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HAPPY 125TH



FAMED FIRST CAVALRY HORSE PLATOON TO PERFORM AT CELEBRATION



The famous First Cavalry Horse Platoon of Fort Hood will be performing at Fort Clark next weekend as part of the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

The Horse Troopers, wearing the uniforms of the 1880's, will go through their paces with saber, rifle and single revolvers, while riding at a dead run; and the downed rider pickup. The downed rider pickup is executed as one man leads a riderless horse behind him which a downed rider mounts - while the horses are at a dead run.

The 26 man team, equipped with 19 horses and 4 mules - complete with original or replica equipment of the old cavalry - travels the length and width of the country each year, performing in parades, rodeos, and horse shows. To date the team has travelled a distance equal to a journey five times around the world.

Each of the men is trained in other skills, such as blacksmithing, which makes the platoon self-sustaining.

During its five year history, the platoon has received many awards and decorations while performing before such diverse audiences as the President and First Lady, as well as rodeos and state fairs.

FORT CLARK SPRINGS INVITES BRACKETTVILLE TO CELEBRATE THEIR 125th ANNIVERSARY

Fort Clark will open its gates to the public on July 29, 30, and 31 to celebrate its 125th birthday. Fort Clark was established as an army outpost on July 30, 1852, and has played an important military roll in the Settlement of Southwest Texas and two world wars.

The three day celebration will be filled with parades, authentically dressed men, women and children costumed from the 1850's, barbecues, fiesta, mariachis, square dancers, Indian dancers, a Pony Express Mail Delivery and on Saturday a "Trial, Judge Advocate,

Robert E. Lee, Lt. Col. presiding to be held in Lee's Courthouse" and a special presentation in honor of 85-year old Gen Jaime J. Quinones of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, (retired).

Special arrangements have been made to have the famed 1st Cavalry Horse Platoon of Fort Hood, Texas, to perform during the celebration on Saturday, July 30th. The steadfast men of the 1st Cavalry Division, Horse Platoon, have thrilled thousands of people with their performances throughout the United States, by executing cavalry tactics of

the 1879 military manual. Dressed in authentic uniforms of the era, the mounted troops will demonstrate marksmanship, saber drills, and cavalry maneuvers under the command of 1st Lt. Mark Cooper.

To date the platoon has traveled a distance equal to a journey five times around the world performing in parades, state fairs, rodeos, and horse shows. The group has also performed for the President of the United States and the First Lady.

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HE WHO HESITATES
DON'T DO NUTHIN

BULLOCK REPORTS

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY
VISIT TO AREA SLATED

Austin--Comptroller Bob Bullock announced that a representative from his San Antonio, NW office will be in Brackettville, July 28, 1977, to answer question from taxpayers and provide assistance in filling tax returns.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Mick Pendegist, will be at the Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, from 10 a.m. to 12NOON.

"I hope local merchants will take this opportunity to get any questions they have about the sales or franchise taxes answered," said Bullock. "A little straight information can save us both headaches."

The San Antonio NW office, headed by Richard Martinez serves Kinney, Kindall, Uvalde, Edwards, Medina, Kerr, Real, Gillespie and Bandera counties. This Service will be provided the last week in each month. Dates to be announced.



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"DOTTSY"

DOTTSY is singing her hit record "After Sweet Memories" for the Canadian music fans while she is appearing at the Dell Motor Inn, July 20--23 in Surrey, B.C. She will make a guest appearance on "Vancouver Live" at CKVU-TV in Vancouver, and is set to do "Funny Farm" in Toronto, August 16-18. The pert blonde just taped "Good Ole Nashville Music" with Larry Gatlin and fellow Texan, Moe Bandy, July 13 in Nashville, TN.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU SEEMS INADEQUATE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR VISITS, CALLS, CARDS, FLOWERS, AND PRAYERS DURING MY RECENT ILLNESS AND SURGERY.

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BUD GWARTNEY & FAMILY

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"Fort Clark Days" activities also include a flea market, a frontier village complete with a variety of shops including the Satin Garter Saloon and pioneer school, men's cow chip throwing, ladies croquet, dancing and old fashion picnic games for the children plus much more.

The famous Seminole Indian Association, whose descendants are the Famous Indian Scouts of Fort Clark, will participate in the program.

The three day celebration will end at 5 p.m. Sunday following a Historical Home Pilgrimage.

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(at a distance)

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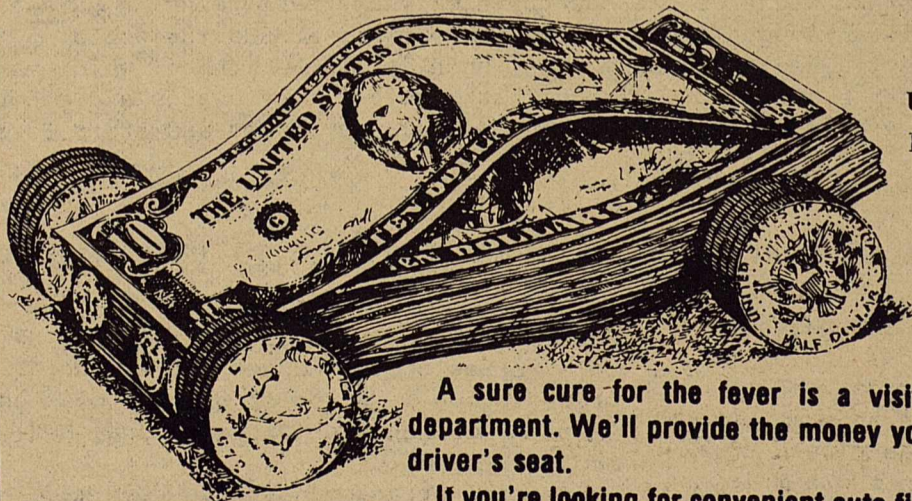
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DENISE MEEK

