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Weatherman gives area snowy present

It's "very, very doubtful" West Texas will have a picturesque white Christmas, the weatherman says, but at least many cities have gained a white Christmas Eve.

Snow began falling Tuesday night in Midland, Andrews, Lamesa, Stanton and Odessa, although spokesmen in all locations reported the snow to be "melting fast."

The most snow was reported in Lamesa where the sheriff's office estimated 3 to 4 inches on the ground. At 9 a.m. today, snow still was falling

and the thermometers registered 28 degrees, the lowest reported in the area.

The sheriff's office spokesman reported snow on the roads at places and "slick" conditions. No roads were closed this morning, however.

Elsewhere in the West Texas area, the Department of Public Safety deemed roads safe and clear, but discouraged travel in the Pecos-EI Paso areas of far West Texas.

Transportation also was unhampered this morning for air travel, with

airlines reporting no trouble with landings or departure flights.

While none of the area communities indicated a rash of traffic accidents related, at least in part, to the road conditions, the Midland Police Department said 16 or 17 accidents occurring in the last 24 hours were weather-related.

The travel advisory issued by the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Air Terminal during the night was to expire early this afternoon.

The weather service is predicting a 40 per cent chance of more rain mixed with snow this morning, turning to rain in the afternoon, throughout the West Texas areas.

The anticipated high for today is in the middle 40s, to be followed by an overnight low near 30. Christmas Day's expected high should be slightly warmer in the low 50s.

Tuesday's high in Midland was a nippy 43 and the low this morning was 34, registered at 5 a.m.

Precipitation here began in the late

afternoon and .30 had been collected in the official gauge at Terminal by 9 a.m. The new total for annual precipitation now stands at 23.11 inches.

By morning the precipitation which began Tuesday afternoon had been transformed to a light blanket of white on Midland lawns.

In Andrews, a spokesman said snow was continuing "a bit" this morning. "It looks like a real pretty white Christmas," she said.

Stanton skies were cloudy and

"spitting snow right now" around mid-morning and all roads were described as "okay" by the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

Mist and drizzle were the only precipitation reported in Crane, Rankin, McCamey and Big Lake where temperatures ranged in the middle to upper 30s.

Elsewhere, the snowfall was heaviest through Guadalupe Pass in the far west, where six inches accumulated, and on the plains at Plain-

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Tragic traffic accident ends family's dreams of warm holiday

By LUANNA CROW

They were just passing through, headed toward Arizona, family and a Christmas celebration.

When they neared Midland, where they planned to seek lodging for the night, the dreams of a warm holiday ended in a two-vehicle smash-up.

Fourteen-year-old Greg Sutter of St. Louis, Mo., died in the Sunday night crash at U.S. 80 East and Fairgrounds Road.

His 17-year-old sister, Teresa, is in guarded condition in the intensive care unit at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa where she was taken for head and back surgery.

Their grandmother, Marie Sutter, 68, remains in critical condition in Midland Memorial Hospital where the mother, Pam Sutter, 38, and another brother, Steven, 5, remain hospitalized with lesser injuries.

Three more members of the family currently are housed at St. Ann's Convent. They are the father, John E. Sutter, and two of the children, 15-year-old Kevin John and 12-year-old Mary Beth who was treated and released the night of the crash.

The Rev. Dan Schucklenbruck ("Father Dan") of St. Ann's Catholic Church has been in close touch with the family since the accident, providing them first with a place to stay and now involving the rest of the city in their plight.

The priest said he has received numerous calls from Midlanders volunteering to house the family members not currently hospitalized, inviting them to Christmas dinner, wanting to provide presents for the bereaved family.

Father Schucklenbruck said it is "amazing" to him how individuals in the community have responded. "They're trying to reach out to help them and to do what they can."

However, what the family needs is not lodging, Christmas dinner and presents.

The St. Ann's priest said those family members out of the hospital are expected to return to St. Louis soon after Christmas to make arrangements for Greg's funeral. Then, some will return to tend the members still in West Texas hospitals.

Father Schucklenbruck, seeking a means to help the family, contacted his church's St. Jude's organization which often assists parish members

when they are in need.

Mrs. Byrne O'Neill is one of the women who began on Monday to contact St. Ann's parishioners and tell them of the Sutter family's plight.

Mrs. O'Neill said the journey to Arizona was the family's Christmas trip, that they were more concerned about seeing their family than exchanging a lot of presents.

She and other members of the church will set up a fund in a local bank after Christmas when the banks reopen.

In the meanwhile, however, she and her co-workers are appealing to the entire city to help the stranded Sutter family. Persons wishing to contribute to the fund, she said, may send checks to her home, 1301 Lawson St. The checks may be made out to St. Ann's Church and earmarked for the Sutter family fund.

"Cash is what they'll need to defray expenses," Mrs. O'Neill pointed out.

Father Schucklenbruck added, "What we're trying to do is control the

donations and goodness of people who are trying to help.

"We don't want them to end up with a truck load of toys and things to get back to St. Louis," he said.

The priest said a small and quiet Christmas celebration has been planned by the staff of Midland Memorial Hospital who are supplying a few gifts for the children. He expressed hope that Midland's citizens would choose to donate money rather than more presents which would be a burden on the family.

Christmas dinner for the father and his two uninjured children will be spent at the convent.

"The community needs to be congratulated for its concern," Father Schucklenbruck said. "It's really terrific."

And the Sutter family, here under such tragic circumstances, "do appreciate it," he said. "They are fantastic people."

LATE NEWS

MENARD, Tex. (AP) — Authorities said at least seven persons were killed today in a car-truck collision on a fog-shrouded highway 15 miles south of here. Names of the victims were not known at once.

BRIRUT (AP) — Mass kidnappings touched off street battles today in and around Beirut, diminishing prospects for a Christmas break in Lebanon's civil war.

Solemn rites slated in city

By ROGER SOUTHALL

Solemn services commemorating the miracle of Christ's birthday in far-off Bethlehem almost 2,000 years ago will take place tonight in numerous Midland churches as they will in churches throughout the Christian world.

Still other special services are scheduled in the city Christmas morning.

The Christmas Eve events here will range from services of communion

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No newspaper Christmas Day

The Reporter-Telegram will omit publication Christmas Day, as is its usual custom, so that its employees may enjoy the joyous holiday with family and friends.

Regular publication will be resumed Friday.

Meanwhile, The Reporter-Telegram and all members of its staff wish you and yours A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Star of Bethlehem to shine again

By GEORGE ALEXANDER

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The Star of Bethlehem will shine again brightly this Christmas season — not, however, over the little town in modern-day Israel, but on the domed ceiling of observatories around the world where staff members will project for contemporary audiences the same star patterns that were visible to inhabitants of Jerusalem almost 2,000 years ago.

And, in the process, they review the various explanations which have been advanced for the Star of Bethlehem.

Ronald A. Oriti, an astronomical lecturer at the Griffith Park Observatory, said: "There are really two questions involved, although they're interrelated," he said in a recent interview. "One involves the date of Christ's birth. The other deals with the star itself."

The evidence, according to a number of historical sources, indicates that Christ was actually born several years earlier than the year now almost universally accepted as His birth year.

That evidence is in the form of references, by early Christians, to different kings and emperors who reigned then and suggests a year of birth of



Build fast! It's melting! Tony Carbello, 10, left, and his sister, Yvonne, 8, make quick work of their snowman at 1601 Cimmaron St. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Abe Diaraj.

WEATHER

Chance of rain this afternoon. High today, mid-40s. Low tonight, near 30. High Thursday, low-50s.

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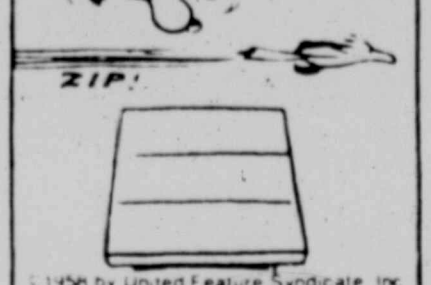
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Holy Land celebrates

BETHLEHEM, Occupied Jordan (AP) — The pageantry of Christmas unfurled in the Holy Land today with a dazzling procession to the Bethlehem cavern where tradition says Jesus was born.

The procession was led by trouble-scouring Israeli command cars. Troops mingled with pilgrims, always on the alert against possible Arab guerrilla attacks.

The Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Giacomo Giuseppe Beltritti, led the procession from Bethlehem's municipal Christmas tree to the 800-year-old Church of the Nativity, built above the marble-lined grotto revered as the manger of the Christ child.

Bells set out over the little hillside town accompanied an Arab fire brigade band in "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" in Manger Square. A crowd of about 2,000 persons—mostly Arab residents with a few foreign pilgrims—clustered in the square beneath a brilliant winter sun.

The procession was preceded by horsemen with spears. An escort with a silver-headed staff and a silver sword led the way to the church's tiny door.

6 or 7 B.C.

"One thing is certain, however," Oriti wrote, "and that is that Christ was not born in the 25th of December, as we currently celebrate it."

Christians appear to have settled on Dec. 25 as Christmas under the pressures of Roman persecutions; they timed it to coincide with the Roman holiday Saturnalia, when they were reasonably sure the Romans were having too much fun themselves to notice anybody else's celebrations.

If anything, Oriti said, it would seem that Christ was born sometime in the spring. This comes from a statement in the Gospel of Luke concerning shepherds guarding their flocks at night. This practice is followed only in the spring, he added, when the shepherds are concerned for the safety of the newborn lambs.

As for the star itself, Oriti said that there are several possible astronomical events that could have given rise to this Biblical story: a meteor, a comet, a supernova or a conjunction of several planets.

Oriti dismissed the first three as unlikely for various reasons — a meteor would have been too well-known to the people of that time to have been construed as anything out of the ordinary and, in any event,

would have been too short-lived to have guided the Magi, or Wise Men, on their journey to the Christchild.

Comets, also well-known to people then, were generally regarded as unfavorable omens. Moreover, there is no mention of any comets in the records of Chinese and Japanese astronomers for the 7-6 B.C. time period and they were eager comet-watchers even then. A supernova — an exploding star — also fails to explain the Star of Bethlehem for the same reasons.

Planetary conjunction, however, strikes Oriti and other astronomers as a plausible explanation for "this Biblical 'star.'"

Indeed, by calculating the positions of the planets backward in time, astronomers now know that there was not one, but three, conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn during the year of 7 B.C.

The first conjunction, or alignment along a straight line drawn through the sun, earth and those planets, occurred in May of that year. After the planets' differing orbital motions took them out of alignment, they then took Jupiter and Saturn back into conjunction a second time in October and, finally, a third time in December.

A triple conjunction would not have

been caught by the populace, but it almost certainly would not have escaped the notice of astrologer-astronomers — which the Magi presumably were.

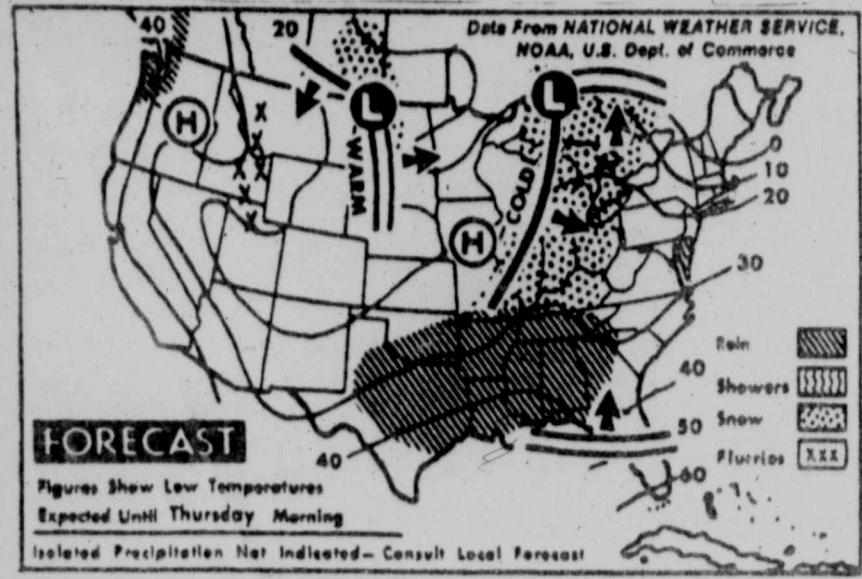
Moreover, there were circumstances surrounding the triple conjunction that would have lent it special significance, according to Oriti. It took place in the constellation of Pisces, which ancient astrologers considered to be the Hebrew sign, and when the planet Mars fell into alignment with Jupiter and Saturn in February of 6 B.C., it seemed to them that some major event was happening among the Jews.

Finally, the first of the triple conjunctions would have been seen in the east, the second in the south at mid-night and the third in the west — an east to west progression that the ancients might have construed as a sign on the Bethlehem freeway.

Oriti said that planetary conjunctions have been suggested as an explanation of the Star of Bethlehem as far back as the early 17th century when the German astronomer Johannes Kepler spotted a similar conjunction.

Merry Christmas

WEATHER SUMMARY



RAIN AND SNOW are expected in many parts of the country with cooler temperatures due for Christmas Day. Snow is forecast from Kentucky to the Great Lakes while rain is predicted for much of the South and Northwest.

MIDLAND STATISTICS

MIDLAND, ODESSA, CRANE, RANKIN, McCAMEY, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Travelers' advisory early this morning. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow mixed early this morning becoming rain this afternoon. Decreasing cloudiness and a little cooler tonight. Fair and a little warmer Thursday. High today, middle 40s. Low tonight, near 30. High Thursday, low 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph today, becoming light and variable tonight. Precipitation probability, 40 per cent today.

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Weather elsewhere

Table with columns for city, high, low, and precipitation. Cities listed include Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Brownsville, Buffalo, Charleston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Fort Worth, Green Bay, Helena, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., Rapid City, St. Louis, Salt Lake, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Tampa, and Washington.

Texas area forecasts

North Central and Northeast Texas: Intermittent rain and a few scattered thundershowers tonight. Rain ending in west tonight and in central by Thursday afternoon. Decreasing cloudiness in west Thursday. Low tonight 27 to 48. High Thursday 47 to 55.

Extended Texas forecast

Friday through Sunday: North Central Texas and Northeast Texas: Partly cloudy and mild Friday through Sunday. Highest temperatures in the 50s. Lowest temperatures in the 30s.

Midland area gets snow for Christmas

(Continued From Page 1A) view, which measured five inches. Official observers reported the depths were skimpy elsewhere in the snow belt. Motorists were warned to proceed with care in the snow belt, where the fall packed on Interstate 10 in the mountain country between Van Horn and Kent.

of snow and rain reached as far east as Abilene and Childress. Rain extended from those areas across a good part of Central, South and East Texas. Temperatures remained comparatively mild and forecasters said the storm already was weakening this morning. With warm air spreading ahead of the disturbance, they predicted the snow would turn into rain and the worst was over.

Paving of streets depends on use, drainage

By DEBBIE PIERCE A number of streets in Midland currently are not paved and will not see paving any time soon because they are in low or undeveloped areas or are unused side streets. City Public Works Director Fred Baker said the public works department rated each street in the city according to the amount of development along it, the amount of traffic received, the drainage situation on it, whether houses faced or sided it and whether churches or schools were present along it.

Kentucky; Atlanta Street from New Jersey to Florida and from New York to Washington; Industrial Avenue from Baird to Terrell; Wall Street from Dallas to Terrell and from Tilden to Calhoun; Missouri Street from Weatherford to Lamesa; Indiana Street from Dallas to Mineola; Washington Street from Weatherford to Terrell and from Terrell to Jefferson; Pennsylvania Street from Fort Worth to Lamesa, and California Street from Main to Lamesa.

Area churches slate solemn rites

(Continued From Page 1A) during the early evening hours to the traditional midnight masses and Eucharist services.

St. Ann's Catholic Church, 206 N. M St., will begin its Christmas Eve schedule with a special presentation of music by the church choir at 11:10 p.m. This will be followed with a vigil service at 11:30 and by the solemn service of mass at midnight.

St. Ann's parish will have masses at 7:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. on Christmas Day.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive, will have a Christmas Eve service of communion beginning at 7 p.m. today. The service will include scripture readings and carol singing.

First Presbyterian Church's annual Christmas Eve service is to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, West Texas and North B streets. It will be a service of communion.

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 2900 Princeton St., will hold a series of services tonight. A Eucharist service at 7:30 p.m. will be followed by a service of lessons and carols at 10:30. A second Eucharist service will begin at 11 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, 2003 N. A St., will hold an annual candlelight service tonight. The 7:30 p.m. event will feature the choir in special music, and the service also will offer many favorite carols.

A come-and-go communion service is planned at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas St., between 6:30 and 8 p.m. today.

A Christmas Eve vesper service will begin at 5:30 in the First Baptist Church sanctuary, West Louisiana and North Garfield streets.

Doyle Combs will present a devotional meditation and Don Orr will lead the singing.

Memorial Christian Church, West Cuthbert street at Andrews Highway, has scheduled a candlelight communion service between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. today.

