

Breeders' quest for perfect animal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Everything about him was perfect. Weight, bone structure, coloring, breeding potential — it all was put together just right.

The reward for perfection? Over \$1 million. The adonis? A 1,800-pound, 2-year-old purebred Hereford bull who goes by the name of Centennial.

"He was a humdinger...really something else," recalled Bud Snyder, assistant secretary of the American Hereford Association.

Commercial producers are searching for "superior performers" — those which take on the most weight on the least amount of food, Snyder said. When looking to purchase seed-stock, a producer turns to the cattle organizations.

The information he'll get, typically, is an animal's date of birth, parentage, weaning and yearling weights as well as its weight ratio to siblings.

"You look for the animals who are superior and whose progeny are, predictably, going to be good," Snyder said.

Simple. But it hasn't always been that way. The AHA, AAA and other cattle organizations didn't begin keeping thorough documentation on pure bred until about 25 years ago. Earlier, producers had to depend almost solely on livestock shows for choosing breeding stock. That was sort of a hit-and-miss proposition, besides being time consuming and costly.

"The buying process has gone from the show ring to the computer," said Evans. "Now a buyer really knows what he's getting. It's more scientific."

"It's selective breeding," said Snyder. "Like begets like. That's all there is to it."

Preparations beginning for Oklahoma execution

MCLESTER, Okla. (AP) — State corrections officials this weekend will begin formal preparations for the Sept. 14 execution of Thomas Lee "Sonny" Hays, who could be the first person in the nation put to death by a lethal drug injection.

Attorneys for Hays, meanwhile, say they will seek an appeal of the death sentence.

Hays, 44, was convicted of first-degree murder in the 1977 shooting of Leonard Vance at Vance's shoe shop in downtown Muskogee.

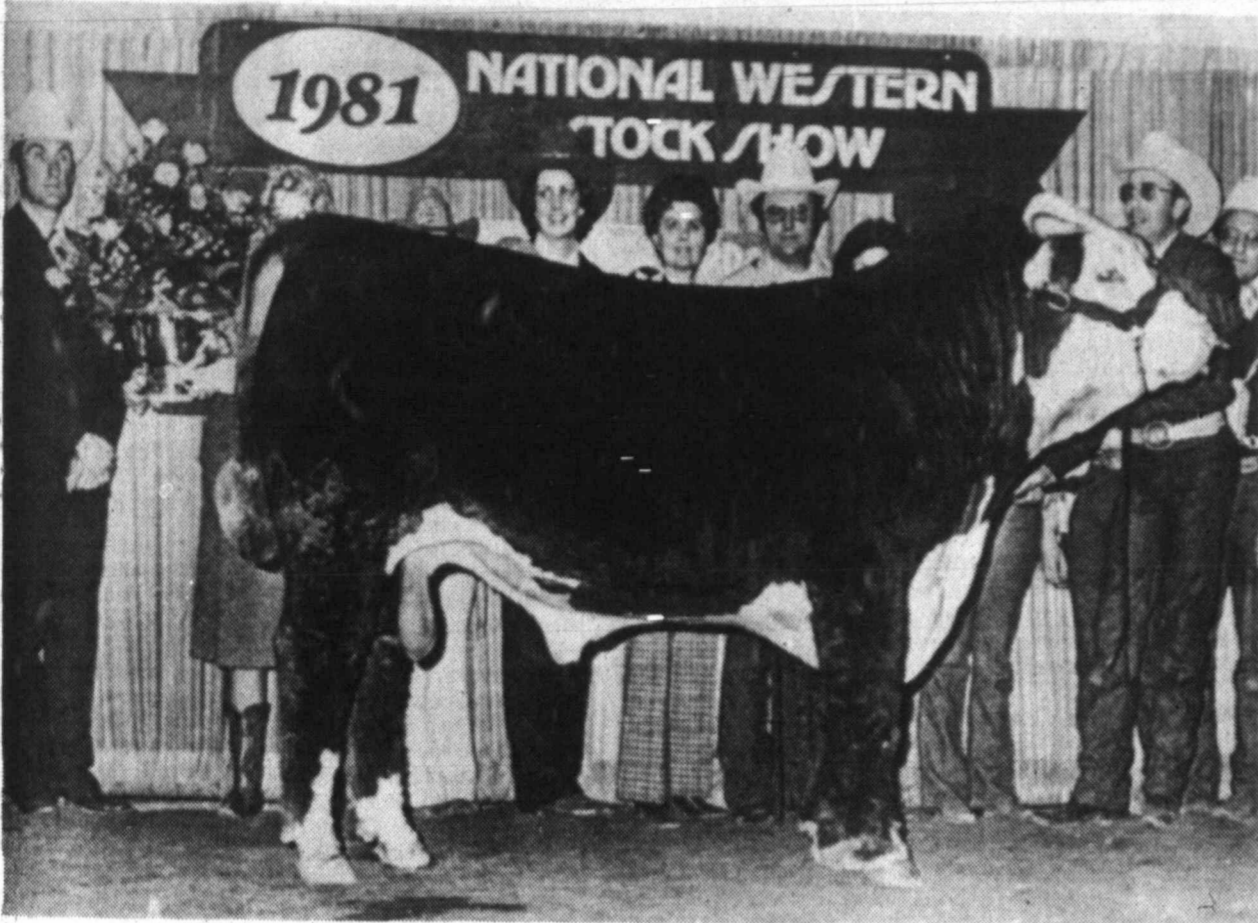
The state appeals court ordered a special hearing May 19 to give Hays a chance to say whether he wanted to abandon efforts to escape the death penalty, but the condemned man refused to say anything.

One of his attorneys, Bill Settle of Muskogee, had told the court Hays had requested that further appeals in his behalf be dropped, although Hays has continued to maintain his innocence.

Attorneys hired by Hays' mother are compiling legal records and say they plan to appeal. Attorney Kent Eldridge of Oklahoma City on Thursday said he expects to file an application for a new trial in Muskogee County District Court, but didn't say when the application would be made. He said attorneys also will go before the state Court of Criminal Appeals, seeking to halt the execution.

Corrections Director Larry Meachum had signed a memo July 21 outlining execution procedures to be followed, officials confirmed Thursday.

"Yes, we are going as scheduled and we are following all the procedures as outlined in the director's outline," said Russ Buchner, Meachum's executive assistant.



CHAMP HEREFORD BRINGS FRINGE BENEFITS. Centennial, Grand Champion Hereford Bull at the 1981 Western Stock Show in Denver, is shown after winning his title at the crown jewel of American live stock shows.

Bud Snyder, assistant secretary of the American Hereford Association, said the sale of Centennial's semen and offspring will likely reap his owners, V-Bar Ranch of Stanton, Texas, more than \$1 million.

(AP Laserphoto)

DAR spokesman protests wording of elementary history textbook

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A fifth-grade history text shouldn't have called it a "sad mistake" to herd Japanese-Americans into concentration camps during World War II, says a spokeswoman for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"Who knows, perhaps the move of isolating the Japanese-Americans may have been what saved us," Eleanor Hutcheson told the State Textbook Committee Thursday.

The committee goes into its fifth and final day of hearings today on texts proposed for use in Texas classrooms over the next five or six years. Books for more than 20 subjects are up for adoption. Final decisions will be made by the State Board of Education in November.

Mrs. Hutcheson, vice chairman of the Texas DAR's textbook committee, urged rejection of "Our Country's History," a fifth-grade text published by Scholastic.

She objected to the book's referring to the internment of more than 100,000 Japanese-Americans as "America's sad mistake."

"Perhaps the authors are too young to remember what happened in that period," she said.

At the time, Mrs. Hutcheson said, the Pacific coastline was "completely undefended," the nation's Pacific fleet was destroyed and Japanese submarines were "at our coastline."

Scholastic stood on its written rebuttal, which said the internment of Japanese-Americans "is now widely regarded as a 'tragic mistake.' All the historians we have consulted are very critical of the episode. ... Indeed, nearly all of the Japanese-Americans remained loyal, patriotic Americans."

One injured as flames cause helicopter crash

HOUSTON (AP) — A helicopter burst into flames as it took off from Houston Intercontinental Airport Thursday night, hospitalizing one man, the pilot said.