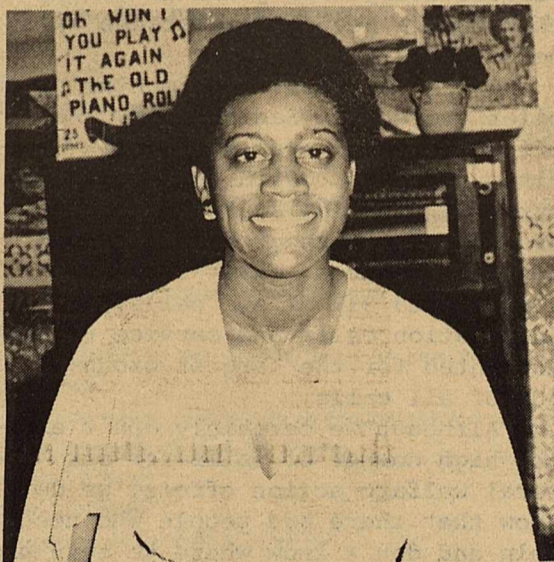
Denise can best be described as a brunette, brown eyed, talented beauty. She was born, January 29, 1953, in Hobbs, New Mexico, and lived there till she turned two. Her family then moved to Montague, Texas, and stayed there till she had completed seventh grade, at which time they moved to Bowie, Tx., where she finished high school. Denise went to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, for a year, then transferred to the Dallas Fashion Merchandising College in 1972. After graduating in 1973, she took a management training course in a department store. She took various secretarial jobs, and even worked at leasing apartments.

Her aforementioned beauty brought her some titles. In 1965 she placed in the top five of the Miss Pecan Contest. She was second runner up and first runner up respectively in 1969 and 1970. In 1971 she became the Industrial Arts Club Sweetheart, and in 1976 she was named Miss CB Break. Denise's musical interest goes back a long way. She took dancing and piano lessons from age five, and studied voice in college. By 1975 the entertainment world was calling very loudly then a friend told her about Happy Shahan, and how he trains young entertainers. She telephoned him in November 1975, and he invited her to audition at Alamo Village, his star training ground in Brackettville, Tx. After singing for him, he told her she had great potential but that she needed work and experience. He advised her to learn

to play the guitar. Happy asked her to come back in the summer to visit again, which she did, in the month of August. This time Shahan invited her to return on Labor Day to participate in the festivities as a guest singer. After she returned home, Happy called her and told her she could start on her training--so back she came to Alamo Village, October 1st to work and learn under Happy's watchful eye.

She is working hard at learning stage craft and is gaining experience daily. She has performed at clubs in Texas, and has twice sung on the same show as RCA's DOTTSY, another of Happy's proteges.

Apart from her musical interests she enjoys water skiing, horse riding and is an accomplished painter.



PEGGY WALKER

Peggy, daughter of Mrs. Lazelle Walker, of San Antonio, started her career at the age of 14 playing the alto saxophone. Peggy's first appearance on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour in 1967 won her TOP honors and she was invited to return for a second appearance on the popular TV show in 1968. Peggy was born, raised and resides in San Antonio where she teaches 5th grade at De Zavala Elementary School. When asked how she manages to keep up with such a hectic schedule of teaching, playing tennis, and pursuing a musical career Peggy commented: "Determination and hard work have always been a way of life for me." Peggy presents her country blues songs at Alamo Village this summer and makes the adobe walls of the Cantina vibrate with a unique new sound.

TIPS FOR GREEN THUMBS by:

JOE TOWNSEND

Watering is always a problem. After the wet winter we had and the cool cloudy spring the tendency has been to think things were wet enough. The sizzling sun and dry winds have wiped out what moisture there was. Lawns need watering about every third day. Flower beds should be watered about the same. Thorough watering this often should keep things in fine shape. Watering early in the day is always best. Sprinkling in the heat of the day with sun bright will blister and burn up many things. Night watering or late evening will encourage plant diseases and insect-damage. Don't forget to water the trees and shrubs. We've had almost no rain for several months, so almost everything needs watering.



COUNTY 4-H'ers

DRESSED FOR DISTRICT

Three Kinney County 4-H Club members have earned the right to compete at the District 13 4-H Dress Revue in San Antonio, July 26.

Kimberly Baxter, Cindy Miers, and Cidy Meyers will represent the county at the district event. The three top seniors will compete in the State 4-H Dress Revue this September in Abilene. The District event will be held at the Wonderland Shopping Center in San Antonio.

"Fashions With a Future" was the theme of the county show and the same theme will be carried into the District event. County winners were judged on sewing and construction skills, overall appearance, modeling abilities and their 4-H Record Books.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

By: SUSAN GURLEY MC BEE

A SPECIAL REPORT: SCHOOL FINANCE

It's impossible to be too enthusiastic over the passage of the new school finance bill during the legislative special session. The bill treats our part of the state exceedingly well and contains some very important pluses for all concerned. Everyone benefits in some way.