The event will feature congregational singing, a presentation of the Christmas story and the lighting of the fifth Advent candle, plus the lighting of individual candles by congregational members in attendance.

A family service is planned as a Christmas Eve highlight at Trinity Presbyterian Church, West Louisiana street near Andrews Highway.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Garden Lane and Tyler street, will have confessions between 5:30 and 6 p.m. for youths and from 6 to 7 p.m. for adults.

Christmas Eve services will include a mass at 7 p.m., which fulfills the Christmas obligation, and the traditional solemn mass beginning at midnight.

Christmas Day services include masses at 7, 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the church, and another mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Our Lady of San Juan Chapel on Midland's southside.

Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan St., will have both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Today's service, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will be the annual candlelight worship and song service. The musical portion of the event will include many time-honored U carols sung by the congregation, and special music by the choir.

Special scriptural readings will be presented and the pastor, the Rev. David Herman, will deliver a short sermon, "God's Inexpressible Gift."

Climaxing the worship hour will be a ceremony of candles in which all persons in attendance will participate, passing the light from candle to candle to symbolize the "Light of the World" (Jesus) coming to every individual.

The Christmas Day worship service is scheduled for 10 a.m. It will include the singing of hymns and traditional carols, an anthem by the Chancel Choir and a sermon by the pastor. The public is invited to attend.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois St., will have Christmas Eve services at 7:30 and 11 p.m. today.

The events will incorporate the service of Eucharist and a sermon. A special organ recital will precede the latter service at 10:30.

A Christmas Day communion service will take place at Holy Trinity beginning at 10 a.m.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St., will hold a special candlelight communion service at 6:30 p.m. today. All congregational family groups and individuals are invited, as is the public.

First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana St., will hold a Christmas Eve communion service beginning at 7 p.m. today.

The traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services at Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road, are being announced.

The Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. today will center around a program titled "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?", featuring children and choirs of the congregation.

The special program, written and directed by Mrs. Bruce Barthel, will feature a "live-singing Christmas tree" formed by members of the church's junior choir.

The Christmas Day matin service at Grace Lutheran will begin at 10:30 a.m.

A combined choir made up of adult, junior and children's ensembles will be featured in an arrangement of "O Come Little Children," and a brass choir composed of Kevin Lewis, David Daehling, Karen Lewis, Tim Schneider and Larry Barthel will perform. The Rev. Donald V. Hafemann, pastor, will deliver a message titled "A Plain Vanilla Christmas," with text from Luke 2: 8-16.

DEATHS

J.Y. Swearingen dead at age 41

James Y. Swearingen, 41, a Midland oilfield pusher, died mid-afternoon Tuesday in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital of severe head and back injuries suffered in Midland Monday night.

Swearingen, of 2603 Brunson St., was found lying and profusely bleeding in the drive-way of his home about 9:20 p.m. Monday.

Midland police Det. Sgt. Jim Colburn said detectives are investigating the fatality and may present results of their investigation to the Midland County Grand Jury for a possible indictment.

Services for Swearingen were to be held at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Odessa.

He was born May 2, 1934, in Jacksonville, Tex., and was a 1962 graduate of Odessa High School.

He had lived in Fort Stockton before moving to Midland eight years ago. He married Nora Lee Guidry in 1966 in Pecos.

Survivors include the widow; a step-son, James Burks of Tyler; two step-daughters, Mary Guidry of Fort Worth and Patricia Wood of Midland; a sister, Mrs. Ed Westfall of Odessa; and a granddaughter.

Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa was in charge of the graveside services.

Mrs. Hugh Sloan dead at age 65

Mrs. Hugh R. "Billie" Sloan, 65, died Tuesday morning at Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. She lived at 3207 W. Louisiana St.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday in the North A and Tennessee Street Church of Christ, with Bill Walker, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born May 13, 1910 in Elmer, Okla., and reared in Littlefield, Tex. She attended Draughon's Business School in Lubbock. On May 21, 1942, she married Hugh R. Sloan, in Clovis, N.M., where they lived until moving to Midland in 1953.

Mrs. Sloan was employed as a secretary by Union Oil of California for 21 years when she retired in June of 1975. She was a member of North A and Tennessee Street Church of Christ and Phi Sigma Alpha.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Eugene R. Sloan of Midland; her mother, Mrs. Alice Hood of Peoria, Ariz.; a brother, Harold Hood of Vernal, Utah; three sisters, Mrs. Mittie Marshall of Jacksonville, Ill., Mrs. Velma Walker of Peoria and Mrs. Bobbie Graham of Spanaway, Wash., and two grandchildren.

William Driskell dies at Crane

CRANE — William Riley Driskell, 60, of Crane, service station operator who had lived in Crane two years, died at his home Tuesday following a lengthy illness.

Services were to be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. He will be cremated.

Survivors include the widow; two step-daughters, Debra Lynn Bryant and Mrs. Tom Kunkel, both of Crane; three sons, Charles R. Driskell of Crane, James Lee Driskell of Oklahoma and Richard Lee Driskell of Monterey, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Eithel Ayers of Union, Miss., Mrs. Ruby Byrd of Collinsville, Miss., Mrs. Esther Douglas of Mississippi; three brothers, O'Cona Driskell of Union, Miss., L. V. Driskell of Waco, and W. T. Driskell of Baton Rouge, La.; and five grandchildren.

Midlander's mother dies in Oklahoma

LAWTON, Okla. — Mrs. Thelma J. Whitehead, 68, died Tuesday at her home in Lawton after a lengthy illness. She was the mother of Mrs. Evalene Simmons of Midland.

Services are to be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Immanuel Baptist Church in Lawton with Rev. Richard Brooks, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Billy Wilson. Burial is to be in Sunset Memorial Gardens at Lawton.

She was born March 20, 1907 in Big Spring and reared there. On July 11, 1926, in Walters, Okla., she married Arthur B. Whitehead. They moved to Cotton County, Okla., in 1945.

Other survivors include her husband, two sons, four sisters, a brother, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Death claims Mrs. Ollie Brown

Mrs. Ollie T. Brown, 85, died this morning in a Midland nursing home. Services are pending at Ellis Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Harold Brown of Midland.

Edward N. Felts dies in home

LAMESA — Edward Nathaniel Felts, 87, retired Dawson County farmer, died Tuesday afternoon at his home following a lengthy illness.

Services were to be held at 4 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Lamesa with the Rev. Bill Hardage, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Lamesa Memorial Park under direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Survivors include the widow, Malitta Inez; a son, Jack Felts of Lamesa; a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Lee Culverson of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. Irene Scott of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Midlander's kin dies at Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Mrs. Ola Faye Lunsford, 60, of Lubbock, whose mother and sister reside in Midland, died Tuesday in a Lubbock hospital following a brief illness.

Services were held at 10 a.m. today in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Austin Siburt, minister of Acuff Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Lunsford was owner of the Wilkison Radiator Shop here. She moved to Lubbock 33 years ago and was born in Nolan County.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. John Kelly of Midland and a sister, Mrs. Fern Thorn of Midland.

M. M. Thomason dies at Abilene

M. M. Thomason of Abilene, father of Dr. T. E. Spires of Midland, died Tuesday in Abilene following a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Abilene.

Services today for Buster Davis

Services for Buster Eugene Davis were to be at 2 p.m. today in Ellis Chapel.

Pallbearers were Gary Felser, Richard Chatam, George Bieden, Robin Hilliard, Davis Hilliard and Billy J. Davidson.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Eugene R. Sloan of Midland; her mother, Mrs. Alice Hood of Peoria, Ariz.; a brother, Harold Hood of Vernal, Utah; three sisters, Mrs. Mittie Marshall of Jacksonville, Ill., Mrs. Velma Walker of Peoria and Mrs. Bobbie Graham of Spanaway, Wash., and two grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Fred Valenzuela and Inez Valenzuela Jr., both of Fort Stockton, and Angel Valenzuela of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Irene Lopez of 4201 Pleasant St. in Midland; a brother, Edward Ortiz of Fort Stockton; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Jack Felts of Lamesa; a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Lee Culverson of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. Irene Scott of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. John Kelly of Midland and a sister, Mrs. Fern Thorn of Midland.

James Roach dies in Denver

BALLINGER — James Platt Roach, 91, former Paint Rock mayor and brother to Jacob P. Roach of Andrews, died Tuesday in Denver, Colo.

Services are pending at Allen Davis Funeral Home in Ballinger.

Midlander's father dies at Lockney

LOCKNEY — James Marvin Cox, 73, of Lockney, father of Mrs. Frank Lasater of Midland, died Tuesday in a Lockney hospital where he had been a patient since Dec. 7.

Services were to be held at 3 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church. Burial was to be in Lockney Cemetery.

Cox, a Lockney resident since 1927, was a radio-television repairman.

Lenora Valenzuela dead at age 76

Mrs. Lenora Ortiz Valenzuela, 76, of Midland, died Tuesday in the home of her daughter following an extended illness.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Mrs. Valenzuela was born April 7, 1895, in Shafter, and lived in Fort Stockton before moving to Midland in 1925.

Survivors include three sons, Fred Valenzuela and Inez Valenzuela Jr., both of Fort Stockton, and Angel Valenzuela of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Irene Lopez of 4201 Pleasant St. in Midland; a brother, Edward Ortiz of Fort Stockton; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Hunter services scheduled today

Services for John L. Hunter are to be at 4 p.m. today in Ellis Chapel.

Pallbearers are Porky Moseley, Glenn Cross, Clyde Spaulding, Jerry Stump, Fred Johnson and O. W. "Preacher" Roberts.

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Family rescue

DALLAS (AP) — Christmas Eve, trapped five children upstairs bedridden their Highland home Tuesday, rescued them.

Mary Bullin was reported in condition from smoke. She was collapsed on floor landing. Brothers escaped firemen's ladders.

Highland Police Chief Henry G. Gault electrically ignited tree. Foot fir tree.

The children Mary Bullin divorcee, said sweeping up fallen around about 1:30 a.m. lights flickered flames enveloped tree. Her show stairway roof sleeping children. "They wouldn't if she hadn't fire when it Gardner said.



Here's your yardage 2304 W. Midland

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Family rescued

DALLAS (AP) — A Christmas tree fire trapped five children of in upstairs bedrooms of their Highland Park home Tuesday. Firemen rescued them.

Mary Bullington, 14, was reported in critical condition from inhaling smoke. She was found collapsed on a second floor landing. Her four brothers escaped down firemen's ladders.

Highland Park Police Chief Henry Gardner said faulty electric lights may have ignited the eight-foot tree.

The children's mother, Mary Bullington, a divorcee, said she was sweeping up needles fallen around the tree about 1:30 a.m. when the lights flickered and flames enveloped the tree. Her shouts up the stairway roused the sleeping children. "They would have had it if she hadn't seen the fire when it occurred," Gardner said.

Pope's gamble on Holy Year pays off well

By WILLIAM TUOHY
The Los Angeles Times

VATICAN CITY — Shortly before midnight, Pope Paul VI will seal closed the Holy Door to St. Peter's Basilica, and, in the floodlit square outside the church, celebrate Midnight Mass — ending the 1975 Holy Year.

For the aging pontiff, who turned 78 this year in uncertain health, the Holy Year, which he proclaimed with some grave doubt and which started disappointingly, has turned out to be a smashing success.

"The Holy Father is highly pleased with the number of pilgrims who have come to Rome,"

said one senior Vatican prelate. "The Holy Year has surpassed his expectations and given him new faith in the spirit of community among the pilgrims."

During the year, a total of 8.4 million pilgrims — Italians and foreigners — came to Vatican City and the three other major Roman basilicas — a figure beyond all estimates.

In 1950, the last Holy Year, some 2.5 million pilgrims made the journey to Rome.

Thus in his last general audience of the year a few days ago, Pope Paul likened the Holy Year to "a lamp that has lit up the earth."

For the Pope, who has watched wars and civil strife grind away in various parts of the world as

well as seeing the Communist Party strengthen its position in Italy, the successful realization of the Holy Year was a singular note of Christmas cheer.

The huge turnout of pilgrims is being viewed by Pope Paul, Vatican sources say, not only as a demonstration both of Roman Catholic piety around the world, but a reaffirmation of the leadership of Paul's pontificate.

In late 1974, Pope Paul still had serious qualms about proclaiming 1975 a Holy Year, fearing that a disappointing turnout might reflect badly on Catholic fervor and his own 12-year stewardship of the church, insiders say.

As he put it: "We have asked ourselves if such a tradition should be continued in our times because of the lack of interest in many parts of the modern world in the ritual expression of other centuries."

In addition, fears were raised in the Italian press that the increased volume of visitors to Rome during a Holy Year would overload Rome's creaky public service and turn the event into a chaotic nightmare.

Thus, it was argued, the influx of pilgrims would be more of a burden than a blessing to Rome.

However, the Pope went ahead and proclaimed, as his predecessors had done, the quarter-century year a Holy Year.

The first Holy Year was decreed in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII.

Over the centuries, various popes changed the frequency of Holy Year celebrations but by renaissance times it was standardized at every 25 years.

In those days, the Church raised funds by selling indulgences, which remove the temporal

punishment for sins. A plenary indulgence, granted during the Holy Year, wipes clean the slate.

However, irregularities in the practice of awarding indulgences led Martin Luther to break away from the Church and launch the Protestant Reformation.

During the 1975 Holy Year, the practice of gaining indulgences was streamlined: pilgrims needed to visit only one of the four main basilicas in Rome to gain the indulgences.



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Snow falls over wide area

By The Associated Press
Heavy snow warnings were in effect this morning for mountain areas in South Central New Mexico, Southwest Texas and southwestern Oklahoma.

The storm system had left a cover of snow over parts of the South Plains of Texas. Driving was hazardous in the Guadalupe Pass region by early last evening with up to six inches of new snow on the highways.

A travel advisory was still in effect in southeastern Kansas, where snow flurries and occasional freezing drizzle made roads hazardous.

Snow flurries were falling over the lower Great Lakes and the eastern portion of the Ohio valley.

It was raining in western Washington and snowing in the eastern mountains of the state and the Idaho panhandle.

Skies were clear over the Southeast from the lower Mississippi through Florida and along the entire Atlantic coast. The upper Missouri valley and the Southwest also had clear skies. Temperatures over the nation were generally cool, but unseasonably cold in some spots.

Temperatures overnight ranged from 67 in Brownsville, Tex. to 8 below zero in Greenville, Me.

Texas cattle ban will begin Jan. 6

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas cattle raisers will not be able to ship their cattle out of state beginning Jan. 6, the Agriculture Department says.

The Texas cattlemen also will lose \$3.7 million in federal benefits to control brucellosis, the department said Tuesday in announcing the strict cattle quarantine.

The curbs were ordered, officials said, because state officials have "failed to comply with the uniform methods and rules for the eradication of brucellosis in cattle" and because measures currently being employed "are inadequate" to prevent its spread into other states.

Brucellosis, also called Bang's Disease, is a highly infectious disease of cattle and other livestock. In cattle, it attacks the reproductive organs and causes abortion and other problems. The disease can be passed from animals to humans, where it is known as undulant fever.

"The net effect of the quarantine will be to stop shipments of breeding cattle from Texas to other states until owners can establish qualified herds, which will take a minimum of four months in most instances," the department said.

Texas cattlemen have been getting about \$2 million annually in federal indemnities for brucellosis losses. Another \$1.7 million a year has been paid by the federal government for testing cattle. Those funds will be halted Jan. 1, the department said.

The quarantine will go into effect Jan. 5. Steers and spayed heifers more than six months old will be allowed to move without restriction, but stocker and feeder heifers from nonqualified herds will be allowed out of the state only if they are identified with an "S" brand on their left jaws and then shipped to a quarantined feedlot or to slaughter.

Procedures also are being set up for designating "qualified" herds in Texas. Those must be checked at specified intervals and shown to be free of the disease during two consecutive tests. Cattle for shipment from qualified herds must be individually tested and found free of brucellosis within 30 days of shipment from the state, officials said.

The department said Texas has more than 35 per cent of the cattle herds in the nation identified as being infected with brucellosis.

Railroad recipient of award

NEW YORK (AP) — A railroad can hardly be expected to contribute much to the pulchritude of the countryside it chugs through, but one western line has been voted a special award for its efforts to beautify America.

The national nonprofit organization working for a better environment, Keep America Beautiful, has awarded its top industry award for 1975 to Burlington Northern, Inc., of St. Paul, Minn., for the reclaiming of more than 1,000 acres of semi-arid rangeland which had been surface-mined for coal between 1924 and 1958.

The cost of the three-year reclamation project in Montana was \$675,000 or about \$650 per acre. BN's agricultural specialists used many of the techniques of erosion control, reseeding and fertilization that had been learned in managing the company's some one million acres of western grazing land.

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Beverly Rosentreter

Gardeners party held

Sand and Seed Garden Club held its annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange in the home of Diann Dow, 2515 Seaboard St. Barbara McCown was co-hostess.