Nigel Hawkins, the passenger on the two-seat Hughes 300B helicopter, was listed in good condition in Northeast Hospital in Humble after the 8:20 p.m. accident.

"The resonance in the blade system shook the helicopter apart," said pilot Charles Bowring, 24, also of England. "It started off with a shake. The shake got worse, and it suddenly just fell apart."

Centennial walked away with first place in the Hereford competition earlier this year at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, the crown jewel of American livestock shows.

Centennial won \$250 in prize money just for strutting his stuff at the show. But Snyder said that over Centennial's lifespan, the sale of his semen and offspring will likely reap more than \$1 million for his proud owners, the V-Bar Ranch of Stanton, Texas.

At the same show in Denver, the AHA auctioned off a half interest in the 1980 champion, LeGrand Domino 7184, for \$301,000. If he performs as anticipated, the bull will earn more than three times that.

Centennial, like other grand champions, was no fluke. A finely sculpted bull or cow is the product of decades of pure breeding, a quest for the perfect specimen. That's where the AHA and other cattle organizations come in.

"We're here to refine the breed and protect its integrity through records," Snyder said.

The AHA, celebrating its 100th year, is based in Kansas City, on Hereford Lane. To get there, just look for the giant plastic bull, perched high atop a 90-foot brick pylon, resplendent in the Hereford colors of burnt-orange and white.

"He doesn't have a name," Snyder said. "We just call him 'the bull in the sky.'"

He may not have a name, but he has a rich heritage in the cattle industry. And much of it is to be seen at the AHA's Heritage Hall, a Hereford hall of fame. For example, there's a majestic color portrait of Anxiety 4th.

Snyder said Anxiety 4th is considered the father of American Herefords, which were imported in 1881 from Herefordshire, England.

"The whole modern-day American breed traces through him and his descendants," Snyder said.

The AHA was formed June 22, 1881, by a few beef cattle pioneers meeting in Chicago.

"A hundred years later, the organization functions magnificently and with a vitality its founders scarcely could have imagined," boasted Don Ornduff, who for 51 years worked for the American Hereford Journal. "The babe in swaddling clothes has become a giant."

It has indeed.

Stored in the AHA's computerized registry is information on 18.2 million head of cattle. About 225,000 registrations are added each year, at an average fee of about \$7.50 a head. Hereford breeders alone spend more than \$1.7 million a year for performance data. They have to.

"Breeding is one heck of a competitive business," explained Keith Evans, director of communications for the American Angus Association in St. Joseph, Mo.

Snyder and Evans said the pressure has been wrought largely by sagging beef sales at the supermarket.

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Japan's firearms firms aim at U.S.

TOKYO (AP) — American sporting guns, bearing such legendary brands as Browning and Winchester, now are often American in name alone, as U.S. hunters arm themselves with rifles and shotguns made in Japan, a nation with some of the world's toughest gun controls.

gun and shotgun is now made under license in Japanese factories. Japan sold almost \$40 million worth of firearms to the United States last year, making it America's top supplier of high quality arms. "Like our cars, Japanese guns have gained a reputation for being well-made and cost efficient," said Shoichiro Nemoto, technical director of

the Japan Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Association. Nemoto said Japan has been making hunting guns for the U.S. market since 1961, when Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., maker of Winchester guns, formed a joint venture with Japan's Olin Kodensha Co.

He said Japan has made "steady gains" in the U.S. market in the past few years, with Japanese-made guns now accounting for 10 to 20 percent of the total U.S. firearms market. Nemoto said Remington is the only major U.S. gunmaker without a plant in Japan today.

banned, a reason cited for Japan's low rate of violent crime. Gun enthusiasts often turn instead to elaborately crafted model guns that are non-firing replicas of the originals. No handguns are made in Japan, and the gun industry must also abide by a government ban on export of military weapons. Nemoto said no fully automatic rifles may be manufactured and guns are made so knives can't be attached. In addition, no sales are made to world trouble spots "so there will be no mistake about our intentions," he said.

U.S. seeking Mideast atomic weapons ban

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States will seek an agreement to ban nuclear arms in the Middle East, the director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency says.

"We've started preliminary diplomatic talks," Eugene V. Rostow said in an interview published in The New York Times Friday.

He said the agreement with Middle Eastern countries and powers outside the area would be based on the 1967 Treaty of Tlatelolco, which prohibited nuclear weapons in Latin America. But he said the Reagan administration has no treaty draft yet.

"I think it has very high potential," said Rostow. "It is a natural response to the risks of proliferation which have become much worse in recent years."

The initiative comes in response to the Israeli bombing of an Iraqi nuclear reactor June 7, with President Reagan saying prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons had become critical.

The Treaty of Tlatelolco has been signed by 22 nations. But Brazil, which ratified the agreement, and Argentina, which signed it, have reserved the right to detonate nuclear devices.

According to International Trade and Industry Ministry figures, Japan exported 286,427 hunting guns in 1980, up from 212,473 in 1973. About 80 percent of all exports go to the United States.

In contrast, only 3,977 guns were made for sale in Japan last year — one-tenth the figure for 1973. The drop reflects the tightening of the nation's already strict controls on gun possession.

A Japanese citizen who wants to buy a hunting gun must now undergo both written and shooting tests and pay a high registration fee. Handguns are completely

The largest Japanese gun manufacturer is Miroku Firearms Manufacturing Co. of Kochi City on the western island of Shikoku. Spokesman Miyusuke Okabayashi said Miroku produced 150,000 guns in 22 models last year. Almost all were shotguns and hunting rifles made under the Browning name. Four out of every five were sent to the U.S.-Canada market, he said.

Katsuta said the company made 28,000 Winchesters last year.

Among other major Japanese companies producing well-known American models for U.S. hunters are Fuji Seiki Seisakusho, which last produced some 40,000 Smith & Wesson shotguns, and KTG Industrial Co., which made 20,000 Savage shotguns.

Howa Machinery Ltd. has compensated for reduced orders for automatic rifles from Japan's Self Defense Forces by beginning production of Weatherby hunting rifles. Last year 20,000 rifles, including the Weatherby Vanguard and Mark V bolt-action models, came off its assembly line.

Rumor scaring daylight out of nation's homeowners

NEW YORK (AP) — According to the rumor, prices of houses have to drop sharply because of the "extraordinary" inflation that has persisted in the housing market for the past decade or so.

So popular is the notion in some circles, among investment analyst groups, for example, and even among some commission-starved real estate agents, that it has become a cult with its own dogma.

And it's scaring the daylight out of homeowners. When you sit down to examine the so-called extraordinary figures, however, you may be surprised to learn there may be as much yeast in the rumors as there is in the prices.

An analysis by a housing group, for example, observes that "from the end of 1974 to the end of 1980, the median price of new homes sold increased 81 percent, from \$37,400 in 1974 to about \$67,800."

Sounds alarming, until you consider that housing isn't the only thing affected by inflation. Had the median home price rose in step with the consumer price index, the 1980 price would have been close to \$62,600.

It suggests that during that six-year period the median home price seems to have risen about \$6,000, a sizeable sum, but small in relation to the inflated figure. What's extraordinary, is the rise in the CPI.

More over, some of the homes erected in that period have more built-in value. In 1976, according to government figures cited by the National Association of

Home Builders, 49 percent of new single-family homes had central air conditioning. In 1980, 63 percent were so equipped. In 1976, 67 percent of new single-family homes had two or more bathrooms. Seventy-three percent fit that category in 1980.

areas of great demand, such as on shorefronts and in some Sunbelt areas; and for many condominium and cooperatives units.

For most homes, however, there is reason to doubt that prices are so puffed they are about to collapse like a punctured balloon.