Property taxpayers can rejoice that the bill lowers the amount of money local districts must raise to receive state funds. In some districts this could mean a tax decrease. In addition, a "truth in taxation" section offers property tax payers some protection against increased taxes. It requires a public hearing if a district wants to set a new tax rate or ratio that would raise more revenue than was raised the prior year, and it also requires individual notice to each taxpayer whose property values, are increased as a result of re-appraisal.

School children will be attending school a week less this year, thanks to a section of the bill cutting the number of school days required. This would mean starting the school year in September or at least later in August, depending on local school board decisions. Also of benefit to students is a lower pupil-teacher ratio in the early grades where individual attention is so important.

Teachers receive a significant raise in salary with the most increase going to the professional career teacher, who too often in the past has been overlooked.

School districts gain new state money for maintenance and operation and transportation costs, and some received additional funds for equalization. Our districts fared so well because the bill allows agricultural use values to be used to calculate the districts' taxable wealth, and since these values are lower than true market values, rural areas of the state like ours come out very well in the finance formula. The other two school finance bills considered favored urban and suburban districts over rural ones.

Specifically, the Brackett Independent School District will have its local fund assignment (the amount of money needed to be raised by local property taxes) decreases by \$71,900, and will receive approximately \$113,100 in new state money above what it is receiving now.

WELFARE NEWS

A Texas Welfare Department Pilot Project has been created to serve 21 counties.....

A Texas Welfare Department pilot project has been created to serve twenty-one predominantly rural South Texas Counties including Kinney County, according to Ana Novoa, Project Director.

"Welfare action" is a demonstration project to solicit reports of suspected welfare fraud, assist welfare recipients in getting services they qualify for and to provide the public with an easy access channel to information about Texas' Welfare Programs.

"The State Board of Welfare studied the original metropolitan area pilot project and expressed a desire that a similar concept be tested in the mostly rural counties encompassing the San Antonio area welfare region," said Ms. Novoa. "The project office has established two toll-free watts telephone lines so that anyone from the counties we serve may call free of charge.

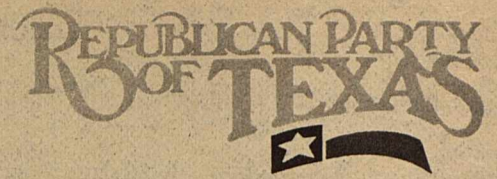
Ms. Novoa continued "It is important to note that while welfare action has been an extremely valuable source in discovering welfare fraud, a vital function of the project is to advocate for recipients within the Welfare system. With complicated applications and program procedure, it's easy for a person to get lost and not receive the services for which they need and are entitled to."

"In instances where a person needs assistance, yet is not qualified for state aid, the staff will try to refer them to another agency or community resource," said the project director. "The welfare action staff will do everything possible to see that people needing assistance will be helped."

During the first nine months of the pilot project in San Antonio, the office received over 2100 calls and discovered \$90,000 in welfare fraud, arranging for the state to recover over \$50,000 without going through court procedures. While fraud reports represented 31% of all calls, information calls and service request accounted for the largest group--- 40% of all calls.

"Although we certainly don't expect the high number of calls for our rural welfare action office, we do know that there are people who need help and don't know where to turn and also that many Texans would report cases of suspected welfare fraud if they knew who to call," said Novoa. "Persons calling about welfare fraud aren't required to give their name, although it would be helpful in pursuing the case."

welfare action may be contacted by phone, Toll Free--1-800-292-7430 or by writing or visiting the office at 2401 S. Hackberry in San Antonio.



AUSTIN--W.C. "Bill" Lust of Tyler, Republican county chairman in Smith County, was elected president of the newly formed Texas Republican County Chairman's Associational meeting in Austin.

The new association, authorized by State Republican Executive Committee action earlier this year, has been formed to provide better communication between GOP county organizations throughout the State.

In commenting on the formation of TRCCA Republican State Chairman Ray Hutchinson said, "We have long needed a channel for discussion of program both successful and unsuccessful, between our chairmen. We feel this can be beneficial in those districts where more than one county is involved."

Other officers elected were Bill Perrin of Brownsville, county chairman in Cameron County, Vice-President; Mrs. Nancy Canion of League City, Chairman in Galveston County, secretary; Bill Cooper of Clyde, chairman in Callahan County, treasurer, and Mrs. Jacque Allen of Wichita Falls, chairman of Wichita County, the TRCCA representative and spokesman on the State Republican Executive Committee.

The newly-elected officers held a meeting with Hutchison and GOP Vice-Chairman Polly Sowell on Sunday following the close of the meeting to discuss plans for the groups' future activities.

Outstanding Republicans who spoke to the group during the meeting were former Governor John Connally, United States Senator John Tower, Congressman Bill Archer of Houston, Congressman Jim Collins of Dallas, and James A. Baker III of Houston, Former Under Secretary of Commerce and the chairman of the President Ford Committee during the 1976 election.

WANTED- OLD PLASTIC PILL BOTTLES

Be sure to save you plastic pill bottles for the G.W. Harley Memorial Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. They may be turned in at either the United Methodist Church or at Sweet's Pharmacy

These pill bottles are washed and used by the Hospital, particularly in their Outpatient Clinic. The plastic bottles keep the medicines from melting and spoiling in the tropical heat. We have received word from the Director of the hospital just how much these bottles are needed. One box of bottles has been sent and we hope to send another before the end of the summer.