Prior to the luncheon and gift exchange, Margie Callahan, president, conducted a regular business session. A report on the recent sale of pottery created by Florence Henderson was given by Callahan. The nominating committee's report of offices to be filled for the coming year was given by Shari Koziol, chairman.

Following the business meeting, a Christmas decoration workshop was conducted by Frankie Stanley.

Guests of members included Valerie Shrimp, Georgann Crowder, Laverne Lindsay and Nettie Garrett.

Special prize was won by Barbara Drake.

The next meeting of Sand and Seed will be held Jan. 8 in the home of Darlene McMahon, 724 Shell St.

Couple engaged

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rosentreter of 3524 Humble St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Dianne, to Daniel Edward Pfalzgraff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Pfalzgraff of St. Paul, Minn.

The wedding is planned for June 26 in Grace Lutheran Church.

Miss Rosentreter is a graduate of Concordia Junior College at Austin and Concordia Teachers College at River Forest, Ill. She is a first grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Tyler. Her fiancé is a graduate of Concordia Academy and Concordia College at St. Paul. He is a third and fourth grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Tyler.

When orange is "mandarin"

COLLEGE STATION — Q. When is an orange a "mandarin"?

A. when it's a tangerine, tangelo or satsuma, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

"These loose-skinned citrus fruits can be skinned and pulled into sections easily. They are characterized by less acid flavor than the sweet orange, skin which is highly aromatic and full of acid with the distinctive tangerine flavor and a smell unlike other oranges," she explained.



JUST IN TIME for Christmas 1975 is Chad Wayne Halbert, who was born Sunday in Midland Memorial Hospital. He greets the holiday season wearing a traditional red felt Christmas

stocking provided by the hospital. Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Halbert, Route 1, and is shown with his mother during a pre-Christmas visit from the nursery.

Retired persons' officers elected

The Midland Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons met for a Christmas dinner and elected Joseph Wayne Campbell president.

Other new officers named were Charles Sanders, first vice president; Ernest Key, second vice president; Mrs. Mattie Pope, secretary, and Mrs. Alma B. Tiner, treasurer.

The new officers will be installed at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5 at a meeting in the First Christian Church. The installing officer will be Joe Wayne Campbell Jr. A Christmas reading

was presented by Mrs. Key. Mrs. Pope read the Biblical Christmas story, and Mrs. Tiner played Christmas carols on the piano and accompanied group singing.

Presiding was Buster Steger, president.

Elected officer LUBBOCK — Pamela Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Adams of 2200 Harvard St. Midland, has been elected president of the Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, honorary band sorority at Texas Tech University. Miss Adams, a junior, has been a member of the Tech band five semesters.

New members named were Mrs. Son Jackson and Mrs. Neoma Carwie. Mrs. Thomas Deck was a guest.

DEAR ABBY

B.O. of clothes overpowering

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I am a seamstress and do alterations and dressmaking in my home. I began sewing for Mildred last year and have had no problem with her, but she told Agnes, a friend of hers, about me, and now Agnes brings her clothes to me for alterations.

When Agnes brings her clothes here, I have to open all the windows in the house and that's no lie! The B.O. in her clothes could overpower a person.

I don't want to sew for Agnes, but how do I tell her? I can't say I'm too busy and then turn around and sew for Mildred.

Please help me. OVERPOWERED

DEAR OVER: If you haven't the courage to tell Agnes point-blank that either she must have her clothes drycleaned before you will work on them, or you will refuse to sew for her, tell Mildred. And let Mildred tell her.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 24-year-old daughter who had a baby out of wedlock five years ago. She decided to keep the child.

She has a good job and supports herself. She has an apartment that has one large bedroom. In it is a big double bed for herself and a smaller bed for her daughter.

Last week I found out that she lets her boyfriend sleep at her place on weekends, and they sleep in the big double bed in the same room with her daughter.

When I confronted her with this, she said the child is too young to understand what it's all about, so I shouldn't make a big deal out of it.

I told her if she didn't stop exposing the child to such things I would declare her an unfit mother, have the child taken from her and raise the little girl myself.

She says I can't do it. Can I?

DISGUSTED MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: It is

possible. But not without a legal battle. And your daughter is wrong. A 5-year-old child is not too young to understand what is going on.

I asked my husband about this and he said, "Yes, I did ask Louise for a date, and she ACCEPTED!" Then he said, "So you see what kind of friend you have!" Then he added, "I could tell you lots more, but I won't."

I told Louise what my husband had said, and she said he was lying. She never dated him.

I don't know who to believe. How do you figure this?

PUZZLED

DEAR PUZZLED: You like Louise. Your husband doesn't. The reasons in both cases are unimportant, and the more you search for them, the more "puzzled" and disturbed you can be. Drop it.



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Best wishes Alumnae tea reported

The Midland Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association had a Christmas tea in the home of Mrs. Royce Whitefield, 2601 Fannin St.

Other guests were Mrs. Katie C. Hibler, Mrs. Jeff Walker, Mrs. Jack Ryan, Mrs. Bill Lewis, Mrs. Dean Austin, Mrs. Bill Cotner, Mrs. O. B. Orr of Big Lake, Mrs. Richard Stump, Mrs. Warren Foster of Clinton, Iowa, Mrs. G. R. Lowery, Julie Kellogg and Betsey Kellogg.

In charge of decorations was Mrs. Vincent Bash III.

Mrs. D. Bruce Pope, alumnae president, greeted guests. Other members assisting the hostess were Mrs. Jack English, Mrs. Richard Kretchmar, Mrs. E. F. Motter, Mrs. John Foster and Mrs. C. R. Kreuz.

Midkiff club program held

The Midkiff Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Frank Felts for a Christmas program.

Mrs. Ray Barrett Jr. presided. Assisting Mrs. Felts was Mrs. Kirby Hester in giving the program on "The First Noel."

The social chairman, Mrs. T. O. Midkiff, finalized plans for a Christmas dinner for members' husbands and guests.

New members named were Mrs. Son Jackson and Mrs. Neoma Carwie. Mrs. Thomas Deck was a guest.

Avoid lifting

Place a large, heavy house plant that requires a lot of sun on a lazy susan. This eliminates lifting as well as marring of the table when the plant is shifted to provide all sides with equal amounts of sunshine.

Pressing hems

Press the hems of dresses vertically, not horizontally to avoid ripples.

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HOROSCOPE

By CARROLL RIGHTER (Thurs. Dec. 25)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to express the finest principles and precepts enunciated by the Prince of Peace. Adopt a more outgoing attitude to those you know slightly. Merry Christmas.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Show consideration for an associate who is exhausted because of all the pressure of the holiday. Be affectionate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be more concerned with making your guests as comfortable as possible. Take time to enjoy the conversations of others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get into the spirit of this day and don't voice any complaints to others. Make this a most memorable day and evening.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Express your true nature to friends and relatives. Forget about a situation that has caused disharmony.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) There may be little problems cropping up today but take them in stride and relax. Express love and happiness to all.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Forget the money you have spent in order to make this a fine holiday, since it is well spent. A happy day for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A wonderful day for sociability, but use extreme care in motion. Show your concern for others and make them happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to understand the true motives of those who dwell with you. Be more receptive to the devotion and love of mate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Listening to what others have to say instead of talking so much yourself is fine on this day. Express love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Spend this day with closest ties who are most important in your life. Extend a favor to one who deserves it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show more devotion to close ties on this important day. A new contact could bring you unexpected love. *Keep noticed.*

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Show your true devotion to family and friends. Use good judgment since your hunches could be off kilter at this time.

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Christmas Blessings

from
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HELOISE

'Twas the night before Christmas...

Dear Folks:
Tonight's the night old Saint Nick will be landing on our roof tops!
Bet you thought you would never make it with all the shopping, baking and cleaning? Don't panic if there are last minute things to be done.
But you got everything of real importance done, didn't you?
The family is full of the Christmas spirit. The youngsters are all excited, so relax and enjoy Christmas. Join in

the fun! After all, Christmas comes but once a year.
Take a nice long look at your lovely house with all the beautiful decorations tonight, 'cause tomorrow heavens knows what it will look like after all the excitement dies down!
Don't forget those youngsters will be up at the crack of dawn to see what old Santa left under the tree.
In the meantime, don't forget we both want to wish all of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS.
God Bless each of you!

Heloise and Heloise II



Dianna Lynne Barron

Couple reports wedding date

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Barron of 1008 S. Baird St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Dianna Lynne, to Bobby E. Satterfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Satterfield of 308 E. Magnolia St.
The wedding ceremony will be performed at 8 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Bethel Assembly of God Church.
The bride-elect will be a 1976 graduate of Lee High School. She is employed with McDonald's. Her fiancé attended Midland High School. He is an operator for Crouch Well Service Co.

Agent gives leftover tips

By JUDY GERMANY
Midland County ME Extension Agent
You enjoyed a delicious turkey for Christmas dinner, cleared the table and now you look at the remainder of the bird and ask yourself "What can I do with it?"
Plenty! If properly cared for, leftover turkey is as tasty as the first slices. It can be refrigerated and used within a few days or frozen and then, weeks later, turned into a dozen tasty dishes — casseroles, Turkey Creole, Turkey Brunswick Stew or Turkey Salad; the possibilities are endless.
After your holiday feast, make sure the turkey is refrigerated immediately. Separate the turkey meat, stuffing and gravy and store them in the refrigerator in different containers. If you have a large quantity of a leftover dish, put in several small containers to speed cooling. It is best to remove the meat from the turkey bones so it can be well wrapped to prevent drying out and loss of flavor.
In addition to casseroles, there are other ways to be economical with turkey. Turkey broth makes an excellent base for soups and stews, and adds flavor to white sauces in main dishes. A delicious broth can be made by simmering the turkey bones, bits of turkey meat and the skin in water to cover. For more flavor, add onions, garlic, celery leaves, parsley and a bay leaf or other herbs. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for two hours to extract all the flavors. Strain the broth and use at once, or refrigerate in closed jar for one or two days. It also can be frozen.

Dear Heloise:
Try using a mixed ice-cold flavored powdered soft drink instead of water in your pie dough next time.
I was making cherry pies and had the black cherry drink on hand so I decided it couldn't really alter the results enough to hurt anything.
Sure enough it not only enhanced the flavor, but the crust was tinted a pretty shade of pink.
Many fruit combinations could be prepared this way - orange flavored crusts for pumpkin or lemon fillings would be an interesting change.
Eleanor Brueggeman

Dear Heloise:
The gallon ice cream buckets have lots of different uses. The other day, however, I thought of inverting the bucket and using it to store a large round cake for delivery.
Just place the cake on the upturned lid and then slip the bucket part into the lid. It works very well.
You can decorate the bucket with decals if you wish.
Mrs. J. Chapman

Chapter has party

The Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha met in the home of Mrs. Van Folger, 1100 W. Golf Course Road.
Attending were Mrs. Tony Watson, Mrs. Dale Ballard, Mrs. David Cooper, Mrs. Jerry Yeager, Mrs. Cecil Ernest, Mrs. Sam Daugherty, Mrs. John Brinlee, Mrs. Larry Hill, Mrs. Craig Holly, Mrs. Butch Barker, Mrs. Larry Wilson, Mrs. Ralph Maness, Mrs. Jerry Backman and Mrs. Van Folger.

Where did parents of Lynette, Sandra, Emily, Patty go wrong?

By JEANNETTE BRANIN
Copley News Service

Lynette was "a doll of a little girl," the daughter of an aeronautical engineer. At age 16, she joined the Charles Manson gang. At age 25, she was convicted of trying to murder the President.
Sandra was the beautiful and pampered daughter of a wealthy landowner. She went to "the best schools," knew "the best people." She, too, joined the infamous outlaw group and has a long criminal record.
Emily was the agreeable daughter of conservative and prosperous parents.

She made a good record at college, joined a prestigious sorority, seemed on the way to a conventional life with a conventional husband. They both joined a band of revolutionaries called the Symbionese Liberation Army and became fugitives.
Patty had wealthy and prominent parents who provided religious training and university education. In an exceedingly bizarre chapter of criminal history, she disappeared with the SLA and renounced her family. She now faces 22 felony charges.

Lynette, Sandra, Emily, Patty. As those names became known throughout the world, parents the nation over felt their minds reeling. "How could such things happen?" they asked. "Dear God, could it happen to my child?"
Are there signals in childhood? Are there any signs to alert a parent that a child has criminal tendencies?
What is the border line between the natural rebellion of youth and the violent defiance of law and order?
How can a parent know? That question was asked of a counselor.

There are signs to which a parent should be alert, said Dr. James H. Kleckner, a licensed psychologist who graduated from Cornell University, obtained his master's degree from Rutgers and his doctorate from Columbia.
Kleckner, a family and marriage counselor, also is assistant academic coordinator for Chapman College, San Diego, Calif., and has been a local director of the drug-abuse treatment program for the U.S. Department of

Justice's Bureau of Prisons.
"The first signs are a pulling away, an alienation from the values of the family and society," he said in an interview.

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Midlanders entertain

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Belton, has been entertained by her granddaughter, Kimberly, Garrison and her grandson, Dode, of Midland.

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Mrs. Woodard was organizing president of the Gov. Samuel Mathews Chapter, museum director and Bicentennial chairman. She is donating her silverware to the museum in Belton in honor of Miss Garrison. She is honoring Dode with a Gainsborough print and a federal mirror.

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Beverly Rosentreter

Gardeners party held

Sand and Seed Garden Club held its annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange in the home of Diann Dow, 2515 Seaboard St. Barbara McCown was co-hostess.

Prior to the luncheon and gift exchange, Margie Callahan, president, conducted a regular business session. A report on the recent sale of pottery created by Florence Henderson was given by Callahan. The nominating committee's report of officers to be filled for the coming year was given by Shari Koziol, chairman.

Following the business meeting, a Christmas decoration workshop was conducted by Frankie Stanley.

Guests of members included Valerie Shrimp, Georgann Crowder, Laverne Lindsay and Nettie Garrett. Special prize was won by Barbara Drake.

The next meeting of Sand and Seed will be held Jan. 8 in the home of Darlene McMahon, 724 Shell St.

Couple engaged

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rosentreter of 3524 Humble St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Dianna, to Daniel Edward Pfalzgraff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Pfalzgraff of St. Paul, Minn.

The wedding is planned for June 26 in Grace Lutheran Church.

Miss Rosentreter is a graduate of Concordia Junior College at Austin and Concordia Teachers College at River Forest, Ill. She is a first grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Tyler. Her fiancé is a graduate of Concordia Academy and Concordia College at St. Paul. He is a third and fourth grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Tyler.

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COLLEGE STATION — Q. When is an orange a "mandarin"?

A. when it's a tangerine, tangelo or satsuma, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

"These loose-skinned citrus fruits can be skinned and pulled into sections easily. They are characterized by less acid flavor than the sweet orange, skin which is highly aromatic and full of acid with the distinctive tangerine flavor and a smell unlike other oranges," she explained.



JUST IN TIME for Christmas 1975 is Chad Wayne Halbert, who was born Sunday in Midland Memorial Hospital. He greets the holiday season wearing a traditional red felt Christmas

stocking provided by the hospital. Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Halbert, Route 1, and is shown with his mother during a pre-Christmas visit from the nursery.

Retired persons' Midkiff club officers elected

The Midland Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons met for a Christmas dinner and elected Joseph Wayne Campbell president.

Other new officers named were Charles Sanders, first vice president; Ernest Key, second vice president; Mrs. Mattie Pope, secretary, and Mrs. Alma B. Tiner, treasurer.

The new officers will be installed at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5 at a meeting in the First Christian Church. The installing officer will be Joe Wayne Campbell Jr. A Christmas reading

was presented by Mrs. Key. Mrs. Pope read the Biblical Christmas story, and Mrs. Tiner played Christmas carols on the piano and accompanied group singing.

Presiding was Buster Steger, president.

Elected officer

LUBBOCK — Pamela Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Adams of 2200 Harvard St., Midland, has been elected president of the Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, honorary band sorority at Texas Tech University. Miss Adams, a junior, has been a member of the Tech band five semesters.

Midkiff club program held

MIDKIFF — The Midkiff Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Frank Felts for a Christmas program.

Mrs. Ray Barrett Jr. presided. Assisting Mrs. Felts was Mrs. Kirby Hester in giving the program on "The First Noel."

The social chairman, Mrs. T. O. Midkiff, finalized plans for a Christmas dinner for members' husbands and guests.

New members named were Mrs. Son Jackson and Mrs. Neoma Carwile. Mrs. Thomas Deck was a guest.

Avoid lifting

Place a large, heavy house plant that requires a lot of sun on a lazy susan. This eliminates lifting as well as marring of the table when the plant is shifted to provide all sides with equal amounts of sunshine.

Pressing hems

Press the hems of dresses vertically, not horizontally to avoid ripples.

The Greatest White Sale On Earth begins Dec. 26th at JCPenney



DEAR ABBY

B.O. of clothes overpowering

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I am a seamstress and do alterations and dressmaking in my home. I began sewing for Mildred last year and have had no problem with her, but she told Agnes, a friend of hers, about me, and now Agnes brings her clothes to me for alterations.