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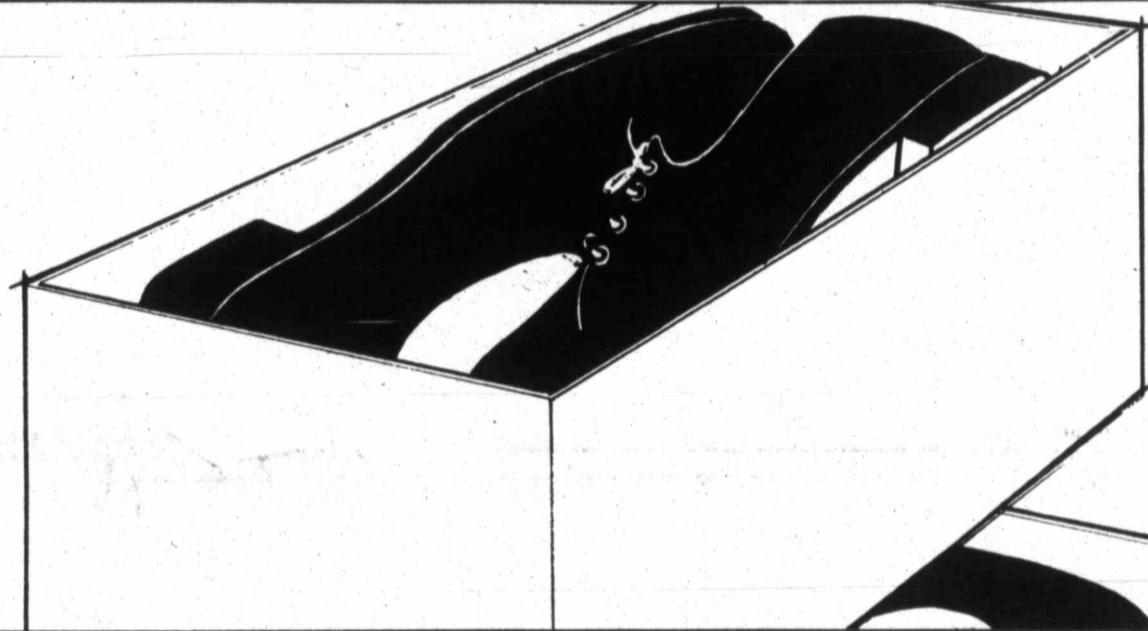
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Race shaping up for state's number two political spot

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It looks like the 1982 lieutenant governor's race might wind up being a battle of the Houston millionaires.

Republican Secretary of State George Strake, an oilman who has never run for office, Thursday said he's just about decided to make the race against incumbent Democrat Bill Hobby.

Strake, appointed to his post by close friend Gov. Bill Clements, said he would not make a final decision until the fall. However, Strake sounded like a man who wants to see his name on campaign bumper stickers.

"I am considering a race for the lieutenant governor's spot," was as definite as Strake would get.

Strake, a conservative, said he has no "general complaints with the way Bill Hobby has run the office." However, he said "14 years is too much for any one man."

If Hobby, a newspaper executive, wins another four-year term, it would extend his stint to 14 years, a record for a lieutenant governor.

Strake said Clements, who is expected to seek re-election next year, would not campaign with him as a ticket. The governor has "indicated he would not say negative things about Hobby" if the election came down to a Hobby-Strake confrontation, according to Strake.

"I would not be in tandem with him," Strake, 46, said of Clements. "But there is no way you can split our common interests."

The Notre Dame graduate said his campaign would be part of the "rejuvenation of America" that started with Gov. Bill

Clements' election and continued with the election of President Ronald Reagan.

"I personally think Republicans have come to represent the thinking of the average Texan better than the Democratic leadership," he said.

Strake discounted a published report that GOP leaders have promised him a clear field in the primary if he would run. The Texas Republican Party is not a "clubby affair" that can dictate who runs and who doesn't, he said.

"It's impossible to do. I don't know who is capable of cutting such a deal," he said.

Strake said two Republicans, Euleess Sen. Bill Meier and Houston Rep. Milton Fox, have told him they might be interested in the nomination for the second spot in state government.

However, Fox said Thursday that if Strake is in the race then he's out.

"In my opinion, George Strake can wipe out either of us and a large number of other people," Fox said.

Strake said Meier would be a "great lieutenant governor," but "I frankly think I'd have a better chance of winning."

Meier, a recent transfer to the GOP side, said he has not decided on his political future. He said he is "looking at" running for lieutenant governor.

Meier said he would not necessarily stay out of the race if Strake gets in.

Hobby has had little opposition since he won the job in 1972. In 1978 he defeated Gaylord Marshall, the GOP nominee, by a 2-1 margin.

Poll shows Americans believe public servants shouldn't strike

TIMOTHY HARPER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans believe air traffic controllers, postal workers, public school teachers, police officers and firefighters should not be allowed to strike, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC News poll.

In addition, the poll said that the American public overwhelmingly supports President Reagan's handling of the air traffic controllers strike.

The telephone poll of 1,601 adults on Monday and Tuesday said that 64 percent approved of Reagan's handling of the strike, while 27 percent disapproved and 9 percent were not sure.

Sixty-six percent of the respondents said the air traffic controllers should not be allowed to strike. Seventy percent said firefighters and police officers should not be allowed to strike, 57 percent said public school teachers should not be allowed to strike and 67 percent said postal workers should not be allowed to strike.

Federal postal workers threatened to strike earlier this summer, and may still walk out if members reject a tentative contract agreement with the federal government later this month.

Strikes by postal workers, air traffic controllers and other federal employees are illegal, and a recent National

Law Journal report said 41 states also prohibit strikes by state and local public employees.

When 12,000 controllers — two-thirds of the membership of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization — refused to return to their jobs last week, Reagan announced that they were fired.

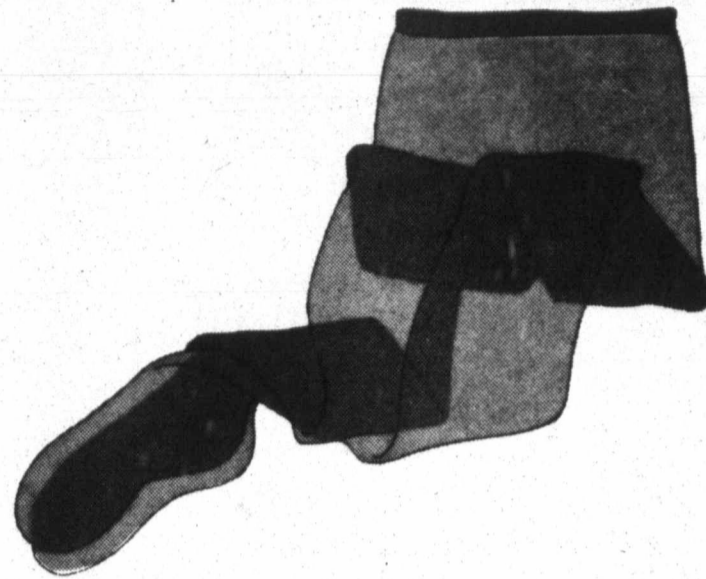
Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis subsequently said there would be no new negotiations, the strikers would not be rehired and the

Federal Aviation Administration would replenish its corps of controllers through stepped-up training.

Thirteen percent of the AP-NBC News poll respondents said their vacation or business travel plans had been affected by the strike, and those people

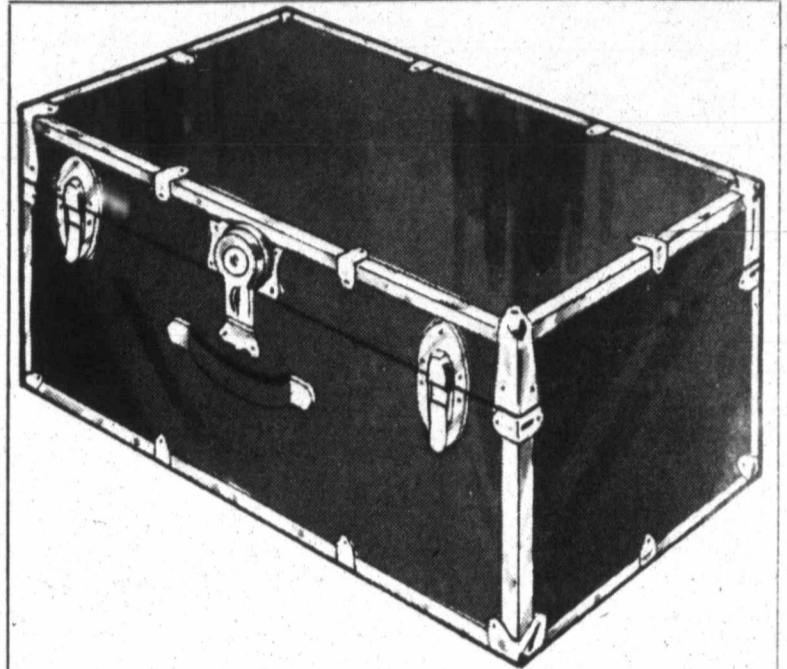
gave the same strong approval to the Reagan administration's handling of the strike: 64 percent.

