Groomsman were Jack Munger of Battle Creek and Tony Biggers of Amarillo. Paul Rudd of Hereford and John Bell of Amarillo were ushers.

Vaavia Rudd of Hereford was ringbearer and candlelighters

were Elizabeth Rudd and James Rudd. Organist was Mrs. Marie Gardner and Beth Clark of Amarillo sang "The 12th of Never" and "We've Only Just Begun." Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Harold Rudd of Amarillo and Colleen Rudd, Mrs. Kenneth Rudd and Mrs. Homer Rudd, all of Hereford.

The bride wore a floor length gown of bridal taffeta overlaid with organza featuring re-embroidered chantilly lace. Tiny pleated ruffles enhanced the neckline and empire waistline and the chantilly lace on the hem ended in a chapel length train. Her veil of imported illusion fell from a comb and she carried a bouquet of white roses and baby's breath.

Guests at the wedding attended from Austin, Pampa, Hereford, Dalhart and Michigan.



Mr. and Mrs. Danny T. Boyd

Boyd-Snyder marriage

Kimalea Dawn Snyder and Danny T. Boyd exchanged vows July 22 in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Claude Cone, pastor, officiating.

Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Harold Rudd of Amarillo and Colleen Rudd, Mrs. Kenneth Rudd and Mrs. Homer Rudd, all of Hereford.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Lee Glaesman

Glaesman-Miser wedding

Miss Penny Lynn Miser, daughter of Mrs. Betty Ann Miser of 1225 S. Sumner, and Lyndon Lee Glaesman of 612 N. Wells were married at 7:30 p.m. July 1 in the Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Glaesman of Leedey, Oklahoma. Rev. Ronald Harpster officiated.

Yvonne Phillips was organist. Bridal attendants were Cheryl Ann Miser and Pam Mann, both of Pampa.

The bridegroom was attended by Billy Don Bonds of Enid, Okla., and Dennis Glover of Pampa.

For her wedding, the bride wore a gown of silk organza sheer and re-embroidered lace styled in empire lines with bands of lace around the waist. The A-line skirt extended to floor-length.

The intermission sleeves and bodice were banded in Alencon

re-embroidered lace. Her chapel-length veil of pure silk English illusion, banded by scalloped Alencon lace, was held by a Camalot of Alencon lace.

The reception was held in fellowship hall with Carol Craig and Jolene Black, both of Pampa assisting.

Following a wedding trip to Carlsbad, N.M., they will live in Pampa.

She was graduated from High School and is employed by Kyles Fine Shoes.

Her husband, a graduate of Leedey High School, is employed by Cabot.

Potatoes peeled ahead of time or left standing after cooking may lose some of their nutrients.

Recipe file

NEW OVEN BEEF STEW
1 1/4 pounds (scant) stewing beef chuck (about 1 1/2-inch cubes)
3 tablespoons corn or peanut oil
12 small onions
3 medium carrots, pared and sliced crosswise 1/4-inch thick
1/2 pound snap beans, tipped and sliced crosswise 1/4-inch thick
Several sprigs parsley, minced
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 1/2 cups water
8-ounce can of 1 cup

homemade tomato sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
1 bay leaf
Brown the beef in the hot oil and layer it with the onions, carrots, beans, parsley and garlic in a 2 1/2 to 3-quart casserole. Stir together the remaining ingredients and add. Cover tightly and bake in a 350-degree oven until beef is very tender — 1 1/2 hours. Let stand at room temperature, tightly covered, for 10 to 20 minutes before serving. If desired, skim some of the fat from the top. Makes 6 servings.

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Rasputin's daughter recalls murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rasputin, the "Mad Monk" of czarist Russia, was brutally murdered in 1916 not because the nobility feared his power, but because he resisted a prince's homosexual advances, Rasputin's daughter says.

Maria Grigorievna Rasputin, a 77-year-old widow who lives here on Social Security checks after years of circus performances as "the daughter of the Mad Monk," has recounted her memories of her notorious father.

"Rasputin, The Man Behind the Myth," published this month, was written with Patte Barham, editor and publisher of Society West magazine.

Miss Rasputin's version of her father contrasts with the legend, spread in more than 300 books and several movies, of the demonic, licentious, hypnotic, evil, bearded figure intriguing to dominate the royal couple.

"My father was a very kind, very holy man," she said in an interview. "Always he think of others — never himself, only others. Many people were jealous of him."

She accepts the story of her father's prodigious sexual appe-

titles with a sober expression and resigned shrug.