When Agnes brings her clothes here, I have to open all the windows in the house and that's no lie! The B.O. in her clothes could overpower a person.

I don't want to sew for Agnes, but how do I tell her? I can't say I'm too busy and then turn around and sew for Mildred.

Please help me. OVERPOWERED

DEAR OVER: If you haven't the courage to tell Agnes point-blank that either she must have her clothes drycleaned before you will work on them, or you will refuse to sew for her, tell Mildred. And let Mildred tell her.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 24-year-old daughter who had a baby out of wedlock five years ago. She decided to keep the child.

She has a good job and supports herself. She has an apartment that has one large bedroom. In it is a big double bed for herself and a smaller bed for her daughter.

Last week I found out that she lets her boyfriend sleep at her place on weekends, and they sleep in the big double bed in the same room with her daughter.

When I confronted her with this, she said the child is too young to understand what it's all about, so I shouldn't make a big deal out of it.

I told her if she didn't stop exposing the child to such things, I would declare her an unfit mother, have the child taken from her and raise the little girl myself.

She says I can't do it. Can I?

DISGUSTED MOTHER

possible. But not without a legal battle. And your daughter is wrong. A 5-year-old child is not too young to understand what is going on.

DEAR ABBY: A woman I'll call "Louise" has been my friend since we were children. She is not married. I am and have been for three years.

Louise and I visit each other and go shopping together.

My husband never misses an opportunity to cut down Louise. He keeps telling me that he dislikes her, that she is no good and that he wishes I would end the friendship. I told him I liked her and had no intentions of ending the friendship. We have had some bitter arguments about Louise.

Finally, I asked Louise why my husband disliked

her so much, and she confessed that he had tried to date her—after we were married, but she had turned him down.

I asked my husband about this and he said, "Yes, I did ask Louise for a date, and she ACCEPTED!" Then he said, "So you see what kind of friend you have!" Then he added, "I could tell you lots more, but I won't."

I told Louise what my husband had said, and she said he was lying. She never dated him.

I don't know who to believe. How do you figure this?

PUZZLED

DEAR PUZZLED: You like Louise. Your husband doesn't. The reasons in both cases are unimportant, and the more you search for them, the more "puzzled" and disturbed you can be. Drop it.

Merry Christmas

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The Midland Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association had a Christmas tea in the home of Mrs. Royce Whitefield, 2601 Fannin St.

Other guests were Mrs. Katie C. Hibler, Mrs. Jeff Noble, Mrs. George A. Walker, Mrs. Jack Ryan, Mrs. Bill Lewis, Mrs. Dean Austin, Mrs. Bill Cotner, Mrs. O. B. Orr of Big Lake, Mrs. Richard Stump, Mrs. Warren Foster of Clinton, Iowa, Mrs. G. R. Lowery, Julie Kellogg and Betsey Kellogg.

In charge of decorations was Mrs. Vincent Bash III.

Mrs. D. Bruce Pope, alumnae president, greeted guests. Other members assisting the hosts were Mrs. Jack English, Mrs. Richard Kretchmar, Mrs. E. F. Motter, Mrs. John Foster and Mrs. C. R. Kreuz.

HOROSCOPE

By CARROLL RIGNER

(Thurs. Dec. 25)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to express the finest principles and precepts enunciated by the Prince of Peace. Adopt a more outgoing attitude to those you know slightly.

Merry Christmas.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Show consideration for an associate who is exhausted because of all the pressure of the holiday. Be affectionate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be more concerned with making your guests as comfortable as possible. Take time to enjoy the conversations of others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get into the spirit of this day and don't voice any complaints to others. Make this a most memorable day and evening.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Express your true nature to friends and relatives. Forget about a situation that has caused disharmony.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) There may be little problems cropping up today but take them in stride and relax. Express love and happiness to all.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Forget the money you have spent in order to make this a fine holiday, since it is well spent. A happy day for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A wonderful day for sociability, but use extreme care in motion. Show your concern for others and make them happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to understand the true motives of those who dwell with you. Be more receptive to the devotion and love of mate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Listening to what others have to say instead of talking so much yourself is fine on this day. Express love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Spend this day with closest ties who are most important in your life. Extend a favor to one who deserves it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show more devotion to close ties on this important day. A new contact could bring you unexpected love. Keep noticed.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Show your true devotion to family and friends. Use good judgment since your hunches could be off kilter at this time.

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'Twas the night before Christmas...

Dear Folks: Tonight's the night old Saint Nick will be landing on our roof tops! Bet you thought you would never make it with all the shopping, baking and cleaning? Don't panic if there are last minute things to be done. But you got everything of real importance done, didn't you? The family is full of the Christmas spirit. The youngsters are all excited, so relax and enjoy Christmas. Join in God Bless each of you!

the fun! After all, Christmas comes but once a year. Take a nice long look at your lovely house with all the beautiful decorations tonight, 'cause tomorrow heavens knows what it will look like after all the excitement dies down! Don't forget those youngsters will be up at the crack of dawn to see what old Santa left under the tree. In the meantime, don't forget we both want to wish all of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Heloise and Heloise II



Dianna Lynne Barron

Where did parents of Lynette, Sandra, Emily, Patty go wrong?

By JEANNETTE BRANIN Copley News Service Lynette was "a doll of a little girl," the daughter of an aeronautical engineer. At age 16, she joined the Charles Manson gang. At age 25, she was convicted of trying to murder the President.

Sandra was the beautiful and pampered daughter of a wealthy landowner. She went to "the best schools," knew "the best people." She, too, joined the infamous outlaw group and has a long criminal record. Emily was the agreeable daughter of conservative and prosperous parents.

She made a good record at college, joined a prestigious sorority, seemed on the way to a conventional life with a conventional husband. They both joined a band of revolutionaries called the Symbionese Liberation Army and became fugitives.

Patty had wealthy and prominent parents who provided religious training and university education. In an exceedingly bizarre chapter of criminal history, she disappeared with the SLA and renounced her family. She now faces 22 felony charges.

Lynette, Sandra, Emily, Patty. As those names became known throughout the world, parents the nation over felt their minds reeling. "How could such things happen?" they asked. "Dear God, could it happen to my child?"

Are there signals in childhood? Are there any signs to alert a parent that a child has criminal tendencies? What is the border line between the natural rebellion of youth and the violent defiance of law and order?

How can a parent know? That question was asked of a counselor. There are signs to which a parent should be alert, said Dr. James H. Kleckner, a licensed psychologist who graduated from Cornell University, obtained his master's degree from Rutgers and his doctorate from Columbia.

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The Book Review Unit of the Midland Woman's Club was hostess group to the Woman's Club luncheon. Thirteen sustaining members of the Woman's Club were the honored guests.

Mrs. Richard D. Jons, president, introduced two new members, Mrs. M. M. Haag and Mrs. Hazel Snodgrass.

Mrs. Jess Williamson, Woman's Club president, announced the club will close today through Jan. 4 for the holidays.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Charles Lutrick.

Presiding at the serving table during the social period were Mrs. E. V. Mitchell and Mrs. Taylor E. Bowers. Receiving guests were Jennye Lee Guthrie, Mrs. E. J. Flannery and Mrs. Wesley C. May.

Mrs. B. J. Sharp and her committee prepared the decorations. Following a luncheon, Mrs. D. L. Coleman presented a review of "Appointment in Jerusalem." The book was written by Derek Prince.

A medley of Christmas music was provided by Mrs. Howard Parker and Mrs. Ray Bristol, members of the Musicians Club, Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

Guests were Mrs. H. W. Colbert, Mrs. M. Colbert, Mrs. Audrey Daryl, Mrs. Harry Denton, Mrs. B. Tamney, Mrs. A. J. Cowden, Mrs. Rubye Morton, Mrs. A. J. Laine, Helen Giffert, Mrs. Lester VanPelt Jr., Mrs. Marshall Surratt, Mrs. W. H. Crowe, Mrs. Ellison Tom Jr., Mrs. Edward T. Hogan, Mrs. Elmer Douglas, Mrs. R. R. Mathews, Hazel Lyles, Helene Miley.

Mrs. Robert Boynton Smith will present a review of "Gathered Together in My Name" at the unit's Jan. 5 meeting.

Dear Heloise: We're a family of four and very seldom need to put the leaf in the kitchen table, but when it was necessary we found the underneath rail had rusted and stuck from spills.

After getting the table opened we applied a thin coat of petroleum jelly on the rail.

It helps prevent rust and the table always opens easily. Petroleum jelly on the window rails helps them open better and a little on the curtain rods makes plastic curtains slide with no trouble at all.

Petroleum jelly is clear so it doesn't leave an ugly dark mess. Mrs. D. Pilarczyk

Dear Heloise: Try using a mixed ice-cold flavored powdered soft drink instead of water in your pie dough next time.

I was making cherry pies and had the black cherry drink on hand so I decided it couldn't really alter the results enough to hurt anything.

Sure enough it not only enhanced the flavor, but the crust was tinted a pretty shade of pink.

Many fruit combinations could be prepared this way - orange flavored crusts for pumpkin or lemon fillings would be an interesting change. Eleanor Brueggeman

Dear Heloise: The gallon ice cream buckets have lots of different uses. The other day, however, I thought of inverting the bucket and using it to store a large round cake for delivery.

Just place the cake on the upturned lid and then slip the bucket part into the lid. It works very well.

You can decorate the bucket with decals if you wish. Mrs. J. Chapman

Couple reports wedding date

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Barron of 1008 S. Baird St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Dianna Lynne, to Bobby E. Satterfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Satterfield of 308 E. Magnolia St.

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The bride-elect will be a 1976 graduate of Lee High School. She is employed with McDonald's. Her fiancé attended Midland High School. He is an operator for Crouch Well Service Co.

Agent gives leftover tips

By JUDY GERMANY Midland County ME Extension Agent

You enjoyed a delicious turkey for Christmas dinner, cleared the table and now you look at the remainder of the bird and ask yourself "What can I do with it."

Plenty! If properly cared for, leftover turkey is as tasty as the first slices. It can be refrigerated and used within a few days or frozen and then, weeks later, turned into a dozen tasty dishes - casseroles, Turkey Creole, Turkey Brunswick Stew or Turkey Salad; the possibilities are endless.

After your holiday feast, make sure the turkey is refrigerated immediately. Separate the turkey meat, stuffing and gravy and store them in the refrigerator in different containers. If you have a large quantity of a leftover dish, put in several small containers to speed cooling. It is best to remove the meat from the turkey bones so it can be well wrapped to prevent drying out and loss of flavor.

In addition to casseroles, there are other ways to be economical with turkey. Turkey broth makes an excellent base for soups and stews, and adds flavor to white sauces in main dishes. A delicious broth can be made by simmering the turkey bones, bits of turkey meat and the skin in water to cover. For more flavor, add onions, garlic, celery leaves, parsley and a bay leaf or other herbs. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for two hours to extract all the flavors. Strain the broth and use at once, or refrigerate in closed jar for one or two days. It also can be frozen.

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'... Christ the Lord'

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.

"This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

"And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

"To be enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child.

"And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

"And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

"And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people: ... For to you is born this day in

the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased."

"When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.'

"And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

"And when they saw they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child:

"and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them."

"But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." — Luke 2:1-20 RSV).

'... With great joy'

"Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared.

"And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.'

"When they had heard the king they went their way: and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy:

"and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then opening

their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

"And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way." — Matthew 2:7-12 SV).

IT HAPPENED HERE

40 Years ago (Dec. 24, 1935):

Santa Claus will be doing triple duty tonight in Midland with Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal Sunday Schools having Christmas programs and trees for children of their classes.

With 50 baskets filled with groceries and seven pairs of new shoes purchased for deserving families, the Christmas basket project this year is being brought to a successful close. Boy Scouts have donated toys for children.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:

The hopes and fears, then and even today

By VIRGIL PINKLEY
Copley News Service

ROME — At this season there is really only one outstanding personality in the news — Jesus of Nazareth.

This man whose birth we observe was the lowly carpenter's son, born in a stable, yet destined to have more influence upon the lives of others than any man who ever walked the earth.

He lived, even as many of our best young men today, for only a little more than 30 years. Yet the faith that He founded and the principles He set forth have survived for nearly 2,000 years in a world which is constantly more materialistic and more prone to war and violence.

The hope for the future and the message of peace brought by Jesus are largely unfulfilled.

Today bombs continue to explode in Jerusalem. Bloody border raids between Arabs and Jews occur all too frequently. At this Christmas season, wars or guerrilla actions continue in Southeast Asia, Northern Ireland, Africa and the Mediterranean. Tensions are high, and Russia is taking a tougher, more challenging stance.

There is an underlying kinship in the moral codes, the laws and the ethics propounded by the Trinity of the New Testament, the God of the Old Testament, Mohammad of the Moslems and the Buddha of Asia.

All over the world, humanity calls to its God by different names and in different tongues, but it nevertheless professes a faith in a common code of ethics, brotherhood and understanding.

And against these faltering voices, we hear a new, thundering worship of Mars, of Marx and of Mammon, or materialism. These are more demanding gods, more aggressive ones. They mobilize their followers, where our creed sustains us.

Our faiths teach us "live and let live." The opposing gods demand obedience or death.

And yet in the long run, our Gods are the stronger, the more abiding. And if our world is in danger today, as surely it is, it is because we have drifted too far from the principles we should have learned in childhood, to guide us for the rest of our lives.

At this moment over Bethlehem, His birthplace, Christmas is at hand. In that sky the guiding star shone that immortal night more than 2,000 years ago.

There is bustle and activity in those ancient streets where in the words of the Christmas song, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

In looking at Him briefly, we must face the reality that we really know almost nothing about much of His brief life. The New Testament gives the story of His birth, and tiny glimpses of the boy Jesus, the carpenter's son. His visit to the temple with His parents when He was 12, for instance.

Not until He was about 30, however, do we begin to know much about Jesus who became the Messiah. That was when He began His immortal ministry — the teaching, preaching, healing and personal example.

His mission was crowded into the last three years of His life. Baptized by John the Baptist, He set forth on His way.

Teaching and healing, He made His way through Galilee. In houses, on hillsides, by the lakesides. It didn't matter where.

Most of us remember the rest of the story intimately. How the 12 Disciples gathered around Him. And Peter proclaimed, "Thou art the Messiah."

The visit to Jerusalem. The joyful crowds. How He drove the money changers out of the temple. The hatred of the priests. All of these moments are engraved on our minds, a story that never, never grows old.

And finally, the betrayal of Judas — a name that has become the eternal symbol of infamy. The Last Supper, the terrible yet magnificent struggle to the Crucifixion, and at last the glorious story of the Resurrection.

From all these springs the indomitable feeling that he was paying a courtesy call on Mr. Chips.

There was a disconcerting drollery about him. He would introduce a topic with an inward smile that made his eyes crinkle, as if the subject involved humorous allusions with which I must be aware but invariably wasn't.

How terribly some Christians pervert the very things that Jesus taught.

The teachings of Jesus are as true and badly needed today as the moment He uttered them so long ago.

THE BIBLE CAN YOU QUOTE IT?

By LAVINA ROSS FOWLER

1. 'Twas the Night before Christmas," written by Clement Moore, has gladdened many children hearts. Our own little girl, when she was tiny, could not get enough of it. Complete the well known phrases from Matthew and Luke. "There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is —?'" 2:2

2. "And the angel said unto them —" 2:10

3. "And suddenly there was with the angel —" 2:13

4. "This shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find —" 2:13

5. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; For He shall —" 1:21

Four correct...excellent. Three correct...Good.



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

In memory of Drew Pearson

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — It wasn't long ago that investigative reporters were the pariahs of Washington journalism. The ruling institutions and their human instrumentalities were accustomed not only to having their way but to receiving only accolades from a press that, except in passing moments of upheaval, was generally docile and respectful.

At the turn of the century, political reporters in the nation's capital were likely to be prestige-conscious peacocks who sported derbies, carried canes, practiced affectations, wore grave airs and called themselves "journalists."

Should one of these learn accidentally that a high official was a diplomat, an incontinent, a brawler, a bankrupt, an illiterate, an aberrant, a narcoleptic or a senile — the correspondent would not deign to report such distressing news for it would shock his peers, demean his professional dignity and breach the comfortable decorum of the gentlemen's club he fancied he shared membership in with the elect.

My friend and mentor, Drew Pearson, who would have been 78 this month, pioneered the Watergate-style reporting that has become the fashion today. Day by day, he flailed away at the malefactors of the age — imperialists, militarists, monopolists, racists, religious bigots, plutocrats, hypocrites, crooks in government and the swindlers and exploiters of the poor.

In his day, he was more than a menace to the Washington establishment; he was a shock, an affront, a

betrayal who could be explained only in terms of a malignant perversion. To his targets, he took on the proportions of an inhuman monster and, by common acknowledgment, was feared and hated as no other reporter before or since.

So often did secret conversations at high-level meetings appear in the Washington Merry-Go-Round that half of the Roosevelt and Truman cabinets were fearful that the other half was leaking to Drew. Secretary of State Cordell Hull once opened a cabinet meeting by exclaiming: "Is this for the room or is it for Pearson?" — a remark which was duly published in the column.