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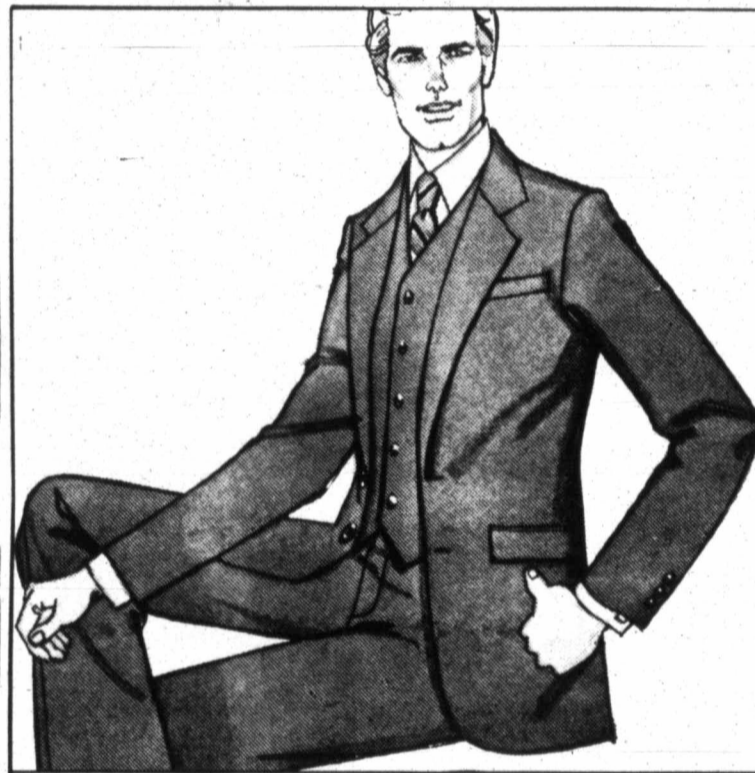
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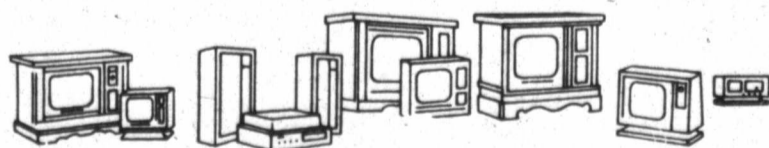
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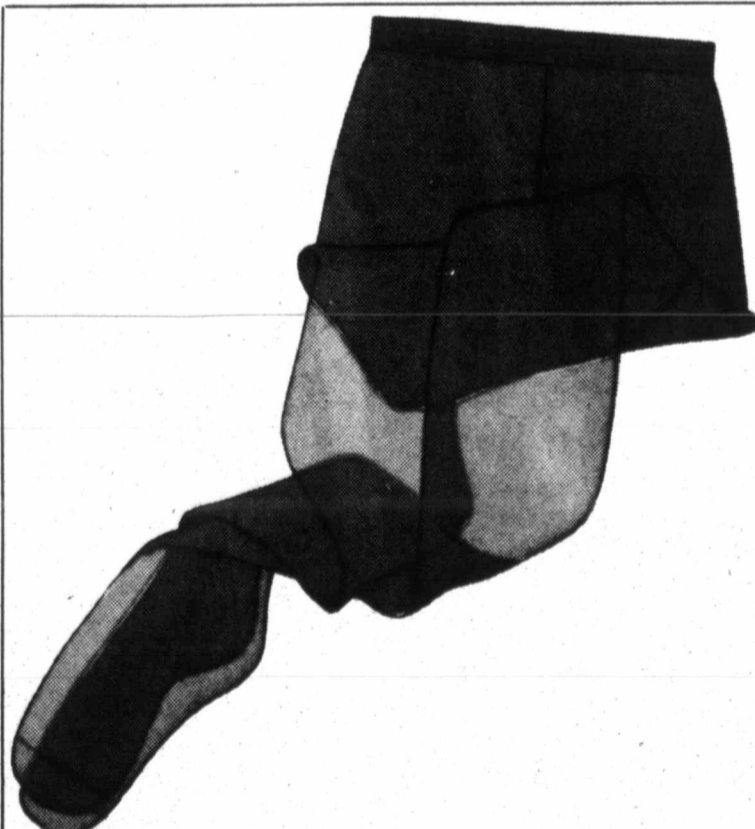


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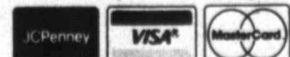
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She will speak to the Pastor's Class, Single Adults I and II, Married Young People, and Adult I Department.

This service will be televised on Channel 9 Cablevision. Visitors are welcome to come and hear Mrs. Barrett at this hour. During the 11 a.m. worship service she will share about a twelve-minute personal testimony.

The former Shirley Cothran, Miss America 1975, is from Denton. Since being crowned Miss America, she has toured America, meeting people and making many personal appearances. She has been the featured subject of a national billboard campaign, served as a spokesperson for Westinghouse, and has appeared on such programs as the "Mike Douglas Show," the "Tonight Show," Mrs. Barrett has also appeared with Bob Hope on several occasions.

She is now continuing her traveling from New York to Korea, from Israel to Hong Kong. She continued her studies at Texas Woman's University, after having received her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, in addition to a Doctorate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Her travels include many youth conferences and evangelistic crusades, local and state Miss America preliminary pageants, educational conferences, and is an advisory board member for a cosmetic firm.

Mrs. Barrett also contributes articles for several Christian publications.

Religion in the news

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Roman Catholic officials say a growing number of men are impersonating priests and accepting money from unsuspecting Catholics, but there is little authorities can do about it.

Msgr. William Cooney, director of clergy personnel of the San Diego Diocese, says there are at least 100 bogus priests in the diocese encompassing San Diego and Imperial counties, compared to 275 legitimate Catholic clergy.

"Anyone can go to any clergy store and buy a collar," Cooney said. "A collar would pay for itself over and over again."

Cooney says tougher economic conditions and Southern California's favorable weather are prime reasons so many fake clergy thrive in San Diego.

"We get all the con artists in the world here," Cooney said. "Most are not priests and never have been. Others are ex-priests and don't care. They're defrocked and excommunicated anyway."

The situation has become so acute, the diocese recently issued warnings about imposters who accept donations for conducting weddings, administering baptism and passing out Communion, Cooney said.

Such priestly functions, if performed by an illegitimate clergyman, are invalid in the eyes of the church, Cooney said, and must be repeated by a bona fide priest.

Officer Larry Wilkins, of the San Diego Police Licensing Division, says his office has received few complaints about fake priests. Furthermore, he said, laws protecting freedom of religion limit law enforcement efforts.

"Those cases are very difficult to prosecute," Wilkins said. "Almost anyone can call himself 'father.' They can be the pastor of the Church of Bingo, for all we know."

Msgr. John Rawden, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, says phony priests are not as common farther north, and those who are known impersonators are hard to stop.

"We do find cases where people don't come out and say they are Roman Catholic priests," Rawden said. "They have a collar and let you assume that they are one. They deceive by appearance."

Religious roundup

NORWICH, England (AP) — Methodist Great Britain have given overwhelming approval at their governing conference to proposals for a "covenanting" partnership with four other British denominations.

The proposals now go to district and local units for reactions, to be considered by the 1982 conference.

Other denominations involved, the Church of England, United Reformed Church, Churches of Christ and Moravian Church, are at various stages of the approval process.

The timetable points toward 1985 when, if all partners approve, a covenant would be signed providing that each denomination recognize the others' members and ministers, share fully in Holy Communion and develop methods for joint decision-making, looking toward eventual union.

NEW YORK (AP) — Progress has been made in opening America's executive suites to Jews, but some corporate doors still are closed to them, a meeting of business leaders, academicians and management executives concluded.

Their assessments were offered as part of a project on the issue sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and the Federation Employment and Guidance Service.