"I learn of this many years later, but when I was living with him in St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), I see nothing of this. He was very strict father," she said in her heavily accented English.

She points out that her father, Grigori Efimovich Rasputin, was never a monk, but a

"starets" or self-styled holy man and faith healer.

After acquiring a reputation as a healer in St. Petersburg in 1907, he somehow stopped the hemophilia (hemorrhaging) of the young Czarovich Alexei, the heir to the throne. Rasputin's power over Czarina Alexandra and Czar Nicholas Romanov II was assured.

On Dec. 16, 1916, a group of

nobility lead by Prince Felix Yusupov killed Rasputin and threw his body into the river Neva. Most histories say the princes were trying to stop his influence with the royal couple.

But in her book, Miss Rasputin said the reason for the murder was Rasputin's rejection of Yusupov's homosexual advances. And she said an autopsy showed her father died

despite having been poisoned, raped, shot, beaten and mutilated with a knife.

After the murder, Maria Rasputin and her younger sister were sheltered by the czar until his abdication in 1917, when the two fled to Siberia.

She settled in Los Angeles in 1947 and worked briefly in the San Pedro shipyards.

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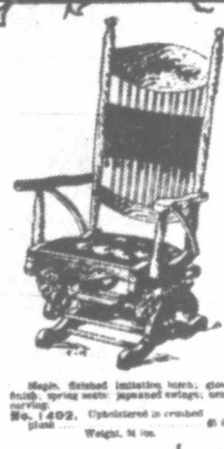
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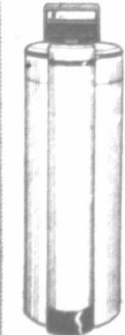
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Homemakers news

By ELAINE HOUSTON
County Extension Agent
Be Sure Home Canning
Jars Seal

If you preserved food in "loud mouth" jars that keep "talking" all year on the pantry shelf, help is at hand to prevent it happening again. These "talking" jars often spell spoilage.

Reasons jars don't seal and suggestions for solutions include:

—Small particles of food left on rim of jar.

Remedy: Wipe off top of jar with clean damp cloth before placing lid on jar.

—Sealing compound or lid doesn't seal.

Remedy: Lids may be old. Usually, they last five years. Some may have a year date on them, such as 1-75, to indicate the lid was manufactured in the first quarter of 1975 and should be used before the end of the first quarter of 1980. It's a good idea to mark date of purchase on the box of lids.

—Bent or rusty rings.

Remedy: Bent or rusty rings can cause the lids not to seal properly. Always remove rings when jars have cooled thoroughly and seals are tested.

Rings are necessary for the processing, but are not needed after the seal is made. Rings left on can rust and become difficult to remove — so store them in a dry place in a container that prevents them from being bent out of shape.

Examine rings before the start of each canning season and discard rusty or bent ones. Never use lids more than once, because they are designed for a one-time seal.

—Rings screwed on "too tight" or "too loose."

Remedy: Rings which are screwed too tightly on the jar do not allow space for venting (escape of air from the jar). This makes pressure build up in the jar, causing the lid — and sometimes even the top of the ring — to buckle.

Rings not screwed on tightly enough will not seal, because the compound is not pressed firmly enough against the top of the jar.

The main point to remember is to follow manufacturer's directions. Do not use lid tighteners recommended for zinc caps. Two-piece lids don't require tighteners.

Container Plants Are High Maintenance Items

Container plants used as accents or for color on patios, porches, or terraces frequently do not receive adequate care.

Consequently, they do not fulfill their role as landscape features because of their unkempt appearance.

There are two main reasons for their poor appearance — improper watering and nutrient deficiency. When watering container-grown plants, apply enough so that it runs through the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot. Tap water usually contains some form of salt which tends to accumulate in the soil unless adequate amounts of water are applied to leach out these soluble salts. Discard the water that accumulates in the tray beneath the pot as this contains any salt that is leached from the soil. If it is allowed to remain in the tray it is usually reabsorbed by the soil as evaporation takes place at the surface of the pot.

Once the soil in the container is thoroughly wet, allow the soil to become rather dry before watering again. If soil is kept saturated, the roots will be damaged from lack of oxygen. If in doubt about when to water, insert a freshly sharpened pencil into the soil ball in the container. If the clean wood remains clean and dry it is time to water. If it appears wet or dirty, wait another day or so.

Fertilizer should be applied frequently and in small amounts. The soluble fertilizers usually available in garden stores and nurseries are convenient to apply and are very effective. Be sure to follow the instructions on the container as the soluble fertilizers are highly concentrated and any error in measuring the recommended amount can be damaging to the plant.