The character of the attacks regularly made on Pearson reflected unnatural animosity. Mere "liar," "cheat," and "scoundrel" would not do. Applied to him, the lexicon of banalities routinely bestowed on detractors was instinctively seen as inadequate. Modifiers were sought by frustrated men anguished beyond endurance to describe a preternatural scourge, a vile and unfathomable evil they had sworn to destroy but, having despaired of doing so, must endure.

Yet, damned though he so often was, no other reporter or publicist could claim a following as massive or as loyal as his. Some read him mainly for the titillation they derived from seeing the private foibles of the famous made public.

But there were many others who genuinely admired him, who loved him for his championship of the helpless against the mighty, the duped against the dupers, or who lived vicariously through him as he smote the great malefactors beyond

his humble reach, or punctured the sacred balloons of the day. Whatever the reason, millions paid him the ultimate homage of reading, almost every day for decades, what he had to say.

Yet the polecat in his lair was disarmingly hospitable. Sitting behind his paper-strewn desk in a maroon smoking jacket, or in the bathrobe he wore some days until noon, amid pictures and mementoes of his much-loved family, with a black cat named Cinders preening companionably in the out-box on his desk, he appeared not at all menacing.

A kindly though preoccupied-with-the-world-peril expression suffused his features with an enigmatic quality. He had an impressive, high forehead under thinning light brown hair, and a general look of learnedness that made him seem too dignified and elegant for the rough-and-tumble milieu his reputation evoked.

A certain wariness surfaced in his blue eyes from time to time but otherwise his soft voice, earnest mien and quiet manners, and the peaceful gentility of the atmosphere he worked and lived in, lulled the visitor into the comfortable feeling that he was paying a courtesy call on Mr. Chips.

There was a disconcerting drollery about him. He would introduce a topic with an inward smile that made his eyes crinkle, as if the subject involved humorous allusions with which I must be aware but invariably wasn't. His smile invited a like response, but he would not elaborate on its antecedent and so the spark of jollity would fail to ignite, and silence returned.

When frustrated by staff frailties, he did not shout or pound his desk. His rebukes were nonetheless felt. They came in the form of an abrupt withdrawal of his benignity, a sudden remoteness in his tone of voice, so finely tuned as not to be detectable to outsiders who might be in the office.

It is easy in retrospect to see why, among those who did not share Pearson's goals or his Jeffersonian concept of the watchdog role of the press, he was despised and even regarded as a national menace.

During wartime, when government secrecy is invested with the halo of national survival, Drew's exposes of state secrets and military fiascos became particularly infuriating. Thus it was that, at the height of World War II, General George Marshall, the organizer and director of American armies around the globe, refused to move against Pearson.

"No," said Marshall, "Pearson is my best inspector general."

BIBLE VERSE

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us). — Matthew 1:22, 23. (RSV).

INSIDE REPORT:

Reagan: Memories of Goldwater recalled at Houston

By ROWLAND EVANS
And ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Late Saturday night, Dec. 13, in Houston, Tex., Ronald Reagan sent shudders up supporters' spines by evoking grim memories of the 1964 Goldwater debacle and pointing the way to his own possible self-destruction.

Suddenly ahead in the Gallup Poll for the presidential nomination, Reagan was riding high at the Southern Republican conference with President Ford conspicuously absent and Ford operatives making conspicuous mistakes. But when asked from the floor following his banquet speech about insolvency in the Social Security system, Reagan began describing a highly complicated — and questionable — scheme for wholesale Social Security reform.

The scheme, involving government retirement bonds, certainly would not make Social Security voluntary. But that's what it sounded like to many old pros, including a newspaper reporter who stated as much in his story.

For Republicans, coupling "voluntary" with "Social Security" is bitterly evocative of 1964 when just such a proposal by Sen. Barry Goldwater doomed him in the New Hampshire primary and helped bury him in the general election. Thus, even though Reagan did not and surely will not actually propose the retirement bond plan (which does not make Social Security voluntary in any event), he offered succulent goodies for party foes — including Ford operatives — who want to make him the Barry Goldwater of 1976.

Indeed, the Ford camp hopes Reagan has ruined himself among the



EVANS NOVAK

large-retired populations in the key primary states of Florida (34 per cent of Republican voters) and New Hampshire (27 per cent). But deeper damage to Reagan stems from questions raised about ideologies influential in his campaign and about the candidate's own lack of discipline.

Conservatives with undying loyalty to Goldwater throughout 1964 are not willing to suffer another campaign of ideological disasters and another undisciplined candidate. "I will not go for Reagan if he's going to be another Goldwater," a nationally prominent conservative, regarded as pro-Reagan, told us. "And he's going to be another Goldwater if he gets all mixed up in philosophy."

The Social Security gaffe in Houston reflects division within the Reagan camp between philosophic theorists and practical politicians. Jeff Bell, Reagan's brainy idea man (who authored his politically dubious scheme to transfer \$90 billion of federal spending to the states), feels the campaign must put forth new ideas — such as the Social Security scheme.

Practical politicians enlisted in Reagan's army strenuously disagree,

with such high-risk tactics. "You cannot educate in a campaign," says the astute Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois. Crane's views were vigorously endorsed this week by Reagan political advisers during secret meetings in Los Angeles planning the campaign.

But Jeff Bell cannot be made scapegoat for Reagan's bungle in Houston. Reagan himself failed to show the personal concentration and political sensitivity characteristic of his two campaigns for governor of California and essential for his presidential campaign.

Lack of concentration was shown in Houston when he forgot careful advice to preface any Social Security discussion with a pledge to "save" the system so the aged will continue to get their checks; instead, Reagan dived into a full discussion of the hideously complicated retirement bond plan. His lack of sensitivity over linking himself to 1964 was clearly revealed with this comment: "Barry Goldwater, God bless him, tried to warn the people years ago and nobody paid any attention."

Fortunately for Reagan, he did not commit himself ("I just offer this as an example of the thinking of some knowledgeable people," he said. In fact, he met privately in Los Angeles Tuesday with economic advisers who called the retirement bond scheme outrageously expensive for the federal government. Surely, no more will be heard of it.

Nevertheless, Reagan damaged himself. In 1964, 1965 and even in his first campaign for governor in 1966, Reagan often proposed voluntarism in Social Security ("Do not exchange freedom for the soup kitchen of

compulsory insurance," he said on May 23, 1964). There were no such quotations in the last decade. But the Houston gaffe could — and probably will — be used by the Ford campaign to show that in the political veteran of 1976 is concealed the political novice of 1966.

Worse is the pattern of putting ideology above practical politics which Reagan political advisers sought to end in this week's Los Angeles meetings. Besides the \$90 billion spending-transfer plan and the Social Security venture, Reagan also suggested in Houston that grain sales to Russia depend on Kremlin reductions in armaments — angering farmers outraged by Mr. Ford's grain embargo this year. That pattern of busy-body problem solving, far more than Bo Callaway's puerile criticism, threatens to slow down the Reagan campaign before it fairly begins. Copyright 1975, Field Enterprises, Inc.

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Sen. Bentsen heads federal campaign subsidy list

By BILL BOYARSKY
The Los Angeles Times
WASHINGTON — The event was historic although none of the participants acted as if they knew it. For the first time, the federal government was giving money to political parties and candidates to finance their conventions and campaigns.

Taxpayers had contributed the money — \$62 million — by authorizing the deduction of \$1 each from their federal income tax over the past three years.

Tuesday, the Federal Election Commission met and cleared the way for the Democratic and Republican parties and 11 presidential candidates to receive a total of \$2.6 million after New Year's Day. They will get more as the 1976 campaign goes on.

It was a revolution in American politics, a direct result of the national shock over Watergate and 1972's Republican and Democratic campaign financing scandals.

The site of the revolution was not impressive. The commission, hastily organized after enactment of the campaign reform law, is in a rundown building not far from 14th St., home turf of Washington's prostitutes, sex movie theater operators and adult book store connoisseurs. Its fifth floor hearing room is small and stuffy and on Tuesday was uncomfortably hot from television lights.

There were no speeches to mark the occasion, no fine words for the history books, just six commissioners struggling to administer a complex law whose constitutionality has yet to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

A major concern was the quality of

the microfilms of campaign contribution records submitted by Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination. They were so small that commission staff members had trouble reading them.

"Hopefully," said Chairman Thomas B. Curtis, "Gov. Wallace's group will get a better microfilm camera ... to ease the burden of our staff."

In the most routine manner, the commissioners began authorizing the distribution of money. The Republican party got the \$250,000 it requested initially for its national convention, the Democrats received the \$460,000 they asked for. (Each party is entitled to as much as \$2 million for its convention.)

Then came the candidates. To receive federal subsidies, the candidates must document that they have received at least \$5,000 in contributions of \$250 or less in each of 20 states. Once they have done that, each contribution of \$250 or less is matched by the U.S. Treasury. Candidates are entitled to up to \$5 million in matching funds.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex.) was approved for an initial payment of \$92,029.84. Like most of the others, he bogged down badly in recent months.

The next name on the list was President Ford's. A few years ago, presidents used to raise plenty of money by having cocktails with big spenders. This year, President Ford, like the others, is having trouble raising money and the \$374,422.10 authorized for him will allow the beginning of a strong January cam-

paigned against challenger Ronald Reagan in New Hampshire. His campaign aides say they expect him to accept the federal funds.

Former North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford, a candidate for the Democratic nomination, was found to be eligible for \$214,050.27. Before the law, a little known man like Sanford could find it difficult to raise money to run. With the federal subsidy, he will be able to stick it out, at least until the primary in his home state, where he is expected to battle Wallace.

Eight other candidates were

authorized to receive initial payments of \$100,000 each. That is because they filed their papers later than the others. Presumably, they will receive more when they file additional requests.

Seven are Democrats — Wallace, Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, former Sen. Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma, Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington, Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona and 1972 vice presidential nominee Sargent Shriver. One is a Republican, Reagan.

Only one declared candidate has not

yet been found eligible, Democratic Gov. Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania.

It is not surprising that the commission transacted its work on the historic day in such a mundane fashion. Its task is too complicated; there is no time for fancy touches.

The law is under court challenge. By a 4-4 vote, the Supreme Court Monday rejected an attempt by opponents of the statute to have the distribution of funds blocked. But the court still must decide if the entire campaign law is constitutional.

The paperwork is staggering. Six commission auditors had to work overtime on the Wallace application because additional documentation was needed at the last moment.

Working in an atmosphere of uncertainty, making new law every day, the commission had to proceed quickly.

And the members did. By day's end, the Treasury Department had received notice from the commission that money could be paid out. And between Jan. 2 and Jan. 4, the parties and candidates will begin receiving their checks.

Kissinger says detente in peril

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger says congressional outcries over U.S. involvement in Angola could embolden the Soviet Union to embark on military adventures elsewhere, in spite of the danger to detente.

Kissinger said that before the Senate last week blocked funds to U.S.-backed factions in Angola, "my view was that a solution was achievable in the relatively near future, especially if we could have pursued it with quiet diplomacy."

Kissinger told a news conference Tuesday that detente with Moscow is in peril but said only part of the blame rests with a Soviet quest for influence in Angola.

"The danger to detente that we now face is that our domestic disputes are depriving us of both the ability to provide incentives for (Soviet) moderation as well as the ability to resist military moves by the Soviet Union, as in Angola," Kissinger said.

He said relations with the Soviet Union will "become more tense" if the Russians continue to send military supplies into Angola. He said there is "no question that our over-all relationship will suffer if we do not find an adequate solution to the Angolan problem. Where it will suffer and in what ways, I am not prepared to say."

Kissinger rejected the notion that the situations in Angola and Vietnam are comparable. But he

made a case for a limited U.S. involvement in Angola by resurrecting some of the arguments once used to defend the American commitment in Vietnam.

"Failure to resist can only lead other countries to conclude that their situation is becoming increasingly precarious," he said. "It is my conviction that if one does not discharge his responsibilities in one place, one will be forced to do so elsewhere under more difficult circumstances."

Kissinger ruled out for the time being any U.S. effort to force a Soviet backdown in Angola by cutting off U.S. grain shipments. Such action, he said, would not affect the Soviet "strategic position."

But Kissinger outlined a series of other U.S. measures designed to neutralize the substantial

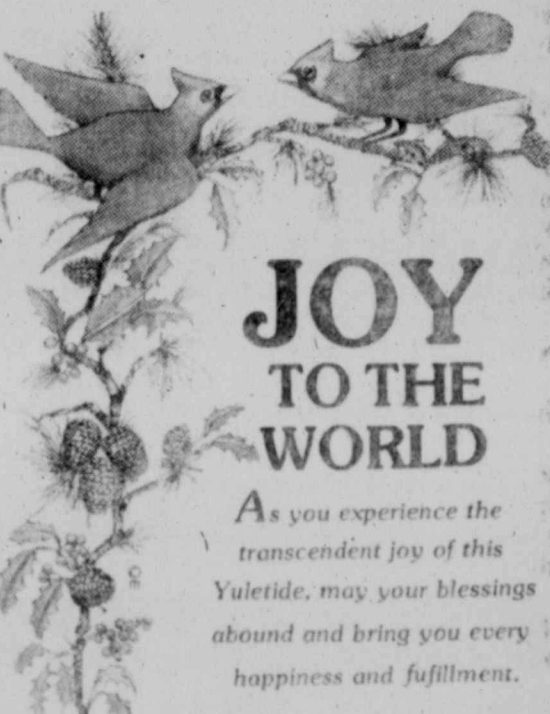
aid the Soviets have been providing to the Marxist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola.

The United States reportedly has \$8.2 million left from past appropriations for further assistance for the two anti-Soviet factions in Angola, and Kissinger said these funds would be used in an attempt to influence the battlefield situation there.

Strong congressional

opposition has made additional outlays doubtful.

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Good, Murphy seek to represent selves

The Los Angeles Times
SACRAMENTO — Taking her cue from her former roommate, Lynette Fromme, Charles Manson disciple Sandra Good pleaded with a federal judge Tuesday to free her without bail and permit her to act as her own attorney.

Monday along with Susan K. Murphy on federal charges of conspiracy to send threatening letters through the mail.

The threats reportedly were against corporate executives whose firms Good and Murphy accused of polluting the environment.

At her arraignment Good was arrested

Philip C. Wilkins. Good, 31, said she was a good risk to be released on her own recognizance because she knew in advance she was to be arrested and easily could have fled the country.

"We had the funds to go to Europe or Australia," she said.

She said she wanted to defend herself because "I do not trust lawyers. They lie repeatedly and are two-faced. And I don't want any of that around me."

Murphy, 28, told the judge, "I wish to represent myself, also."

In effect, Good and Murphy were following the pattern laid down by Fromme in preliminary court appearances before her trial on a charge of attempting to kill President Ford.

Fromme was convicted and sentenced last week to life in prison.

The judge scheduled a bail reduction hearing for Good and Murphy Wednesday and said he will consider their request to act as their own lawyers at a hearing on Jan. 6.

"You'd be better off with counsel," he told them. "It's in your own enlightened self-interest to have counsel."

Good and Murphy were being held under \$50,000 bail each in the Sacramento County Jail. Good appeared in court Tuesday wearing a floor-length blue print dress in contrast to the hooded robe she wore throughout Fromme's trial, which she attended daily. Murphy wore a brown pants suit.

Job outlook for middle managers up

NEW YORK (AP) — Job opportunities for middle management executives are beginning to show the first real improvement in three years, reports an executive search firm.

And barring any major economic shock, this trend is expected to continue well into 1976, according to Eastman and Beaudine, Inc.

Middle managers, classified as those earning from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year, were almost as hard hit by corporate cutbacks during the recession as were blue-collar workers. With signs of improvement, companies are engaged in restaffing programs and want to upgrade their management ranks.