Herbert T. Mines, chairman of the board of Business Careers, Inc., said that although job opportunities for Jews were growing, Jews still were mostly excluded from executive ranks of the energy, heavy machinery and construction industries. Others said banking was among the most difficult professions for Jews to attain executive rank.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of the U.S. Catholic bishops says the murder of an U.S. missionary priest in Guatemala, the Rev. Stanley Rother, was part of a pattern there of "murder, intimidation and the denial of basic human rights."

Archbishop John R. Roach said that the priest's slaying, like that of four women missionaries in El Salvador last December, strengthens the bond between the U.S. church and the church in Central and South America where scores of bishops, priests, nuns and laity have been "killed in the service of the Gospel during the last 10 years."

Rother, 46, from Oklahoma City, was shot to death in his rectory in Santiago Atitlan July 28.

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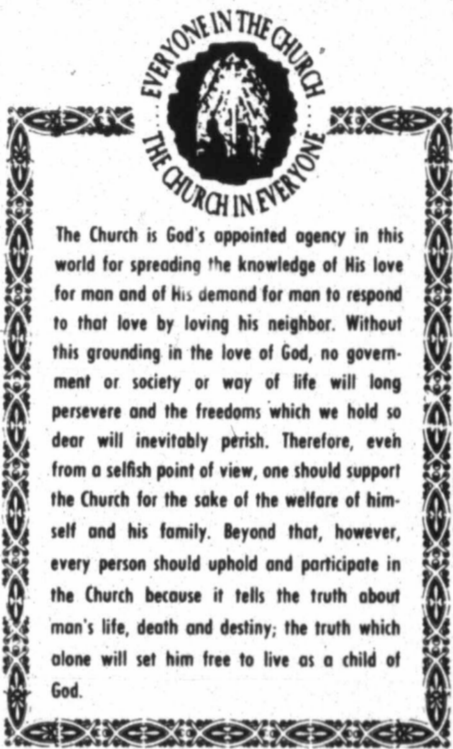
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Black aviator remembers country flight

By Associated Press

Photos of two pe-eminent flyers — Wiley Post and Amelia Earhart — dominate Allen's workplace — the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame and Museums.

It is easy for a visitor to miss two small photos noting that this soft-spoken 7-year-old operator of the trainers became — in 1932 — the first black person to fly an airplane across the United States.

Allen, who retired to the museum after 30 years as a mechanic for Douglas Aviation, saw his first plane in 1918, when a pilot made a forced landing in a pasture on his family's farm near Quitman, Texas.

"Now, cows in those years would eat off the fabric of airplanes, so the pilot told us farm kids, 'I want you to stay with the airplane and watch the airplane,'" Allen remembers.

The incident gave Allen a case of "airplane fever," and when his family moved to Oklahoma City, he gave airfield owner Bob Tarbuton a saxophone in lieu of down payment on a \$300 flying course.

Under Tarbuton, Allen worked for weeks between each 20-minute lesson. After he soloed — on a night "a whole bunch of flyers got to drinking home brew" — Allen got a job as a mechanic at Key Field in San Antonio where he slept in the hangar and ate his meals "in the back of a white restaurant."

But it was amove to California, to work for a "Negro airplane club," that set him on the road to a place in the record books.

"The week I arrived in California, the stock market crashed in New York, and the bank and finance company came out and took all the airplanes the club had. There we sat with nothing."

The club scoured the junkyards for pieces of wreckage, and by the summer of 1932, for \$450, the club had put together a junkyard biplane, which they planned to fly across the continent, from Los Angeles to New York, in hopes of claiming a \$1,000 prize which, rumor said, a New York newspaper had offered to the first Negro to perform the feat.

With club member J. Herman Banning of El Reno, Okla., the 21-year-old Allen embarked on his odyssey. The date was Sept. 19, 1932, and he had but \$25 to finance the journey.

"What we were planning on doing was flying to cities where there was a Negro population, a church we could go to and put on a spiel," Allen says. "We would hustle when we got to town. We'd go from the airport with our helmets and goggles on, flying clothes — we made a spectacle of ourselves," he added.

"We'd get downtown, and we'd tell them we're the first black pilots trying to fly across the country. Then they'd take us into some Negro restaurant, and they'd always take up a collection of new dollars and help us on the way."

They had taken a southern route to avoid the Rockies, but from Texas they headed north, through Banning's hometown, El Reno, to Tulsa, where oilman W.G. Skelly financed them as far as St. Louis.

There, aeronautics students overhauled the 1914 Curtiss engine, using parts from a 1929 Nash automobile. They were airborne again, bound for Columbus, Ohio and Pittsburgh, where supporters of Franklin Roosevelt's bid for the presidency financed the last leg in return for the pilots' distributing campaign handbills from the air.

On Oct. 9, 1932, at 9:30 a.m., they arrived in New York. They had logged 4 hours, 27 minutes across 3,300 miles, with 25 stops.

"We were tired and dined in New York, and they rebuilt the airplane for us. But of course, after New York gives you a big roaring welcome, in about three weeks you wake up — they forget you."

The \$1,000 prize turned out to be a chimera — the sponsor was never found — so they barnstormed their way back home doing airshows in Pittsburg and Chicago.

Abscam sentencing

NEW YORK (AP) — Three former congressmen and two others were sentenced Thursday to prison terms ranging from three to six years and fines of up to \$40,000 for their Abscam bribery-conspiracy convictions.

A fourth former congressman was given the maximum 15-year term a technicality to enable the judge to order a medical study to determine if he can withstand life in prison.

After imposing the sentences before an overflow crowd in the Brooklyn federal courthouse's large ceremonial courtroom, usually reserved for jury selection and citizen induction programs, U.S. District Judge George C. Pratt stayed the sentences pending appeals.

All the sentences were concurrent. Former Rep. Michael Myers, D-Pa., was sentenced to three concurrent three-year prison terms for conspiracy, bribery and interstate travel for racketeering. He also was fined \$20,000.

Former Rep. John M. Murphy, D-N.Y., was given a three-year sentence for conspiracy and concurrent two-year terms for conflict of interest and acceptance of an unlawful gratuity. He was fined \$20,000.

Former Rep. Raymond Lederer, D-Pa., received three three-year terms for conspiracy, bribery and interstate travel, and a two-year term for accepting an unlawful gratuity. He was fined \$20,000.

Former Rep. Frank Thomson Jr., D-N.J., was ordered to undergo medical study pending sentencing because of a doctor's report that said Thomson's cardio-vascular system cannot withstand prison life.

Technically, however, he was sentenced to the maximum 15 years in jail and fined \$40,000, because the maximum sentence is required to order such a medical study.