COMPLETE LINE OF



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Form 64p (State) (6-77)

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State Bank No. 128

Consolidated Report of Condition of "The First State Bank" of Brackettville in the State of Texas and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on June 30, 1977.

BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mil.	Thou.	
1.	Cash and due from banks	C	7					347	1	
2.	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E				649	2	
3.	Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E				None	3	
4.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E				26	4	
5.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E				None	5	
6.	Corporate stock							8	6	
7.	Trading account securities							None	7	
8.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4					None	8	
9.	a. Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	A	10				1	666	9a	
	b. Less: Reserve for possible loan losses							7	b	
	c. Loans, Net							1 659	c	
10.	Direct lease financing							None	10	
11.	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises							46	11	
12.	Real estate owned other than bank premises							None	12	
13.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies							None	13	
14.	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding							None	14	
15.	Other assets	G	7					3	15	
16.	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)							2 738	16	
		LIABILITIES			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mil.	Thou.	
17.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	1f	A				1 296	17	
18.	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	1f	B+C				728	18	
19.	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C				3	19	
20.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C				244	20	
21.	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C				None	21	
22.	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C				None	22	
23.	Certified and officers' checks	F	7	A				22	23	
24.	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)							2 293	24	
	a. Total demand deposits	F	8	A			1	565	a	
	b. Total time and savings deposits	F	8	B+C				728	b	
25.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4					100	25	
26.	Other liabilities for borrowed money							None	26	
27.	Mortgage indebtedness							None	27	
28.	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding							None	28	
29.	Other liabilities	H	9					None	29	
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)							2 392	30	
31.	Subordinated notes and debentures							None	31	
		EQUITY CAPITAL			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mil.	Thou.	
32.	Preferred stock	a.	No. shares outstanding					None	32	
33.	Common stock	a.	No. shares authorized		1000					
		b.	No. shares outstanding		1000					
34.	Surplus							155	34	
35.	Undivided profits							90	35	
36.	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves							None	36	
37.	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)							345	37	
38.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)							2 738	38	

MEMORANDA				
1.	Average for 30 calendar days ending with call date:			
a.	Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above)		329	1a
b.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)		None	b
c.	Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above)		1 691	c
d.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below)		300	d
e.	Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)		2 408	e
f.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above)		27	f
g.	Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above)		None	g
2.	Standby letters of credit outstanding (as of call date)		None	2
3.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (as of call date):			
a.	Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		300	3a
b.	Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		None	b

I, David Winters, President, of the above-named bank, do solemnly { SWEAR AFFIRM } that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: *David Winters* } Directors.
Virginia J. Lackey
Willa M. Padon
Henry Fuentes

State of Texas County of Kinney ss:
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of July, 1977,
 and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
 My commission expires June 1, 1979 *Herrell Hobbs* Notary Public.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- July 21----Pat Bailey
- July 22----Crystal Sue Loos
- July 24----Annabelle Guajardo
- Happy Shahan
- Wendy Bailey
- July 26----Robert Lopez
- Donna Embrey
- July 27----Virginia Lackey
- JULY 28----Esther Mae Fair
- July 29----Josie Cruz
- Martha Falcon
- Norman Longoria
- Patty Daly
- July 30----Smiley Goodloe
- Lupe Falcon

JULY 22, 1977

ALAMO VILLAGE



Whatever, the weather at Alamo Village, be it hot, cold, sunny, or grey-----you always get a warm reception. Everyone is friendly, and eager to answer your questions or show you special points of interest. At this time of year there is live entertainment (five shows daily, consisting of music, singing, and western melodrama.) This is where RCA singing star DOTTSY began her climb to fame, and you may be lucky enough to see a new star born. Look carefully at other tourists, since celebrities stop by and visit owner, Happy Shahan all year round.

Further information can be obtained by writing: Alamo Village, Inc., Box 528, Brackettville, Tx. 78832.

KAZEN IN WASHINGTON

As the Congress worked last week on major domestic legislation, ranging from the energy program proposals to the new farm bill, we also were involved in important security considerations. We are all concerned about our national defense, and one important element is that we have weapons sufficient to deter any potential enemy from seeking to threaten our security.

I have often stated my belief that we must have military strength second to none in the world, establishing a defense power that no other nation will dare to challenge. I was therefore pleased last week when President Carter said he favored getting the neutron bomb into our arsenal, but would carefully study whether we should deploy the weapon.

CLAIM IT IS CLEAN

Advocates and opponents of the neutron bomb accept claims that it is "clean", by which they mean that the warhead now designed for battlefield use would have effects limited to its target area. If used on the Lance missile, with a 75-mile range, it would cause blast and fire damage over a radius of 200 to 300 yards, disabling troops, tanks, and vehicles, but people a mile away would be safe.

Military men say it meets the requirements of strategic weapons, focusing on enemy military without destroying buildings or leaving long-term radiation effects. Should Soviet or Warsaw pact nations invade western Europe or should they use nuclear weapons, our military command would have the option to retaliating with conventional or "clean" bombs without

risking maximum danger to the people and structures that would come with use of larger nuclear weapons. Our policy is that the neutron bomb can only be used as a defensive weapon, on authority of the President.