While clay pots do provide good aeration, much less water is needed when plants are grown in plaster or other non-porous containers. A mulch of coarse bark or gravel on the surface of the soil in the containers will reduce evaporation and prevent compaction of the soil. A plus factor is that it will also look more attractive than the bare soil.

A little extra care will pay good dividends resulting in attractive plants that will add much to the enjoyment of outdoor living.

Whenever you grate extra orange or lemon rind, wrap it in a little plastic film and refrigerate it. Use soon after grating and storing.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Young

Young-Stoddard vows

Anita Stoddard of Humble, Tex., and Larry D. Young of Pampa were married at 3 p.m. June 4 in the First United Methodist Church of Humble.

The Rev. Larry R. Kelly officiated at the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Stoddard of Humble. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Young, 721 N. Somerville and the grandson of Mrs. Jo Young, 1602 Mary Ellen.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white silk organza and venise lace. The dress featured a scooped neckline with appliques of venise lace and seed pearls on the bodice. Scattered motifs of venise lace were also applied on the long full sleeves, skirt and encircling the hemline that flowed into a chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of white bridal roses, shasta daisies, babies breath and lace fern.

Cathy McShann of Houston was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Donna Stoddard of

Houston and Kay Stoddard of Humble, both sisters of the bride, and Lana Waters of Pampa, sister of the groom. Attendants wore identical gowns of apricot crepe and chiffon. Their bouquets were of summer flowers in shades of apricot.

John Puryear of Abilene was best man. Groomsman were Tim New of Huntsville, Mike Burgart of Huntsville and Steven Waters of Pampa. Ring bearer was Travis Duane Johnson, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Alan Stoddard and Stephen Stoddard, both brothers of the bride, of Humble.

Members of the house party included Mrs. Margie Corbin, Connie McShann, Valorie McGhee, Tina Grant and Rhonda Hirtvik, all of Humble.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Young hosted the rehearsal dinner on June 3 in Humble. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. After a honeymoon trip to Arkansas, the couple will reside in Nederland, Tex.

King Arthur book found

By ROBERT HEARD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Man's instinct to kill caused the death of the legendary King Arthur at the moment he thought he had overcome great odds to achieve peace, according to the long-lost fifth book of "The Once and Future King."

T. H. White wrote the final book of the work that inspired the musical "Camelot" in the early years of World War II. His English publisher left out the last book because of its strong anti-war philosophy and because of a wartime shortage of paper.

Researchers at the University of Texas, which has a collection of White's papers, found the fifth book, "The Book of Merlin," earlier this year. The UT Press will publish it next month at \$9.95.

In the final pages of the book, Arthur has won agreement with his mortal enemy, Mordred, his bastard son by his half-sister. Arthur has agreed to give up half of his kingdom, but he would have been willing to let it all go to gain the peace.

The aged king and Mordred and their staffs agreed to a truce to meet between their armies for a parley.

The treaty was agreed on, to the surprise of all, more easily than had been hoped. The king was left with half his realm. For a moment joy and peace were in the balance.

But, at that knife-edge of a moment, the old Adam reared itself in a different form. The feudal war, baronial oppression, individual might, even ideological rebellion: he had settled them all in one way or another, only to be beaten on the last lap now, by the episodic fact that man was a slayer by instinct.

A grass-snake moved in the meadow near their feet, close to an officer of Mordred's staff. That officer stepped back instinctively and swung his hand across his body, his armlet with the whip shewing for a second's flash.

The bright sword flamed into being, to destroy the so-called viper. The waiting ar-

mies, taking it for treachery, raised their shout of rage.

"The lances on both sides bowed to rest. And, as King Arthur ran towards his own array, an old man with white hair trying to stem the endless tide, holding out the knuckled hands in a gesture of pressing them back, struggling to the last against the flood of Might which had burst out all his life at a new place whenever he had dammed it, so the tumult rose, the war-yell sounded, and the meeting waters closed above his head."

Lancelot tries to see Guenever, but she has gone to a convent.

"She felt that they had suffered enough, and had caused enough suffering to others. She refused to see her ancient lover or to talk it over. She said, which was patently untrue, that she wished to make her peace with God."

"Guenever never cared for God. She was a good theologian, but that was all. The truth was that she was old and wise: she knew that Lancelot did care for God most passionately, that it was essential he should turn in that direction."