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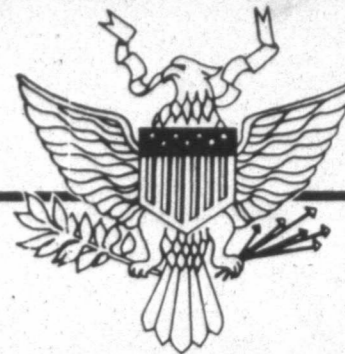
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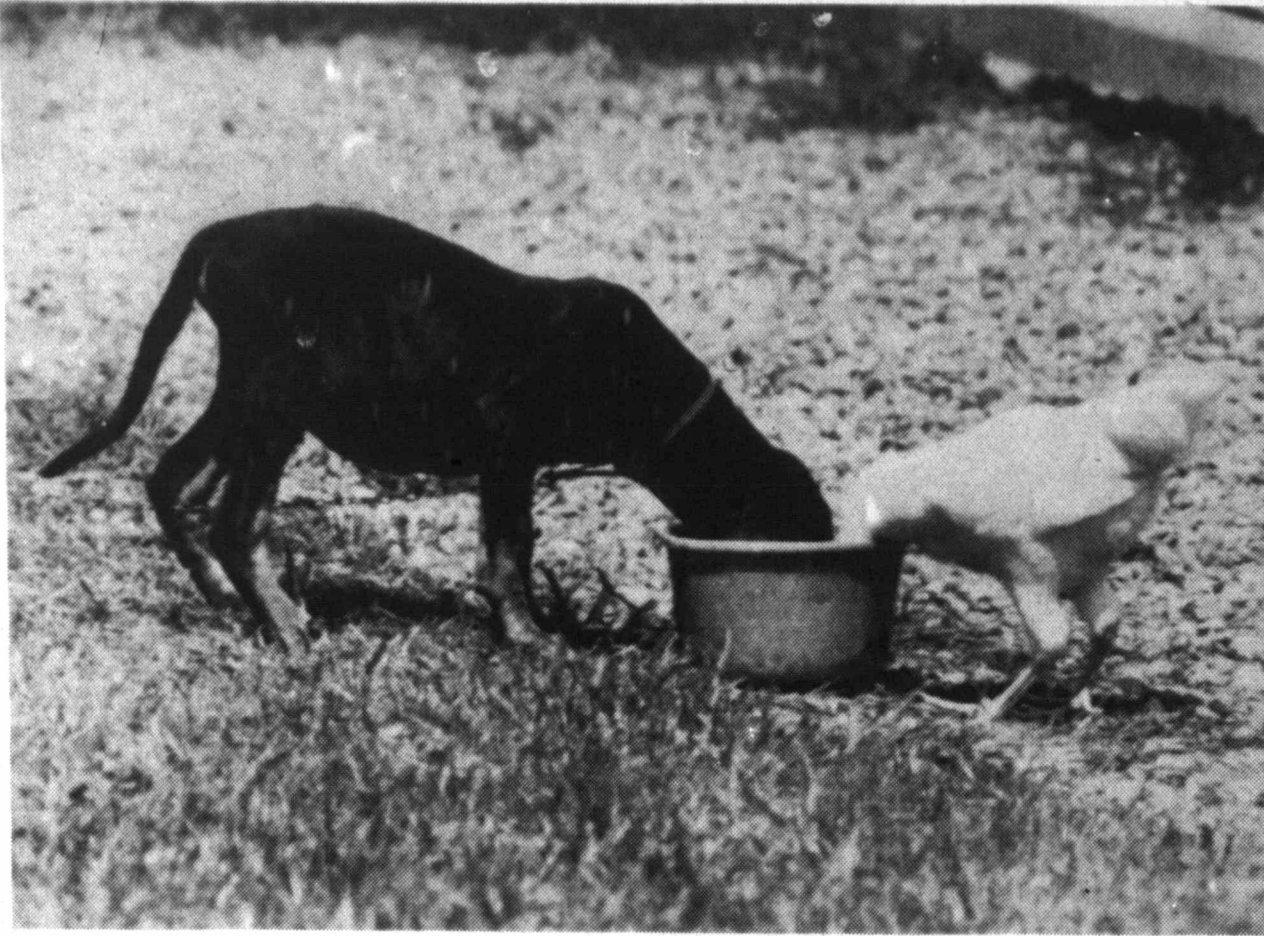
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(AP Laserphoto)

Tax plan hopefully will provide future relief for Social Security

NEW YORK (AP) — Under the new tax law, a 35-year-old who saves \$2,000 a year for 30 years could retire with a life pension of \$22,203 a year.

That's after-tax income. And it would be over and above whatever might be provided by Social Security and a company or union pension plan.

It is net income, and it shows the remarkable impact that one aspect of the tax plan, that for Employee Retirement Savings Deductions, may have on raising pensions and relieving pressure on Social Security.

It is designed to raise capital for the economy, too. By one estimate, it will add nearly \$15 billion a year of new capital, helping industry to seek more efficient (less inflationary) production.

Under the Employee Retirement Savings Deduction part of the new tax plan, a person can deduct from taxes \$2,000 a year for retirement, even if he or she is a member of a qualified tax-deferred pension plan.

Several assumptions are made by actuaries of the American Council of Life Insurance in arriving at the \$22,203-a-year income for the future retiree who began saving at age 35.

First, the money is placed in a fully qualified individual retirement account that averages 8 percent a year, with interest left to accrue. Your plan can be any approved plan, the more popular of which seem to be savings accounts, mutual funds, insurance annuities and the like.

Bentsen wants carrier named for Johnson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen has asked the Secretary of the Navy to name a new nuclear-powered aircraft carrier for the late President Lyndon B. Johnson.

A Nimitz class aircraft carrier recently was authorized by Congress. Nimitz class carriers traditionally are named for past presidents.

Under normal conditions, a new carrier would be ready for duty six or seven years after the initial authorization is approved.

"Lyndon Johnson's career was closely intertwined with the U.S. Navy," Bentsen said.

In his letter to Navy Secretary John Lehman, Bentsen pointed out that Johnson won a seat on the Naval Affairs subcommittee after he was elected to Congress in 1937.

On Dec. 8, 1941, as war was declared between the United States and Japan, Johnson asked to be placed on active duty and was the first member of Congress to go into uniform, Bentsen said.

LBJ served in the Navy for eight months with the rank of lieutenant commander before President Roosevelt ordered all congressmen to return to their duties in Washington.

In 1948, Johnson became a member of the Senate and was assigned to the Committee on Armed Services.

The tax rate in this estimate is assumed to be 30 percent before retirement, and 20 percent after. The \$22,203-a-year income would come from a lifetime annuity purchased from a life insurance company.

That figure is about the best you might hope for. For young people, it is also realistic. And it remains realistic through higher brackets. At a tax bracket of 35 percent (25 after retirement) income amounts to \$20,816, and at 40 percent

(30 after retirement) to \$19,428 a year.

Remember, you accumulate your pension fund without paying current taxes. But when you begin drawing on your fund in retirement, you do pay taxes.

If the same amount each year were to be saved in a non-qualified account that averaged 8 percent a year, and then used to purchase an annuity at age 65, the yield for a person in the pre-retirement 30 percent

bracket would be nearly halved to \$11,341. At the higher brackets, the yield would be \$9,568 and \$8,025, respectively.

It really doesn't matter a great deal where you set aside the savings, so long as the interest rate is good and you're certain you are meeting terms of the new tax package. You cannot withdraw funds without being penalized. You must leave them there until age 59½, at least.

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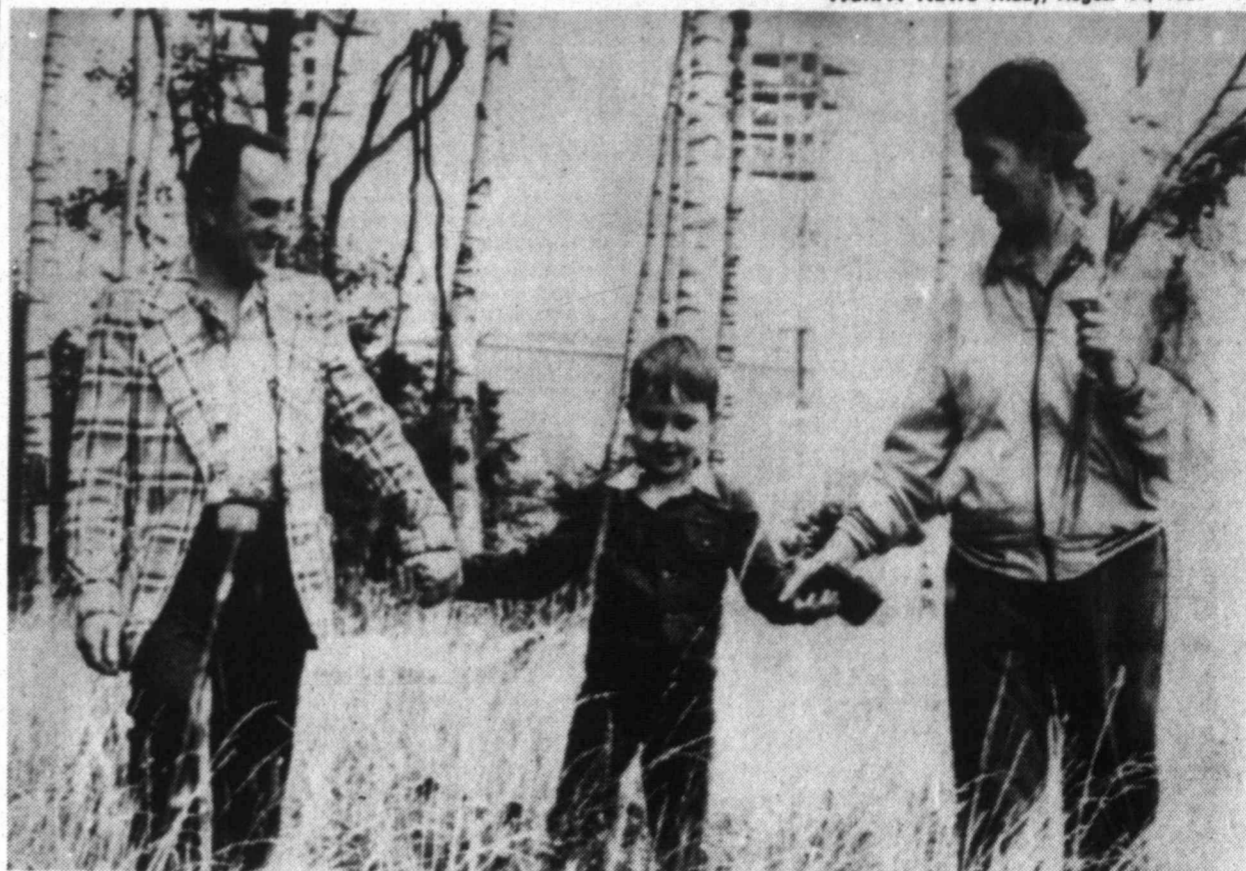
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Nation's farm crop to be whopper