SOME SAY RISK GREATER

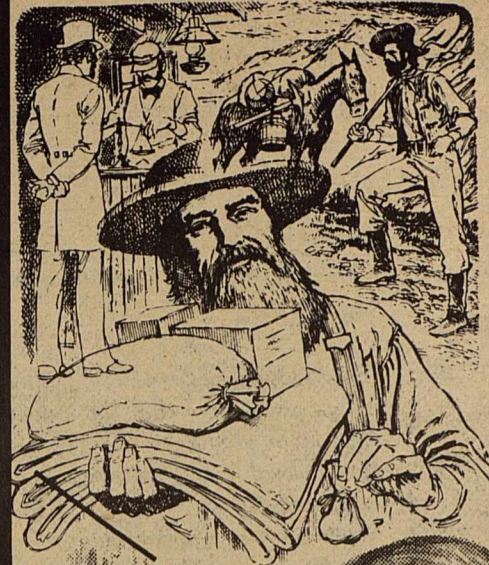
Critics of the neutron bomb say that if this military option were open to us and our allies, we'd simply invite the enemy to escalate a conflict into a general nuclear war. Mr. Carter recognized that possibility, saying that a general world-wide holocaust might develop, but he pointed out that such a prospect increases that need for international arms limitations agreement.

My study of the matter affirms my belief that as we work toward arms limitations we must provide the President with the strength that makes a treaty desirable to all concerned. If other powers think they know how costly an effort might be, they may be more ready to reach agreements.

OTHER WEAPONS AHEAD

The Defense Department had advised us that it is moving ahead with development of other weapons, too. When President Carter decided against the B-1 bomber, new emphasis developed on the cruise missile, to be launched from planes and submarines if needed in warfare. There is to be more work on the missile itself and also on planes which could launch the missiles 750 to 1,000 miles from enemy territory.

Consideration also must be given to a new intercontinental ballistic missile, the MX, theoretically capable of flying at a speed of more than 15,000 miles per hour to strike targets up to 6,000 miles away with an accuracy



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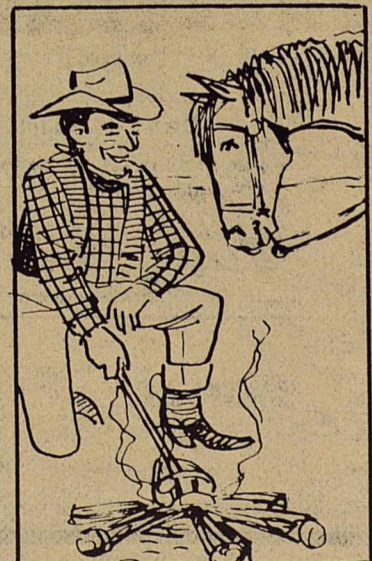


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of 100 feet.

If we need such weapons to defend ourselves and our nation, even by deterrence, the costs could be good investments.

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BRACKETT HAPPENINGS

By: Lillie Mae Dimery

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dimery celebrated their 4th Anniversary, July 9th. Out of town guests were Mrs. Sylvia Lewis, Mrs. Loretta Waltzen, Mrs. Lillian Warren, and Mrs. Zola Mae Parker, all of Kerrville, Texas, and Mrs. Ophelia Benson, Mrs. Nancy Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Scurlock, Mrs. Beatrice Best, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson, Mr. Nelson Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ortega, all from Del Rio, Texas.

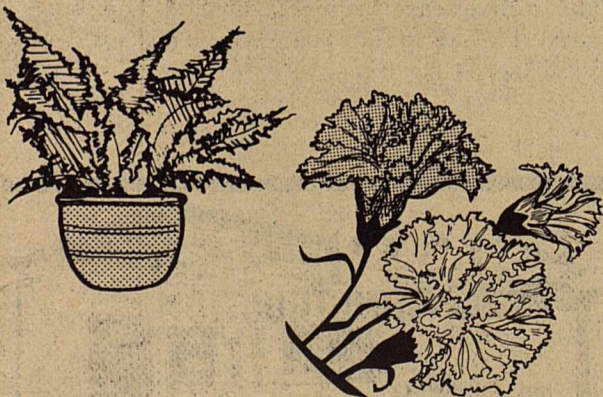
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hawkins, Mrs. Clara July, Mrs. Dorothy Ward, and Josie Factor honored Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jefferson with a small party, Saturday, July 16th.

Sheldon Best and Johnny July, Jr. visited in Ozona, Tx. a few days with Johnny July, Sr.

Mr. Clayton Perryman is visiting relatives in San Antonio, Tx.

Seen around town this past week were Robert Daniels of Flint, Mich., Johnny Washington of Kerrville, Tx., John Wilson of Sonora, Tx., George White and Flowers of Del Rio, and Mrs. Charles (Gee Gee) Pine, and Son, Alton, of San Antonio, Tx.

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MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION TEST

The new Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) to be administered for the first time this year will place more emphasis on physics than in the past years, according to Southwest Texas Junior College physics instructor Mary Beth Todd.

"Although physics majors have constituted only a small percentage of the roughly 40,000 medical school applicants," Miss Todd explained, "they have had a one in two acceptance rate as compared to a one in three rate for chemistry and biology majors."

"Medical schools are becoming increasingly aware that the physics major as a preparation for medical training is under-rated and under-utilized," said Miss Todd, who just recently returned from Puerto Rico where she served as one of the 10 physics teachers from throughout the nation selected to review the operation to draw generalizations from specific information and to apply the generalization correctly in new situations.