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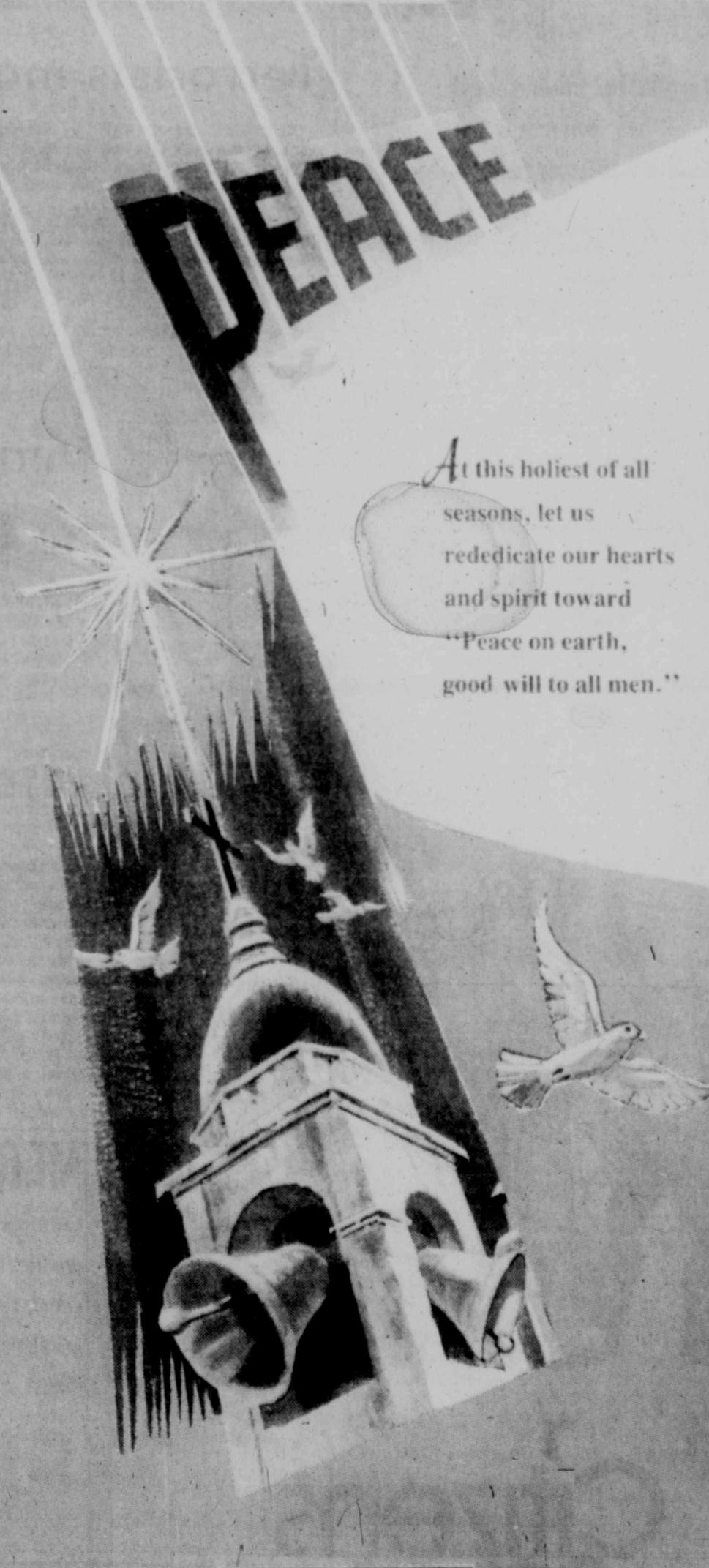
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Gunmen kill U.S. Embassy employe in Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek police put extra guards today on all American diplomats in Athens following the assassination of a U.S. Embassy staff member recently named by a Greek newspaper as the chief CIA agent in Greece.

Security men were believed to be paying particular attention to six

other Americans the same newspaper report said were CIA agents. Police sources said extra protection also was being provided for 10 Russians accused by an anti-Communist Greek group of using the Soviet Embassy as a cover for espionage. Their names were made public in retaliation for the

publication of the Americans' names and addresses.

Police sources said there were no clues to the identity of the killers of Richard W. Welch, a 46-year-old American career diplomat who was ambushed Tuesday night as he and his wife returned to their suburban home from a Christmas party given

by U.S. Ambassador Jack B. Kubisch.

No attacks by Greeks on foreign officials have been reported in recent months, and there was speculation the assassins might be foreigners.

Mrs. Welch ran when the shooting started and was not hurt. After the killers drove away, she returned to her husband, who was lying on the

sidewalk. He was taken to a nearby hospital and died shortly after.

The Embassy said Welch was a special assistant to Kubisch. Neither it nor CIA officials in Washington would confirm or deny the report less than a month ago in the English-language Athens News that he was in charge of the CIA in Greece.

The newspaper said six other Americans named Roland E. Estes, William S. Lofgren, James MacWilliams, John Palavich, Stephen Winsky and William Bright were using the Embassy and the joint U.S. military mission to Greece as a cover for their CIA activities.

After this report appeared, a group called the Committee to Keep Greece

Greek issued the list of 10 alleged Soviet spies.

The Greek government expressed "deep sorrow" at the assassination and said "everything possible will be done to uncover the bloody murderers." Premier Constantine Caramanlis cabled condolences from the island of Corfu, where he was visiting, and sent two cabinet ministers to the Embassy to express regrets.

President Ford, vacationing in Vail, Colo., said Welch "has long been a dedicated official of the United States government, and the hearts of all Americans go out to his family in sympathy and in gratitude for a life given in devoted service."

Intelligence officials warned disclosures about CIA could produce drastic results

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence officials for months have warned that public disclosures about CIA operations and personnel could lead to drastic consequences.

Richard S. Welch, slain by gunmen in Athens as he returned home from a Christmas party, had been linked to the CIA by an Athens newspaper as well as an American publication critical of intelligence activities.

"We've had an American gunned down by other Americans fingering him — right or wrong — as a CIA agent," a source intimate with the U.S. intelligence community asserted Tuesday night.

A source close to the Washington-based Intelligence Documentation Center (IDC), which reported Welch's CIA affiliation in an article, said all the center's disclosures were taken from material already published abroad.

CIA Director William E. Colby in recent months has repeatedly voiced concern that detailed public disclosure of CIA employees, operations and sources could endanger the lives of intelligence agents abroad.

A CIA spokesman declined to make any comment when asked Tuesday night about

Welch's alleged CIA role. Welch was officially listed by the State Department as special assistant to the ambassador at the U.S. Embassy in Athens.

Welch had been named as CIA station chief in Lima, Peru, in last winter's issue of "Counterspy," published by the IDC, which has been

extremely critical of CIA operations.

Lima was Welch's last embassy assignment before he was shifted to Athens about five months ago.

In Greece, the English-language newspaper Athens News recently accused Welch of working for the CIA through the Athens Embassy.

At least 101 persons slain in Buenos Aires clashes

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Eight hours of battles between leftist guerrillas and security forces on the outskirts of Buenos Aires Tuesday night and early today killed at least 101 persons, army sources said. The bloodshed further menaced the future of President Isabel Peron's shaky regime.

The dead included 85 guerrillas, 10 civilians and six soldiers and police, the sources said.

About 500 guerrillas attacked army and police posts, touching off pitched battles over a vast suburban zone 10 miles south of downtown Buenos Aires. Hundreds of army troops and police joined the fighting.

Security sources said the action apparently was a joint operation carried out by the leftwing Montoneros and People's Revolutionary Army — ERP — guerrilla organizations. The two are the most active guerrilla groups in Latin America.

Army chief Gen. Jorge Videla toured the battle zone early today, army sources said.

The fighting did not die down until shortly before dawn in the heavily populated area although an army communique said calm returned about midnight.

The guerrillas attacked an army arsenal and a

regimental headquarters, occupied four police stations and gutted 15 municipal transport buses with gasoline bombs.

It was the biggest guerrilla attack since Oct. 5, when 40 persons were killed in a raid in northeast Argentina by Montoneros, the ultra-left Peronist guerrillas.

The fighting raised the death toll from political violence to more than 1,700 since Juan D. Peron's widow, Isabel, succeeded to the presidency at his death 18 months ago. The guerrilla attack came on the heels of a four-day revolt by air force officers demanding Mrs. Peron's resignation and a new demand from the left wing of the Peronist party that she quit.

The army said the hardest fighting and most of the casualties occurred at the arsenal, but other army sources said troops and police fought pitched battles to dislodge the guerrillas from the police stations.

The fighting at the arsenal spread into surrounding slum areas which the security forces have long believed to be a terrorist hideout. A police officer said snipers throughout the area fired on firemen and police trying to put out the fires started by the gasoline bombs.

Terrorists may gain asylum

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algeria's leftist government may give asylum to the terrorists who killed three men, including a Libyan government official, at an oil cartel meeting in Vienna, informed sources say.

Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who negotiated with the terrorists after their flight to Algiers, discussed the possibility of a pardon in return for the release unharmed of the 41 hostages they brought with them, the sources said.

The Algerian government has condemned airplane hijacking and expelled hijackers whose motives it considered criminal. But Bouteflika told newsmen the Vienna terrorists' goal was a

political one.

The Austrian government said it would ask Algeria to extradite the five men and one woman who invaded an oil ministers meeting Sunday at the headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

After killing an Austrian policeman, the Libyan and an Iraqi security guard, the terrorists took 10 oil ministers and more than 90 other OPEC personnel hostage. After a 20-hour siege, the terrorists brought the ministers and 31 other hostages to Algiers and released them in the Algerian capital and Tripoli, Libya, before surrendering early Tuesday to Algerian authorities.



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Dunlop tells close friend he probably will resign

By ROBERT A. DOBKIN WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor Secretary John T. Dunlop has told a close associate his present intention is to resign but that he is giving himself two weeks to make a final decision.

"Anything can happen, but at this point he intends to resign," said the associate, who talked with Dunlop after President Ford announced on Monday that he will veto legislation expanding the picketing rights of construction unions. Dunlop wrote the bill.

Meanwhile, labor sources indicated that AFL-CIO President George Meany was thinking seriously of resigning from the President's Labor-Management Advisory Committee.

Meany declined comment on future moves, but issued a strong statement Tuesday denouncing Ford for having promised to sign the bill and then rejecting it.

"We in the labor movement believe a man's word is his bond," he said. "Now the President has shown what his word is worth."

Dunlop, an economist who spent more than 30 years as a mediator and arbitrator trying to bring some measure of order to the construction industry's labor-management relations, drafted the picketing measure with Ford's support and shepherded it through Congress.

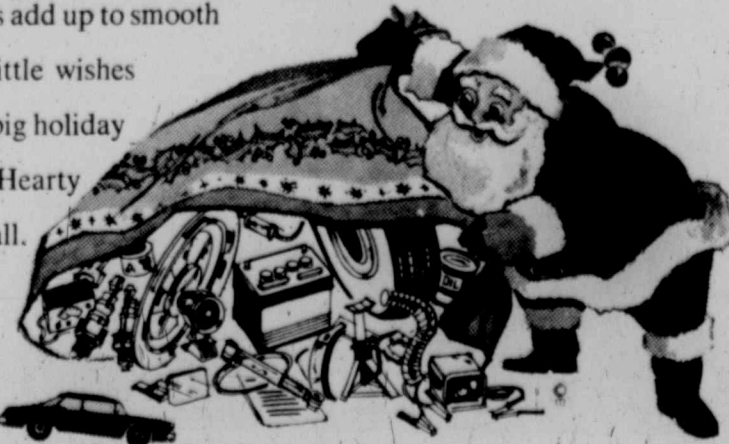
But in recent months, there was intense opposition from conservatives and some industry contractors who maintained the measure would create more chaos. White House advisers urged Ford to veto the bill, warning that he would lose Republican conservative support if he signed it.

The bill would have enabled unions to picket and possibly shut down an entire job site even though their dispute was with one subcontractor. It also would have provided machinery to review local settlements, which Dunlop said would have brought stability to the industry.

AFL-CIO officials say Dunlop's credibility was destroyed by the veto, leaving his value to the administration in question.

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Airplane vanishes

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (AP) — A twin-engine airplane piloted by a South Plains business man disappeared during a snow storm Tuesday, and renewed snow hampered a search for the craft today.

Federal flight service employees at Lubbock identified the flier as Mack Ross of Brownfield and said they feared the Piper Cherokee aircraft might have crashed.

Ross made last contact by radio from somewhere west of Plainview at 3:28 p.m. Tuesday and inquired about the weather, they said.

"It was snowing heavily in Plainview," a spokesman said. "He apparently was above the clouds and looking for a place to come down."

Contact was lost in the middle of the conversation, he added.

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Bad guys still hanging around the airport

By FRANK MACOMBER
Copley News Service

Just because the bad guys haven't been flying off with other people's airplanes recently doesn't mean the threat of airline hijackings has ended.

The threat perhaps is greater today than it was a year ago, says the Federal Aviation Administration.

For example, the agency reports, the number of firearms and other dangerous weapons detected at airport passenger screening stations doubled in the first six months of this year, compared with the last half of 1974.

There were five attempts to hijack U.S. airliners in the first half of this year.

While none was successful, the number compares to only one attempted hijacking in the last six months of 1974 and three in the entire year. None was successful.

Abroad, there were seven hijacking tries in the first six months of this year, two of which were successful. The last hijacking pulled off in this country occurred Nov. 10, 1972.

The airport screening program this year already has thwarted at least 20 potential hijackings before they could be set in motion, says James E. Dow, FAA acting administrator.

While the number of airline passengers screened in the first half of this year remained at about the same level as the last six months of 1974, more than 60,000 firearms and other weapons, ammunition and fireworks were discovered this year, compared with about 30,000 in the comparable 1974 period, according to the FAA.

Most of the increase came in the category of "other dangerous articles" such as knives, clubs and Mace spray, Dow points out.

Of the 2,343 firearms seized, 958 were handguns whose detection brought 737 arrests.

FAA credits the higher rate of detection to continued efforts by airlines to improve passenger screening procedures and to increased use of X-ray machines to "look" at carry-on luggage.

Dow says that despite the continuing threat of hijacking even as detection devices are upgraded and used more widely, the latter has produced beneficial spinoffs.

For example, he explains, the number of airport arrests for nonaviation-related offenses, such as narcotics smuggling, dropped from 2,197 during 1974 to only 570 the first six months of this year.

Dow attributes the decline to "an increased awareness of the effectiveness of the screening process by potential criminals, plus the efforts of airline screening personnel and law enforcement officers."

He added a decrease this year so far in the number of false bomb or hijacking threats likely stems from new efforts by the airlines and police to "let the public know: such threats are no joking matter and will be dealt with seriously."



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Girl, pet found alive

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) - An 11-year-old girl and her pet puppy were found alive Monday in the wreckage of a small plane that had crashed here the day before, killing three other occupants.

Authorities said a search party found Theresa Seymour with the puppy zipped inside her jacket against her body. She suffered a leg fracture and exposure but was listed in otherwise good condition at a Klamath Falls hospital.

The girl's stepfather, Robert Conduff Jr. of Ft. Hood, Tex., was the pilot of the plane that crashed on Bryant Mountain about 35 miles southeast of here Sunday. Conduff, his wife and -old step-

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Automated trains reliable

By TOM ELLIOTT
Copley News Service

HAMBURG, Germany — Between this North Sea German metropolis and Bremen 45 miles away, trains hurtle down the tracks at speeds of 100 miles per hour and more without the engineers aboard ever having to touch the controls.

The trains maintain a safe space between themselves, run at the proper speed for each particular segment of the route, and move onto the proper siding — all under the "hands-off" guidance of an automated system more precise than human control.

"In fact, the system is so accurate and reliable that it has permitted a reduction of the spacing between trains, and thereby has increased the traffic-carrying capacity of the route," observes Dr. Steward S. Flaschen, a vice president and associate technical director of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., which developed and installed the system for the state-owned German railway.

This feature of the system has assumed increased importance as expanded and more efficient mass transit has emerged as a universal priority in both Europe and the United States, he noted.

Dr. Flaschen explained that the automated rail system — called CORECT for Continuous Remote Control of Trains — unites telecommunications and computer technology in its operation.

Every 11 miles along the track, a complex of three mini-computers monitors rail traffic and issues control commands to the trains through a two-way communication system. A train is slowed when approaching a curve or another train, and then accelerated when returning to the straightaway or when it regains the preprogrammed "headway" — the spacing between trains.

On board the trains themselves, a microprocessor system consisting of tiny solid-state computers receives general commands from the trackside computers and translates the instructions into specific actions.

For example, the trackside computer might issue a command that tells the train to slow down by 20 kilometers per hour within five kilometers.