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are headed for a whopper of a corn harvest this fall, along with more soybeans, cotton, wheat and rice than they produced in last year's sweltering heat and drought.

The Agriculture Department said Wednesday that the corn crop may produce 7.73 billion bushels, up 16 percent from the 1980 harvest.

The new estimate also was 9 percent, or about 600 million bushels, more than indicated a month ago.

Overall, farmers are

headed for a much better production year than in 1980, according to the department's Crop Reporting Board. Based on indications as of Aug. 1, the agency's "all-crops" production index was rated at 112 percent of the base year 1977 used for comparison. It was 101 percent in 1980.

The 112 percent on the index matches the record set in 1979. Not all crops are equally larger than last year, but many show significant increases.

One of the most timely increases for consumers is in the peanut crop. Production — which plummeted last year because of the drought and triggered soaring prices for peanut butter and related products — is expected to rebound to 3.69 billion pounds this year, up 60 percent from 2.31 billion in 1980.

Soybean production, estimated for the first time this year, was put at 2.02 billion bushels, 11 percent larger than the 1980 harvest of 1.82 billion bushels.

The cotton crop was estimated at 14.8 million bales, up 33 percent from last year's 11.1 million bales. It was also the department's first estimate of the season for cotton.

Wheat production was estimated at a record 2.75 billion bushels, up 16 percent from 2.37 billion last year. But the August estimate was down 2 percent from last month's projection of 2.81 billion bushels.

If the corn crop materializes as the Aug. 1 survey indicated, it would be the second-largest harvest on record, exceeded only by the yield of 7.94 billion bushels in 1979.

Corn is the largest and most valuable farm crop grown in the United States and, as livestock feed, is a vital element in the production of meat, poultry and dairy products for American consumers.

Along with wheat, soybeans, cotton and several other major crops, corn also is a top commodity in

American exports to scores of foreign markets, including Japan, the Soviet Union and Common Market countries.

Some grain prices at the farm are generally higher than they were a year ago. As of mid-July, for example,

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FRANK WHEATON, 100 years old: "Keep busy. It's the secret to long life."

Centenarian says work keeps him active and alive

By Tom Tiede

MILLVILLE, N.J. (NEA) - Whenever a valued employee begins talking about retirement, executives of Wheaton Industries here run him or her past Frank H. Wheaton. He is the chairman of the board, and on such occasions he removes his spectacles, pinches his eyelids for dramatic effect, and bellows:

"Retirement, hell! You have years of good work left."

He should know if anyone does. He's been working past the retirement age himself for more than three decades.

Frank H. Wheaton is 100 years old.

As such he may be the eldest corporate chairman in the nation, or the galaxy. And he insists he's never had the foggiest notion of stepping down. Work, he explains, is the purpose of life, which means retirement is something less happy; what it is, he suggests, is a shortcut to the grave.

He pinches his eyelids again. "I've seen it happen time and again. I remember I had a housekeeper who had a friend who wanted to retire. We told him not to do it, but he wouldn't listen. When he reached age 65, he quit his job, and, ahem, three weeks later he was struck down by cancer."

Wheaton sighs at the telling.

"Keep busy," he adds, "it's the secret of long life."

At least it may be the secret of his long life. Born in the year James Garfield was shot, he went to work for his father during the Spanish-American War. The father was a local physician who left the practice to create the Wheaton company; then as now the firm turned out glass containers.

Wheaton says he earned \$5 a week in the beginning, and when times were bad he got less. Sometimes, he recalls, he shouldn't have gotten anything at all. "I remember once I was told to pay the men, and I came up \$280 short. I guess I must have lost it. I should have been fired right then."

He wasn't fired, though, and he says he made up for the early faux pas with a steady dedication. He regularly worked on the weekends when he was younger, and he seldom took vacations. "Well, I did travel to Cuba a lot, to visit our customers there. But I never went to the nightclubs much."

Apart from such sacrifices, Wheaton likewise was frugal to a fault with company matters. Old-timers report that he used to walk through the plant to pick up bent nails for repair. He didn't just hand them over

to a grandly paid workman, either; he had a hammer of his own for straightening.

Wheaton is also said to have been tight and disciplined with his employees. The firm once owned an unpopular company store, and it used to hire children to do some of the hard labor. Area union officers still say the old man was a terror, and Wheaton does not deny he could be very tough.

"One time we had a strike for seven weeks. Seven weeks! And I just got sick and tired of it. So I called in the union chief and I told him to get his men back on the job or I'd lock the doors for seven more weeks. He asked if I meant it. I said I did. The next day the strike was off."

But if some workers and unionists have resented Wheaton's rigidity, the company has prospered for it. In his 82 years on the job, Wheaton Industries has grown from a few hundred employees to more than 10,000. The firm now has 41 plants in the United States, and manufactures 65 million containers each week.

And still the old man keeps his hand in. The day-to-day business operation presently is handled by his 68-year-old son, Frank Jr., but Wheaton continues to supervise. He rises early throughout the week, and is chauffeured past the loading docks to see the shipments; then he goes to the office at 8:30.

That office is large but spare. And the door is usually open. Company officials say the old man grills division managers there and reads reports through overlapping pairs of thick glasses. A secretary says he sometimes dozes at his desk, but, if occupied, he works for about three hours a day.

He'd work longer except the doctors won't let him. He has arthritis, and he broke his hip a few years ago. Now he moves around in a wheelchair and is accompanied to work by a nurse. "I can't hear very well either," he grins, "but otherwise, they tell me that I'm in pretty good condition."

As long as he is he says he'll keep right on working. And he'll keep on telling other people to do the same. "It used to be people would retire at 70," he grumps, "and then it got to be 85. Nowadays they want to quit at 60 or 62, and for what? To sit and wish they had something to do."

Wheaton says it's utter tomfoolery. And very often it's worse than that. "For most of this century my employees have been coming into the office to tell me they are going to retire. And every time they do I warn them that even at my age I will outlive them. And so far, as you see, I have."