The Junior College Physics Teacher expects a greater demand from pre-med students for more intensive physics courses now that physics is being considered as essential as biology and chemistry in training physicians at the undergraduate level.

Miss Todd will travel to San Francisco in January and later to Toronto, Canada, where she will continue meeting with the prestigious 10-member task force. The AAPT committee includes instructors from the United States Naval Academy, the University of Washington, Wellesley College, the University of Maryland and State University of New York.

Students wishing to obtain further information about the new MCAT exam sample questions and advice for prospective students may write to the Association of American Medical Colleges, One Dupont Circle, N. W., Washington, D.C., 20035.

CHEMISTRY FAILURES

It's a familiar story to many parents with college-age sons and daughters. Johnny grows up thinking he wants to be a doctor or an engineer and then discovers that he can't pass his first college chemistry course.

Everyone reasons that Johnny must not be smart enough or just didn't study hard enough. So Johnny joins the ranks of literally hundreds of students who annually withdraw or fail college chemistry. Suddenly he's a business major or a history teacher or an insurance salesman.

"When I came to Southwest Texas Junior College in 1974," explained chemistry instructor Ed. Heath, "there was a chemistry withdrawal and failure rate of 59 per cent. It was a problem common to most colleges, but nobody was asking 'why'?"

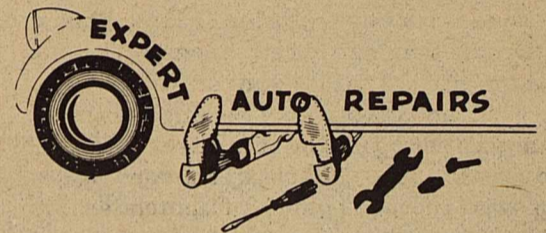
After two years of trying new techniques and changing the content in order to curtail the failure rate, Heath realized that the same student background problems were reoccurring each semester. All the new teaching techniques he could devise



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would not fill the gap in their scientific background.

Heath said 77 percent of his enrollment in General Chemistry 141 included pre-professional students majoring in such fields as medicine engineering, veterinary-medicine dentistry, and pharmacy.

"With this high withdrawal and failure rate, 42 percent of the pre-professional students were having to change their majors by the end of the semester," he said. "Their whole careers were going down the drain because of one course, not because they didn't want to study, but because they didn't have the background to handle the material."

To combat this problem, Heath designed an introductory chemistry course that would allow the student time to develop his background of information, Chemistry 120 became an introductory course for General Chemistry 141, the initial chemistry class required for completion of all professional degrees.

"Chemistry is designed to be even more basic and fundamental than a high school chemistry class," said Heath, who has a bachelor's and master's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

"The first is a mathematics review and then I introduce the concept of the atom and the atomic theory. We discuss atomic structure and electron configuration. Then we conclude with a study of moles, what molecular weight is and what atomic weight is."

Heath watched his failure and withdrawal rate in Chemistry 141 drop from 50 percent in 1974 to 16 percent in the fall of 1976 as his classes filled with students who had previously completed the introductory Chemistry 120 course.

Today only 12 percent of his pre-professional students are having to change their majors as compared to 42 percent in 1975. Heath describes

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pitchers and Laughlin scored 4 runs. "Home Run King" Memo Leos was Brackett's lone scorer. Playing like the All Stars they were: Jeff Burgess-2nd base, Robert Longoria-left field; Eddie Garcia-short stop; Memo Leos-1st base; Seth Kaplan-catcher; Louis Terrazas-pitcher; Johnny Cadena-center field; Martin DeHoyos-3rd base; Greg Sandoval 2nd base, Carlos Guajardo-right field; and Robert Brown-pinch hitter; with strong support from Warren Voss, Paul Flores, and Kenny Perry as alternates joined a large crowd from Brackettville to cheer the team on.

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CHEMISTRY FAILURE

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these students as realizing "that this (a science-related career) is now what they really wanted anyway."

In addition to the successful curtailment of the failure and withdrawal rate, Heath witnessed a dramatic improvement in grades. In 1974 only 6 percent of the class made A's while 7 percent made B's and 17 percent made C's. In 1976, however, 38 percent of the class made A's, 26 percent made B's and 15 percent C's.

When Heath began his first Chemistry 120 class in the spring of 1976, the college administration was skeptical that students enroll in a course considered non-transferrable to senior colleges. Although students receive two hours credit toward junior college graduation, Chemistry 120 is an elective and does not fulfill science requirements for a degree.

In spite of this initial skepticism, twenty-four students enrolled in Heath's first "background-building" course. By the end of the semester, 58 percent of the class had earned A's and B's. When these same students enrolled in Chemistry 141 the next semester, Heath found that they not only did remarkably better than students in previous years, but they

helped the other students who had not had the 120 course and were valuable aids in reducing the withdrawal rate.

Many schools rationalize their large failure rate, according to Heath, by "saying that the students just aren't science-oriented or that they don't have the ability to excel because of the area of the country they come from."

"Some schools resent establishing background-building courses because they say that is the job of the high school. If the high school can't do its job, we're not going to do it for them. Or they rationalize that they have too many students anyway and need to cut their enrollment."

Heath doesn't believe any of these rationalizations and has dedicated himself to innovative teaching and reaching students that have been hard to teach in the past.