The on-board microprocessor system then would determine when and how much to reduce the throttle and to

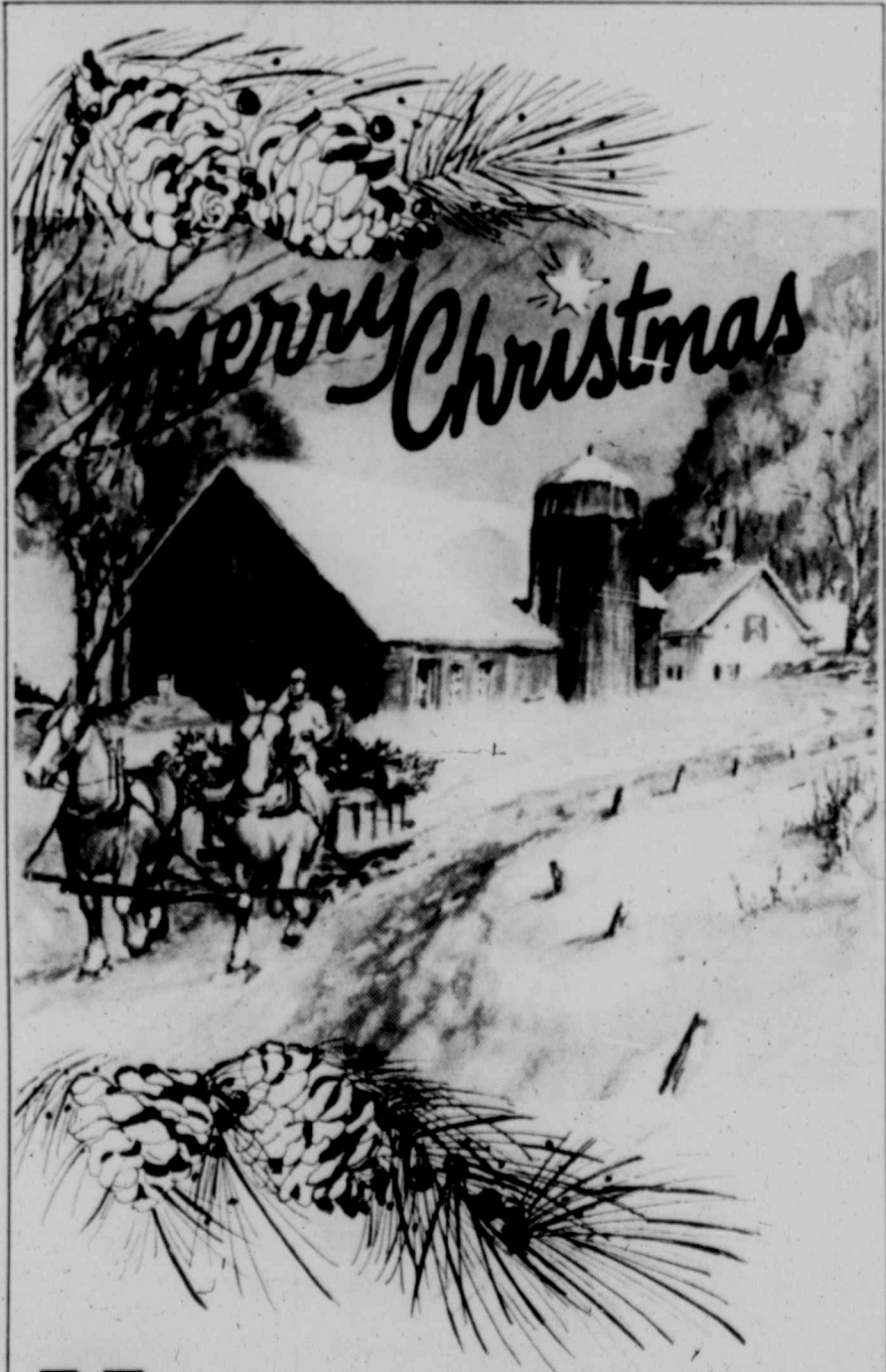
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Training required

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Private security guards must pass 22 hours of classroom training in the use of handguns before they can carry sidearms on the job, the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies said.

The board passed the resolution at a meeting Monday.

Ector County Judge Joe Connally, chairman of the board, said the requirement would be made effective after the board staff drafts a curriculum for the training course. He estimated that would take about 60 days.



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Life on Sark getting harder

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

SARK, Channel Islands (AP) - Like a passenger in a time machine, Michael Beaumont, the new Seigneur of Sark, has made a smooth transition from guided weapons design engineer to feudal lord of the tiniest state in the British Commonwealth.

From the intricacies of the Rapier missile to the idylls of a fief also entails an economic odyssey that might hold some sort of moral for the modern world. While his former employers, the British Aircraft Corporation, go millions of pounds in the hole producing a supersonic airliner in cooperation with the French, Beaumont rules over a solvent little island that pays him homage with a "poularde" - a chicken tax - on every Chimmy, and year after manages to show a budget surplus.

"Of course it's getting more difficult. Since the Arabs raised the price of oil, there really is nowhere to hide from inflation: not even on Sark," said the 48-year-old Seigneur, looking out the tall window of La Seigneurie, the brooding gray stone manor, partly Elizabethan, that is home to holders of the Sark Fiefdom.

Out on the lawn, Candy, by law the

only female don allowed on the island, frisked playfully after the fantail pigeons, also exclusive to the Seigneur, under the medieval right of colombierie, the privilege of keeping a dove-cote, in the royal charter granted by the Elizabeth I in 1565.

As owner of a Fief Haubert, the highest class of Knighthood, Beaumont is also entitled to "all flotsam and jetsam" on the island, one-tenth of the corn harvest, and to walk across anyone's land. In return, he is obliged to "pay homage to the Queen in person and to supply on demand a horseman fully accoutred with haubert a coat of mail, helmet, shield and the complete armor of a knight."

On this lovely fall morning, the Seigneur was fully accoutred in paint-blotched slacks and a Guernsey sweater to do a bit of gardening. There were three gardeners about the place. Now we make do with a part-time man a few mornings a week.

Accessible only by boat and then only on the best of Sark lies 20 miles off the coast of France amid the reacherous rocks and tempestuous tides of the Gulf of St. Malo.

Three miles long by a mile-and-a-half wide, the last bastion of feudalism turns its granite back on

the world with sheer 300-foot cliffs and an impressive set of negatives. No automobiles. No paved roads. No industries. No unions. No death duties. No divorce. Never a form to fill out or a parking ticket to mail in.

Sark doesn't have a hospital, a high school or a newspaper. There is no dentist, no Pharmacist, no barber and, at the moment, no hairdresser.

"Christene, who does women's hair, is off on Guernsey having a baby," explained the Seigneur who inherited the fiefdom a little over a year ago when his grandmother, Sibyl Hathaway, the almost legendary Dame of Sark, died at the age of 90, after presiding over her mini-domain for nearly half a century. Her spirit lives on in the West End hit play, "The Dame of Sark," a dramatic tribute to her icy courage and hauteur in carrying on as usual during the Nazi occupation in World War Two, even rebuking the German commandant for violating the island's automobile ban by introducing an armored car.

Beaumont confesses to "a serene contentment" in giving up a career in aeronautics and a suburban house with a two-car garage in Bristol to move his wife, Diana, and their teenage boys to a windswept promontory in the English Channel, over which airplanes are forbidden to fly under 2,000 feet and where is now pressure on Chief Pleas, the Sark's Parliament, to curb the 40 or so tractors from cutting about as impromptu taxis. Both he and his wife have passed the tractor driving test given by lobsterman Dick Adams, Sark's unpaid constable.

During our two-day stay, the island population dropped from 496 to 494, with the deaths of two octogenarians, and John Guille, the landlord of the Mermaid Tavern, had to close his pub and assume his alternate skill as undertaker.

At a time when France was threatening war and England worried about her Channel defenses, Elizabeth I granted the uninhabited island then "a place for pirates, thieves and such like," to landowner Helier de Carteret of Jersey on condition that he keep 40 armed men capable of defending the island continually in residence. To ensure this Helier divided Sark into 40 property holdings, which still remain and cannot be divided right to a seat in Chief Pleas, along with 12 "people deputies" selected from the island at large.

The old Sarkees, speaking a Norman French patois that even the French tourists cannot understand, are gradually giving way to what the islanders call "the colonials," retired British civil servants and even affluent company directors seeking to stretch their pensions in a nearby tax

haven. To hold the clock back, the Parliament has passed a two-year ban on new buildings, while providing free land and in some cases free houses for young married couples descended from old Sark families.

Some 50,000 tourists, most arriving by boat for a day in the season that stretches from April to early October, pay a landing tax of 19 pence (20 cents) and a small levy on alcohol and tobacco. These are the main supports for Sark's annual budget of 55,000 pounds (\$110,000), which pays the salaries of two fulltime teachers, a part-time French teacher for the compulsory French lessons, three island workmen, a clerk and a treasurer, with enough left over to maintain the dirt roads and harbor, provide medical care for the needy and send a deserving child off to college.

Most islanders now pay a token 50 pence (one dollar) poularde tax instead of presenting a chicken at the Seigneur's door, but at today's poultry prices Beaumont wishes more would turn up with an actual bird in hand. When one of the 40 pieces of property is sold, the Seigneur is entitled to a knight's fee of one-thirtieth of the sale price. Since these lands are now worth up to 100,000 pounds (\$200,000), the "Treizeime, as it is called, can keep the manor house going for quite a while, as it is called, can keep the manor house going for quite a while.

Still, to keep up with rising costs, Beaumont is turning part of the rambling manor into two apartments for tourists.

Sark receives no financial assistance from Britain and does not share in its extensive welfare services, but it has a way of taking care of its own.

"On a small island where everyone is known you don't need a bureauecracy to find out who is in need," said the Seigneur. "Sark is a very caring society."

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Pollution is an increasing problem. Sark has no sewers or garbage disposal. In their resistance to change, the islanders year after year reject master plans for conducting drainage. "They feel what was good for the goose said Scott. "Like collecting a proposal for an electric crane down the harbor and keeping the old hand cranked one I wince every time a high wind smashes a pallet of whisky against the sea wall, but they prefer the old ways. That's why Sark will continue to beat the clock."

Congress observes ceiling

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress so far is staying within its self-imposed federal spending ceiling for this fiscal year but the final word is not in yet.

Fiscal 1976 still has six months to run and the legislators will have to make some tough choices in the early months of the next session to avoid exceeding the ceiling.

Using the new budget control process for the first time this session, Congress fixed a \$374.9 billion spending limit for fiscal 1976 with a \$74.1 billion deficit.

As they adjourned last Friday, the spending actions taken by the legislators left them \$1.7 billion under the spending ceiling.

However, a number of matters expected to come up early in the new session that begins Jan. 19 could more than wipe out the \$1.7 billion cushion.

Most of these are anti-recessionary proposals that have strong support in the Democratic-controlled Congress.

Some of them were taken into account in the spending ceiling, but others were not.

The measures include a new program of grants for economically distressed states and cities, expanded public works projects, an increase in public service jobs, additional outlays for research on new types of energy, and aid for beleaguered Northeast and Midwest railroads.

The House and Senate Budget Committees both have pledged that they will be on guard to see that the \$374.9 billion ceiling is not pierced, a limit that would exceed the limit can be ruled out of order.

Some unforeseen emergency arises in the remainder of fiscal 1976, Congress also has the power to pass another budget resolution that would raise the ceiling.

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Father gets custody

DALLAS (AP) - A domestic court jury today awarded custody of 9-year-old Richard Calvin Risher to his father, taking the child away from his mother, an admitted lesbian.

Mary Jo Risher, the boy's mother, broke into tears when the verdict was announced. The jury of 10 men and two women found for the father by a 10-2 vote, the majority needed for a decision.

Jurors deliberated the case for more than 2½ hours Monday and for another 2½ hours this morning before reaching a decision.

The custody suit was brought by Douglas Risher against his 38-year-old ex-wife, who lives with Ann Foreman, 30, another homosexual.

Risher claimed in his suit that after the divorce, Mrs. Risher began a homosexual lifestyle not conducive to the proper upbringing of their son.

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Newsprint strike dims Christmas spirit

The Los Angeles Times serious side to his largesse. Most everyone in this company town is strapped for cash after more than five months of strikes which have shut down much of the nation's pulp and paper production. Canada's largest industry.

Moreover, the turmoil has become entangled in Canada's first anti-

inflation wage-price control policy since World War II, federal machinery which few Canadians clearly understand and which some industry and labor leaders feel could further exacerbate a strike which has affected nine of Canada's 10 provinces.

Iroquois Falls is one of the world's largest paper mills, owned by Toronto-based Abitibi Paper Co. Ltd. Canada's biggest producer of newsprint, the type of paper on which newspapers are printed.

Since July 19, the mill, which had produced over 1,600 tons of newsprint daily seven days a week, has been shut down as pulp and paper workers from British Columbia to Newfoundland have demanded higher wages in response to Canada's skyrocketing double-digit inflation.

"Morale is very high but it's a very sad Christmas for a lot of people," declares Marian Mongeon of Iroquois Falls, wife of Robert Mongeon, vice president of Local 109 of the Canadian Paperworkers Union (CPU), the industry's largest union with 55,000 members.

Iroquois Falls is typical of the isolated and, in many respects, one-industry towns where 26 paper mills representing 16 companies are still shut down, idling over 25,000 workers, call CPU members.

Although the town's merchants have been extending credit, and there are anecdotes such as the Christmas turkey sale, Mongeon says the \$500,000 strike fund of the new union (it broke off from the United Paperworkers International last year) ran out months ago. Some donations have come in from other unions, such as the school teachers, he says, but 30 per cent of the Abitibi workers in Iroquois Falls nevertheless have had to leave town - and their families - to seek stop-gap em-

ployment.

The story is the same in other mill towns such as Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Restoule, Quebec, where there are reports of workers traveling hundreds of miles to urban communities to find employment. Some are even going to Alaska to seek viable employment projects.

And still there is no end in sight to a management-labor situation which could have a profound impact on the autonomy of the Canadian provinces. They have tried themselves on their ability to take care of their own collective bargaining problems without federal interference from Ottawa.

In fact, says Edward Clifford, a financial journalist who has been following the strike for the Toronto Globe and Mail, there's talk that the union is prepared to carry the strike into next spring.

"It's the most expensive strike in Canada's history," says Clifford. "The production loss is measured at \$500 million."

Moreover, it's expected that the long strike will show an adverse impact on Canada's balance of payments figures when they are released next month. This red ink is the result of less foreign exchange moving into Canada to pay for newsprint exports.



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La Plagne... French ski resort

By TOM GABLE
Copley News Service

BOURG ST. MAURICE, France — It is just six minutes by telepherique from the stone buildings and railroad station of this ancient village to the ultramodern world of Les Arcs, one of the third generation of ski resorts being built in the French Alps.

In the first generation, people skied near the villages. In the second generation, after World War II, ski stations were built to serve wide areas and several villages. Today, developers have sought out virgin slopes and mountains to build recreation-oriented resorts that are completely self-sufficient.

At Les Arcs, and other third-generation resorts, you arrive and leave your car, taxi, bus or telepherique behind and don't worry about transportation around the resort or to the outside world until your stay is over. You check into any one of the several hotels with their different plans and packages and then enjoy the facilities. You eat, sleep, shop, get a haircut, drink, dance and airmail your postcards all within the

comfort of the resort, usually a series of interconnected hotels and arcades.

"The concept is to eliminate all traffic except for people on skis," said Claude Bandieri, spokesman for La Plagne, the oldest of the third generation resorts located a few miles from Les Arcs and near Bourg St. Maurice. "Everything within the ski station (resort) is within easy walking distance indoors."

"There are 120 shops within La Plagne, including ski shops, clothing stores, jewelers and grocery stores. We have 25 restaurants, eight nightclubs or discotheques, theaters, nurseries, day care centers, pharmacies and medical services.

"But the third-generation stations are all built according to a general plan that keeps the population in proportion with what is available on the mountain. We don't want overcrowding."

La Plagne is what Bandieri called a "practical station." He said about 65 per cent of its guests are on family

vacations. There are 46 lifts capable of lifting 33,000 skiers an hour for the resort, which now has about 7,000 beds in its various hotels.

Facilities range from pure hotels, such as Hotel Plagne, to the modern Aime-La Plagne and its condominiums and efficiency apartments, to the Plagne-Bellecote, a modern wood and concrete hotel offering rooms with kitchens.

The ski slopes at La Plagne, Les Arcs and the other modern resorts in the French Alps have been designed to please everyone from beginner to expert. Skiers who suffer with the crowded, often icy conditions at the popular resorts in the United States find particular pleasure in the good snow conditions in the Alps. Multilingual ski instructors are available for group, family, or individual lessons. Guides can be hired for cross-country skiing or for glacier skiing, which is reached by helicopter.

Costs for accommodations in the French Alp resorts are comparable to those in U.S. ski areas, although

because of added transportation costs and overhead, prices in the myriad shops are generally high (\$100 for a two-piece Levi's denim suit). Different prices and packages are available for everyone from the ski buff to the family of six. Air France, for example, offers what it calls Flexiplan, a fly-drive-ski package. There are bus connections to most of the resorts from Geneva and Lyon, a train from Paris to Bourg St. Maurice and regular flights into Geneva and Lyon from Paris. For those wishing to travel light, ski equipment is available for renting at all resorts. The cost of lift tickets varies according to length of stay.

Gen. Verhulst dies

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Maj. Gen. Alfred Verhulst, commander of the 21-state Eastern Region of the Air Force Reserve since 1973, died Tuesday. He was 54.

Economics prof dies

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP) — William B. Gates Jr., 58, Kenan professor of economics at Williams College, died Monday night. He had been a faculty member at Williams for 24 years.

Girls find man-watching fun

By ROBERT BETTS
Copley News Service

Suzy Mallery handed me her card. "Congratulations!" it said. "You have been certified as well worth watching by one of the world's foremost authorities."

"I bet you tell that to all the reporters," I said. Suzy is president of Man Watchers, Inc., an organization of women who like to let men know when they admire them.

"It's been all one way for so long — men saying all the nice things to girls; why shouldn't it be the other way around, too?" asked Suzy.

"When I was in Rome and saw all those male statues I realized that man was really the first sex symbol, and I thought it was about time something was done about girls complimenting men."

Her organization now has 1,500 members, some of them in England, Germany and Australia.