"So, for his sake, to make it easier for him, the great queen now renounced what she had fought for all her life, now set the example, and stood to her choice. She had stepped out of the picture."

"Lancelot guessed a good deal of this, and, when she refused to see him, he climbed the convent wall with Gallic, ageing gallantry. He waylaid her to expostulate, but she was adamant and brave. Something about Mordred seems to have broken her lust for life. They parted, never to meet on earth."

When she died at last, her Lancelot came for the body, with his snow-white hair and wrinkled cheeks, to carry it to her husband's grave. There, in the reputed grave, she was buried: a calm and regal face, nailed down and hidden in the

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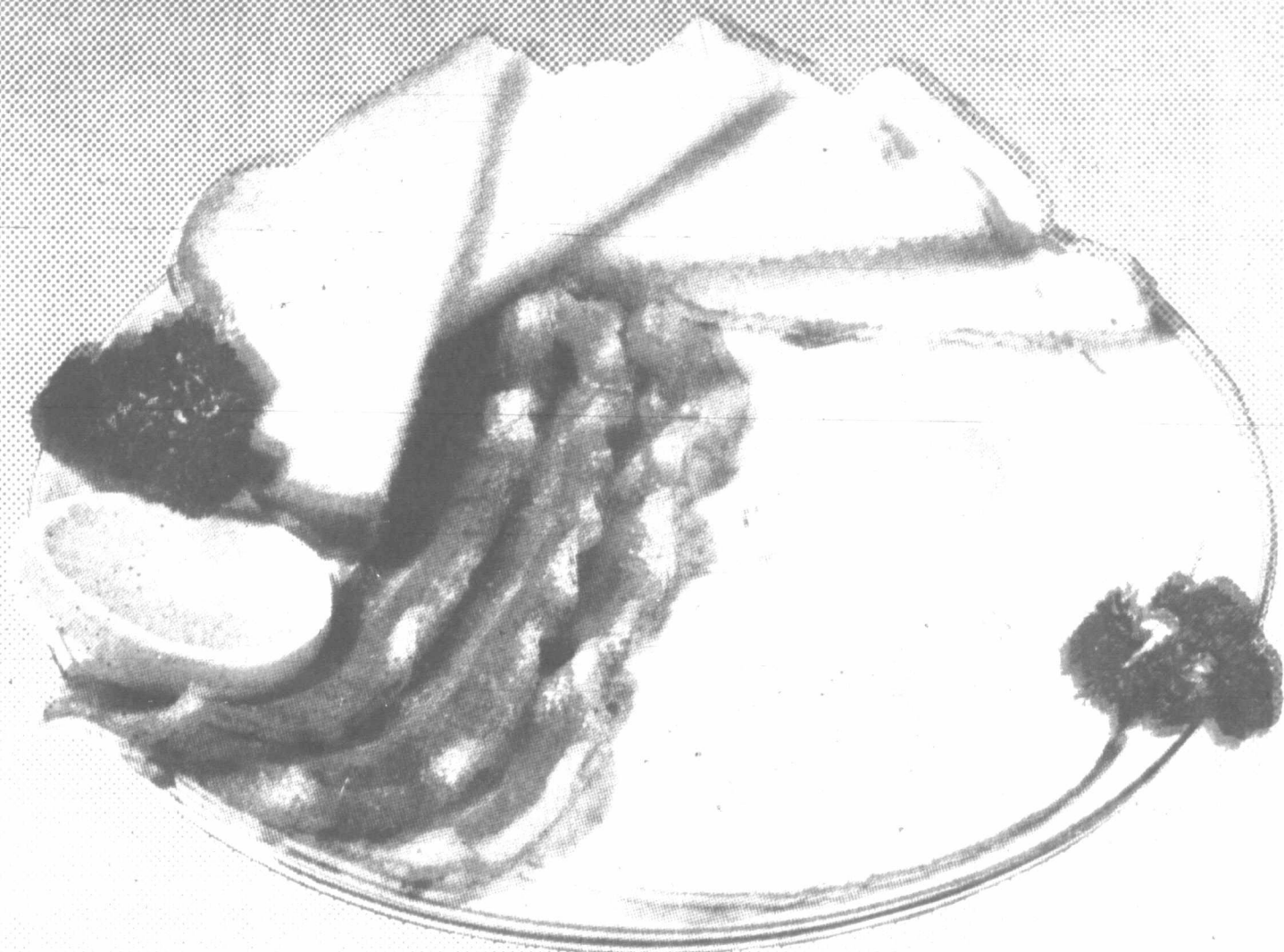
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