A former Science Division chairman for the Altus (Oklahoma) Public School System, the SWTJC chemistry instructor has been a teaching assistant at Institute grant to conduct graduate work at Montana State University in Bozeman.

One example of his innovative teaching is the use of video tape cassettes in providing additional learning experiences for his students. Heath actually tapes his lectures before a television camera, and each lecture is contained in a small cassette that can be played through a television set in the chemistry lab.

The taping sessions are conducted in the college library and resemble the production techniques used by professional television studios. One student operates the camera while another oversees the sound controls. Dressed in a chemist's white coat, Heath stands in front of the camera and uses a blackboard, overhead projector or slides to illustrate such concepts as electron configuration or atomic structure.

"I always try to present a different lecture than the one I gave in class," he explained. "That was a student who did not understand the material we covered in class can come and replay the cassette dealing with that subject. He sees the same lecture presented in a different way, a way that may help him understand."

Heath also allows members of his class to prepare television programs explaining various aspects of chemistry. Seeing themselves on television pro-

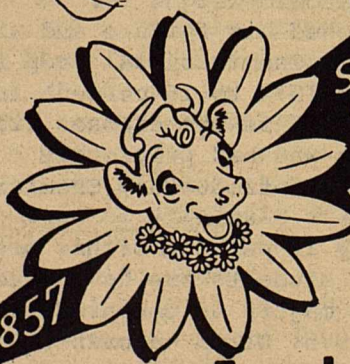
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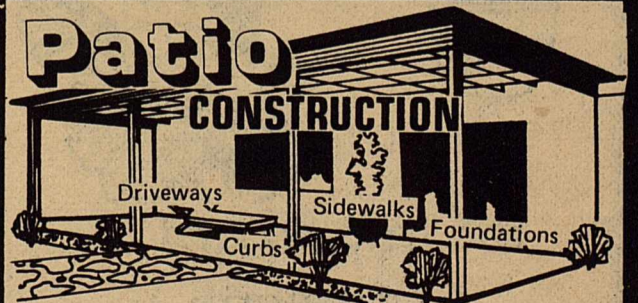
The other morning as I drove along the highway I noticed a buzzard in the road ahead. Now I don't particularly care for buzzards. They are an ugly bird when perched on a post or in a tree. They are arrogant birds when prancing around carrion trying to get a bite. Besides one tried to fly through my windshield one time and in addition to scaring me out of a few years' worth of cost me a new windshield. Consequently where I saw this buzzard my bristles kinda began to raise. Then suddenly the buzzard took flight and took with it the remains of a jackrabbit someone had killed on the highway.

Anyone with half an eye can see we have entirely too many of the big-eared rabbits so I wasn't distressed that one had been killed. Then I just thought, "It's great to have in nature a scavenger to clean up the mess people make." Had it not been for the buzzard car after car would have run over the carcass of the rabbit. Now the remains were no longer left to despoil the pavement. The buzzard, while taking care of its natural needs had rendered a good service to mankind. If such a bird as a buzzard can make much more efficient should everyone involved in work that is wholesome can certainly be a great benefit to the world by simply doing his work well. Then fellowman can admire the achievements as I admire the buzzard in his graceful circling soaring.



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America today does not need and cannot afford the sort of antagonistic regionalism in which one area attempts to solve its problems at the expense of another. When regionalism is vigorously pursued, it has the potential to destroy our national unity.



Recently I have felt compelled to speak out against regionalism that has appeared in Congress in a new political form. A coalition of Congressmen from the Northeast and Midwest have banded together in an effort to garner more federal funds, at the expense of the South and Southwest.

These Congressmen have one objective: to get more federal funds for their areas.

This is an aggressive, grasping form of regionalism that is dangerous. Not only does it destroy the unity which is our greatest national asset, but it inhibits our ability to deal with national problems on a national basis. It is founded on phony logic and statistics, and it proceeds from the premise that federal funds, federal programs, and federal allocations are the key to resolving the very real and difficult problems afflicting the various areas of this country.

These problems have a historical base. As many of the industries that for over a century provided the foundation of the Northeast's industrial prosperity have become outdated and inefficient, there has been a definite movement of population away from the Snowbelt and into the Sunbelt—the South and Southwestern United States.

But the Sunbelt is not to blame for the current problems of the Northeast any more than the Northeast is to blame for the historical low per capita incomes that have existed for so long in the South and Southwest.

The Northeast and other regions face an obvious requirement to update their industrial capacity, to establish new and more efficient industries. And the rest of the country should help, and is prepared to help.

We in the Sunbelt recognize that our future, and our prosperity are irrevocably linked to that of the Northeast and the Midwest. But we are not prepared to accept the argument that their problems—the crumbling cities, the outdated industries, the high levels of unemployment—are attributable to the relative prosperity of our region.

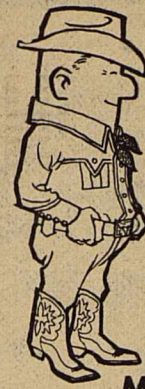
A recent article in *Fortune* pointed out that Texas has the best environment for business in the country, with New York having the worst. But surely New York doesn't seek to place the blame for its problems on Texas or other Sunbelt states.

The point I want to make is that the Northeast is mistaken in attempting to export the blame for its troubles, while at the same time relying increasingly on the federal purse to seek redress.

The recent pattern of robbing the Sunbelt that we have seen written into formulas for distributing federal funds in both the \$4 billion Public Works Employment Act and the Community Development Act is going to have to change.