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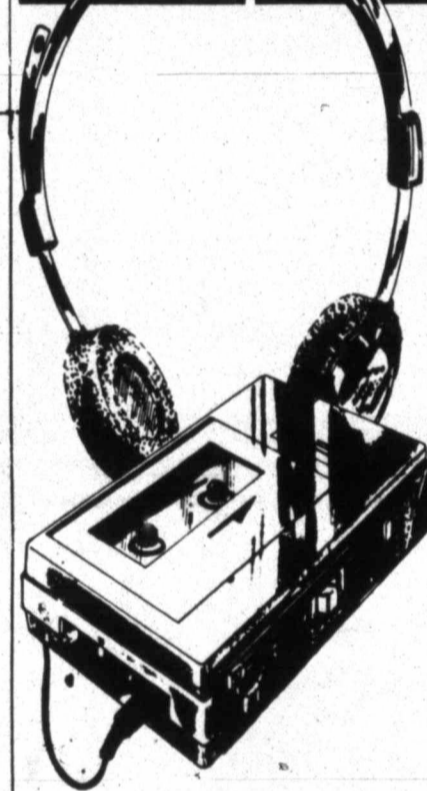
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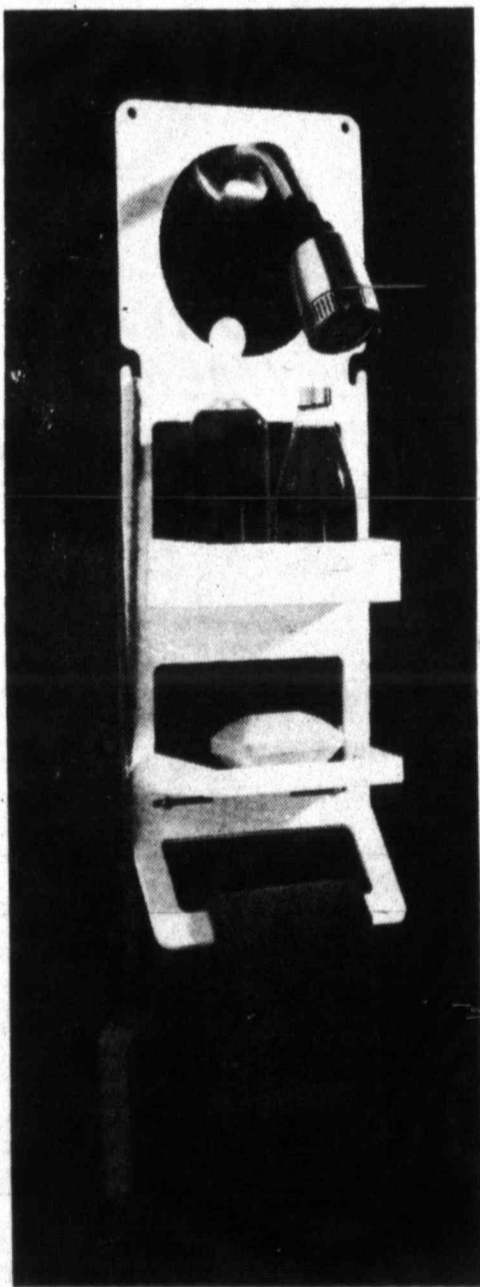
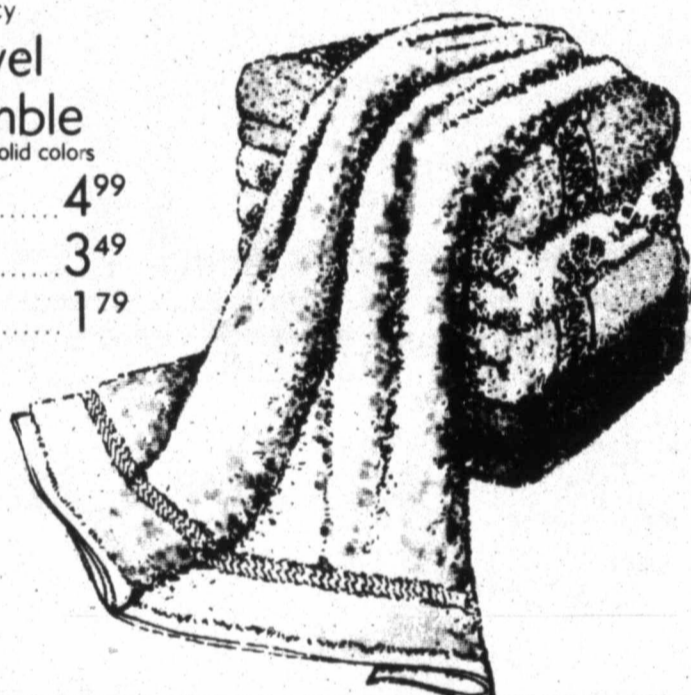
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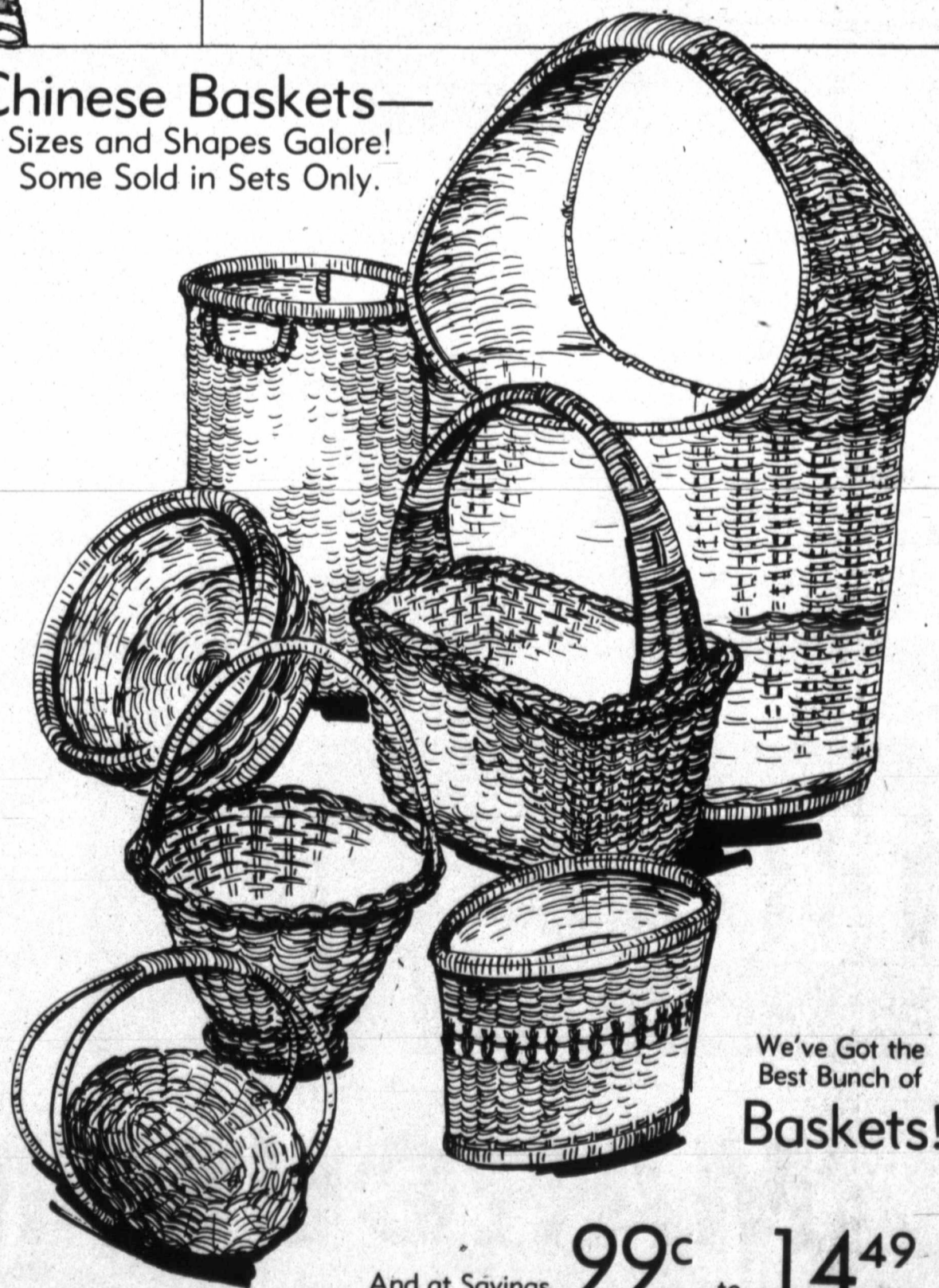
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IBM said Wednesday that its computers can be used in the home, school or office and may use hundreds of different programs.

The personal computers will be sold through IBM's product centers and outlets of Sears, Roebuck and Co. and ComputerLand Corp. beginning in October.

A stripped-down version will include a unit with a keyboard that can be connected to a home color or black-and-white TV set. The unit can be expanded with its own display terminal, a printer and auxiliary storage cassettes.

The standard unit can store up to 16,384 characters; more elaborate models can store up to 262,144 characters.

IBM's competition includes Apple Computer Inc., Tandy Corp.'s Radio Shack unit and Commodore International Ltd., which together account for more than 50 percent of the personal computer market.