In resisting and responding to the Northeast offensive, we who represent the Sunbelt must drive home the point that it is not the federal purse, but private investment, individual initiative, and a system of incentives that will enable each of the different regions to meet the challenges facing our country today.

In the meanwhile, instead of arguing with us about the allocation of funds, the coalition of Congressmen from the Northeast and Midwest should take a page from the Texas book and try to improve their climate of investment. We are only as rich as our poorest region.



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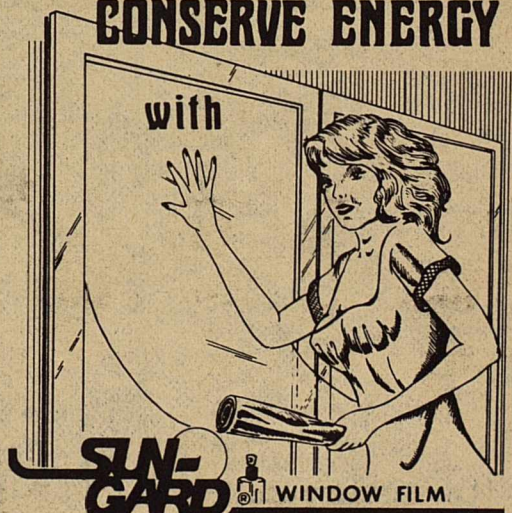
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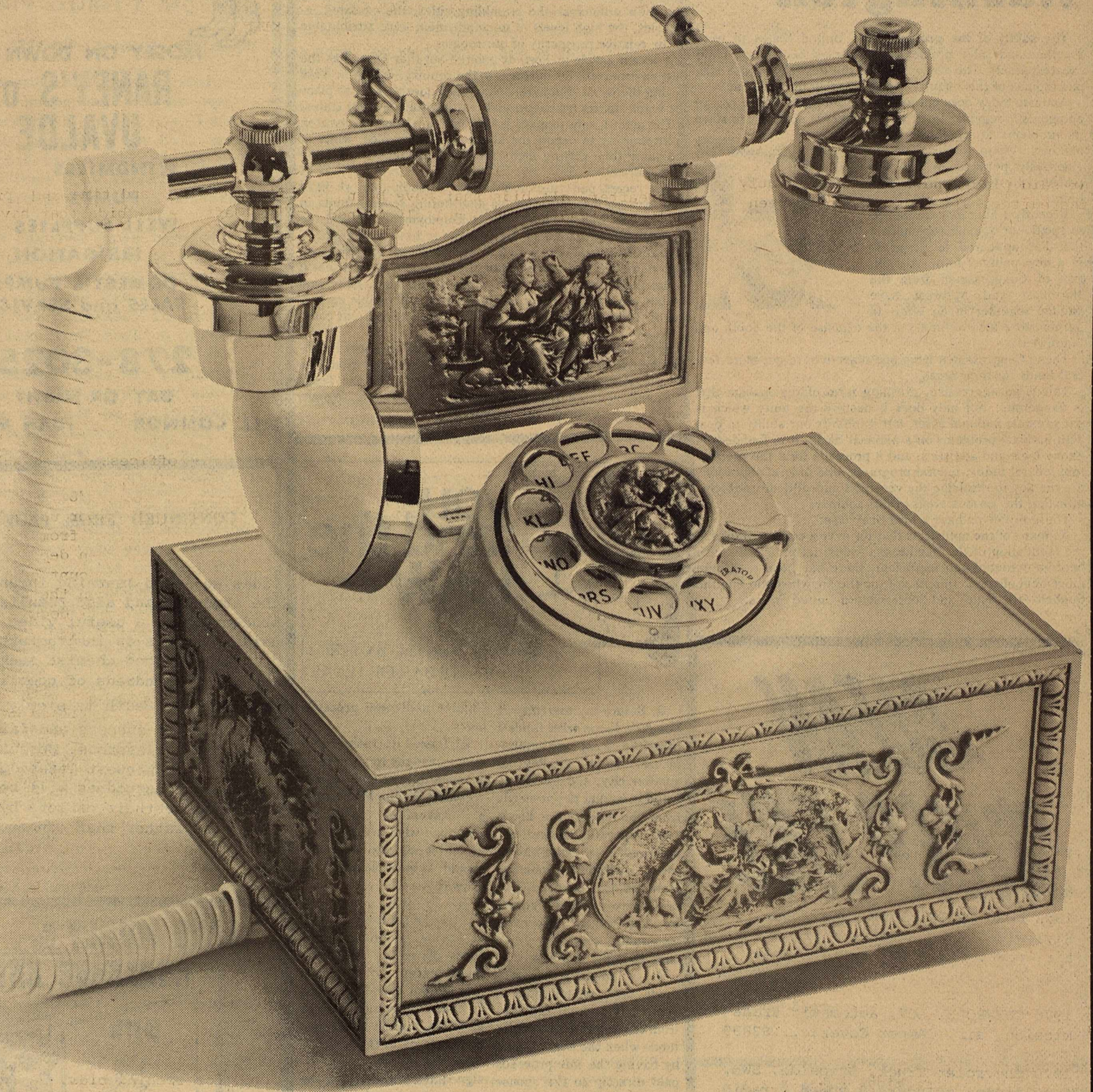


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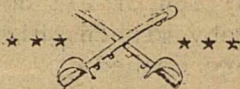
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