"It's catching on fast in Europe," she said. "We just had another inquiry from Holland."

On joining (lifetime membership \$5), members receive the Man Watchers' Manual and a set of cards for handing out to men they admire. On the back the recipient can see how he is rated in the eyes of his beholder, according to which of the following qualities she has ticked off:

Masculine, classy, handsome, intriguing, sexy, sensual, foxy, distinguished.

He also is told which of the following features

she considers outstanding: eyes, body, muscles, smile, clothes, mouth, hands, posture, hair.

The group has set Jan. 4-11 as National Man-Watching Week as "a week of appreciation for the many men who are well worth watching" and when the 10 most watched will be announced.

In a recent poll, members were asked: "If you were going to design your ideal man, whose parts would you use?" The resulting composite picture has these features:

Hair — John Davidson (top choice except for a strong hard-core group who opted for Telly Savalas); eyes and nose — Roger Moore; mouth — Michael Landon; upper torso — Ron Ely; lower torso — Robert Conrad; legs — Joe Namath; clothes — Johnny Carson (he was voted best-dressed male almost unanimously for his nightly cavalcade of high-fashion and well-designed suits).

Headquarters of Man Watchers, Inc., is San Diego, Calif. Suzy is an actress and television performer, and she's married. Has she given her husband a card?

"Of course," she said. "He was one of the first to receive one."

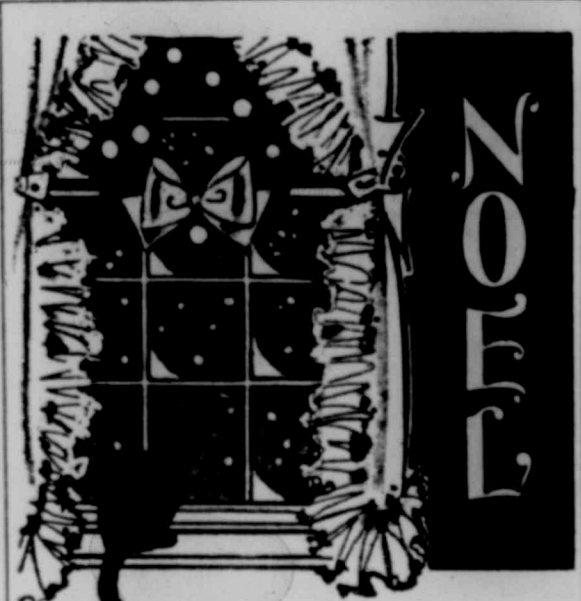
Santa rides a diesel

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Douglas, who has been hauling freight from Manchester, Ga., to Wadley, Ala., and back for the past 19 years, said he pays for the fruit and candy, but the railroad takes care of other expenses. For this year's run from Wadley to Manchester, "I've got over 100 pounds of candy, two cases of oranges and two cases of tangeloes," he said.

The last run will be special. Santa will ride the engine 1776 with a fresh coat of red, white and blue paint. At each stop, the youngsters will be invited to board for a visit with Santa.



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Mice to work on Christmas

CINCINNATI (AP) — On the night before Christmas, the creatures will be stirring at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine — particularly the mice.

A relay team of five white mice is hard at work this holiday season lighting up a sign which says "Season's Greetings." The rest of the message, located in the Toxicology Division of the Department of Environmental Health, proclaims: "not a creature was stirring except for a mouse...."

The mice have been trained by conditioning techniques to poke their noses into a hole, breaking a photocell beam, which lights up the sign.

Woman steals nativity scene

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — It was a normal patrol for Police Sgt. Larry B. Gentry until he got a call that someone was stealing the Nativity scene from his front lawn.

Gentry sped home and intercepted a car that was just leaving the area. He said he found statues of Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus, a donkey and a cow in the woman's car.

The woman who was driving told Gentry she took the Christmas items "because of my kids and the Lord."

She was charged with possession of stolen property of less than \$100 value and was lodged in the county jail. Her name was withheld pending court arraignment.

Santa visits new jail

CHERRY VALLEY, Ill. (AP) — Cherry Valley has a new jail and Santa Claus became the first person to be locked up.

Santa, played by Sheryl Brannan, was nabbed leaving a village hall Christmas Party on Monday by police chief Ralph Truitt, in what was supposed to be only a pretend arrest to commemorate the opening of the new jail.

But not everyone knew about the pretend part, and a crowd of about 50 protested. One small child asked with tears in her eyes if Santa would be out in time for Christmas.

"Don't worry," Santa said, "I wired the North Pole for bail money."

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Darwin recalls Cyclone Tracy

DARWIN, Australia (AP) — The memory of Christmas Day 1974 still haunts the residents of this devastated city.

It was then that Cyclone Tracy swept through the area, killing 49 persons and wrecking 90 per cent of Darwin.

"We're having a 'New Darwin Week' with all sorts of activities to put joy into Christmas for children so they won't associate it with the misery of last year's cyclone," says Darwin Mayor Ella Stack.

A little more than two weeks ago, however, another cyclone, this one named Joan, pulverized the township of Port Hedland, 900 miles southwest of Darwin, damaging almost every building in the town of 12,000.

Cyclone Joan crashed ashore in what one Port Hedland policeman called "a bloody disaster."

Authorities said only the town's highly trained civil defense organization — revamped after Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin — prevented the loss of life.

"The Christmas spirit is starting to creep back here right now," said Cliff Cottier, president of the Port Hedland Shire Council.

Port Hedland is more fortunate than Darwin because many of its people work for giant mining companies that process iron ore in the city from inland mines and load it onto bulk carriers for Japan.

Some of these companies are paying special cyclone benefits to their employees, who earn big

salaries by Australian standards, as compensation for the city's isolation and the 100-degree temperatures that prevail for six months every year.

Though damage to the town is estimated at \$24 million, Cottier says, "There are quite a few hundred blokes working all over the area rebuilding and the mood is already getting back to normal."

Darwin, however, is a quite different story. A full-fledged city that administered Australia's northern territory — twice the size of Texas — Darwin was nearly flattened by the storm. The cost of rebuilding was put at \$850 million.

Many citizens were not wealthy, and \$11 million contributed in a nationwide relief appeal was quickly spent.

The long-term rebuilding of the city soon became entangled in the bureaucracy of a "Darwin Reconstruction Commission" appointed from the federal capital of Canberra.

By June, more than six months after the cyclone, not a single new house had gone up in Darwin because of disputes over a new building code for cyclone-proof houses.

"We went through some bad times, fighting the Canberra politicians and the bureaucrats, but most of that seems behind us now," says Dr. Lyn Reid, chairman of the Darwin Citizens' Committee, a civic group.

"Things now at last seem to be happening." The first of 400 homes designed to resist winds of up to 120 miles per hour was completed this month.

Contracts are now out

for 1,000 more new houses. Some 4,600 homes left standing by cyclone Tracy have been newly waterproofed against the wet season starting in January.

"As many as 15,000 people have gone south now for the Christmas holidays, but they will be back afterward," Mayor Stack said. "Darwin's a funny place. Once you've lived here and liked it, you always want to get back here no matter what has happened."

Elizabeth Bonner, a freelance writer in Darwin, says that "before the cyclone, this was such a gray dingy, mining-type town, most of the houses were just unpainted fiberoak."

"Now, the people rebuilding are painting their homes different colors. It shows they have pride in their homes, that they'll stay. Darwin will never be the way it was. We're going to build a new town."

Mayor Stack, a physician who has continued her practice since becoming mayor, says the town is also psychologically better off now than immediately after the cyclone.

"People still get a little upset when the wind comes up but generally people are more comfortable," she said.

Townpeople turned out in record numbers for a Nativity play and caroling session last week, wildly applauding one new carol by a local resident called "Have a Merry Christmas Darwin. May It Be the Best One Yet."

In one sign of a new confidence and spirit in Darwin, residents contributed \$44,000 in a single week to aid Port Hedland after Cyclone Joan.

BRIDGE

Defenders allowed to think at bridge

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

Most bridge players have to come to a labor-saving agreement. Only one person, the declarer, is allowed to think. Dummy's job is to make coffee or forage for ice cubes; the two defenders play their cards harmlessly and wait until they have a real job.

South dealer Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♦ J 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ A K Q J 9
♣ Q 8 7

WEST ♠ A 7
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 6 4 2
♣ K J 9 3

EAST ♠ 6 1 2
♥ K 10 6 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A 5 2

SOUTH ♠ K Q 10 9 5
♥ A Q
♦ 10 7 3
♣ 10 6 4

South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
4 ♣ All Pass
Opening lead — ♣ 4

West opened the four of hearts, and East's king forced out the ace. South led the king of spades, and West took the ace.

Now West cast a hopeless glance at the dummy and despairingly led a

diamond. Declarer won, drew trumps and ran the rest of the diamonds to discard two clubs. He eventually gave up a vub trick, making the contract with an overtrick.

West should have known that his partner held the ace of clubs. The first trick showed that South held the ace-queen of hearts, and South's lead of the king of spades at the second trick showed that he had the king-queen of spades. If South also held the ace of clubs he would have opened the bidding instead of passing.

West can play to get three club tricks if he knows that his partner has the ace. After taking the ace of spades, West should lead the jack of clubs.

If dummy plays low, the ace and king of clubs take the next two tricks. If dummy covers with the queen, East takes the ace of clubs and returns a club through South's ten. Either way, the defenders defeat the contract with their three club tricks.

DAILY QUESTION
Partner opens with one diamond, and the next player passes. You hold: S-KQ1095; H-QA; D-1073; C-1064. What do you say?

ANSWER: Bid one spade. However, if partner bid one diamond after two or three passes, you would jump to two spades to show that you were only a point short of an opening bid.

Santa Claus letters

Dear Santa Claus

I want for Christmas is a taperecorder and a good basketball and I hope you do not have any trouble at all and I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas.

Love Gerald Moraies

Dear Santa

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Love Sheila Binns

Dear Santa,

I'm 16 months old now and understanding the world much better now than last Christmas! I have everything I need

and more. Mom says if you can bring a year of happiness as good as the last, it will be enough for all of us!

Love, Sharon Trousdale 4307 Dengar St.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Todd Henderson and I'm 6 years old. I've been a pretty good this year. I would like a ThunderRoad bicycle and an Evel Knivel Trail Bike.

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Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Misty Michelle Henderson and I'm 3 years old. I've been a good girl. I would like a new doll with long hair and a stove, refrigerator and sink. Thank you.

Misty Henderson 2001 N. C

Claus

My name is Robyn Banks and I have a brother named John. We have been trying to be good. For Christmas I would like a Rub-a-dub dolly and Skipper, some Weebles and some Winnie the Pooh shoes. My baby brother wants house shoes, a teddy bear and some other Toys. Santa Claus, I am three years old and my brother is eight months old.

I Love You Robyn Banks Tell Rudolph Robyn said Hi.

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Townhouse, Baby Alive, and Growing-Up Skipper.

Love, Julie

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Riccashey Racer, record player, and Sea Wolf.

I have been a good boy. Love, Jeff

Dear Santa,

Can I have a walkie talkie, a Bike, and a bee-gun for Christmas? Thanks for the presents you gave me last year! Sorry if I haven't been good this year. But I'll Be good next year.

Yours truly Perry Nunley

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Can I have a Star track communicater and a package of cowboys and Indians and a bike, the six million daller man, a Dallas Cowboy football suit, an electric train, and the rames and vikings, and Evil Knevil.

Merry Christmas to Santa Claus From Mark Allen Nunley

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been pretty good this year so will you please bring me a doll that sleeps, a toy grocery cart and something for my brother, like a toy drum. Bring my mom & dad something too. I love

'Miracle child' finds surgery just routine

LORAIN, Ohio (AP) — Unlike most 11-year-olds, bright and inquisitive Ty Hruz has never been to school.

The Lorain youngster can't play baseball, football or any other rough-and-tumble games.

"He's not much for going outside," says his mother, Sandy.

Ty has all he can handle just knocking around the house. Born with only one kidney which still doesn't do the job, he has little stamina for physical exertion.

He has been hospitalized over 100 times. Twenty-four delicate operations have kept the frail boy alive.

Mrs. Hruz says doctors at the Renal Clinic of Cleveland's Babies and Children's Hospital called him "a miracle child."

"They gave him up to die four times," she says. "Now they are pretty hopeful."

The mop-haired youngster was barely 24 hours old when doctors found a kidney malfunction, and surgery revealed he had only the one. His condition deteriorated. Infection set in. By the time he was six months old, only half of that one kidney was functioning.

Accustomed to medications, probing doctors and stark white hospital rooms before he was knee-high, Ty finds little about which to complain.

"It's a little bit okay," father, Terry, now a he said matter-of-factly, a kidney transplant the youngster. They rooms and outside that's a couple of ye playgrounds. They once away since doctors wait until his kidney fu tion drops from its c rent 30 per cent to ab

He tires easily, so he's tutored at home. He has reached the fifth grade. His handwriting may be a bit wobbly, but his grade come from the family. card is mostly As and Bs. member matches Ty Mrs. Hruz and Ty's blood type.



"AND WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS?"

It is not scripturally correct nor historically correct to celebrate December 25th as the birthday of Jesus Christ. No man lives who can affirm with success that Jesus Christ the Son of God was born on this date. Since history cannot tell us his birthdate and the Scriptures are as silent as the tomb about the date, one must conclude that it originated in the mind of man. In fact, Christmas, like infant baptism, sprinkling, and instrumental music in worship, was pushed on to the world by the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Julius I confirmed the birthday of Christ to be kept on December 25th, and the non-Catholic world goes right on keeping such Roman laws while denying that the Roman church has the right to make any laws. Consistency is a rare trait.

Since the Bible says, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." (1 Pe 4:11) and we have never been taught in the Bible to celebrate the Master's birthday, what should one's conclusion be? The answer should be obvious!

There is a day, however, that Christians are taught to honor and keep. The Lord Jesus Christ instituted the "Lord's Supper," and said to His disciples, "As oft as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we do show the Lord's death until he come." (1 Co 11:26) In New Testament times the saints came together each Lord's Day to eat that Supper in remembrance of the Christ. (AC 20: 7) Why is it, my friends, that the religious world will ignore this plain and positive command and example but will go all out for a man-made celebration which has absolutely no Divine authority? It is appalling to see such Biblical ignorance on our part.

One could not successfully deny the right of families and friends to have a time of year to get together. One could not oppose the right of such families and friends to exchange gifts on any day if they so desire. This is not the objection of this scribe. My point of criticism is the observance of December 25th as the birthday of Jesus. Not only December 25th, but any day. The reason? Because we have been taught to keep in memory His death, burial, and resurrection each Lord's Day, and we have never been taught to celebrate His birth. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." (1 Pe 4:11)

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Deprogrammed youths now critical of new messiahs

By PETER ARNETT
EAST MEADOW, N.Y. (AP) — Disenchanted. Angry. They are the young people who gave up family and friends — and months or years of their lives — to join religious cults and follow new messiahs.

Some were dragged kicking and screaming from their religious communities by "deprogramming teams" hired by anxious parents. Now they are working actively to dissuade other youths from following their path.

Others, like 18-year-old Karen Horowitz, eventually decided for themselves that eating and sleeping poorly while working 16-hour days selling flowers and candy to finance absent religious leaders was personal exploitation.

Karen, from East Meadow, on New York's Long Island, talks with the wonder and anger common to other young former cultists. She tries to explain why she endured sleeping in parks during selling trips for the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, and observed harsh personal disciplines to remove the so-called "satanic influence" of her parents.

Worried parents and church leaders have long criticized the religious cults.

Former cult members interviewed by The Associated Press indicate that even though the cults vary widely in religious viewpoints, their recruiting

and indoctrination methods are similar.

Lee Roth, 26, of Freeport, N.Y., said he lunched with the Hare Krishna group in Boston in the summer of 1971 "as a cultural experience." The chanting and apparent communal goodwill of the shaven-headed, saffron-robed young people attracted Roth who was about to graduate in zoology from the University of Massachusetts. His lunch turned into three years of total commitment to the Hare Krishna movement that ended this summer when his parents forcibly deprogrammed him.

Karen Horowitz said she was hitchhiking in northern California during early summer this year, en route to visit her sister. She accepted an invitation "from a group of smiling young people" to weekend at the New Ideal ranch at Mendocino. Her three-day weekend extended first to a week, then 21 days and finally to three months when her parents persuaded her to make a "temporary" visit back home east. She stayed home.

Paul Engel, from Ardsdale, N.Y., said that in the communes and religious centers "they pit you against yourself. You are told you are satanic, evil. Any thoughts contrary to their religious ideology are evil."

Engel, 21, graduate in psychology from the State University of New York, said that day after day of such religious indoctrination by the

Unification Church "Left me no time for questioning these beliefs."

Lee Roth said the Hare Krishna group similarly indoctrinated him. "There was a tremendous indoctrination and brainwashing force at play," he said. There was required, constant reading of certain scriptures and only a few hours of sleep each night.

Karen Horowitz said she was so convinced of the presence of evil spirits "that I thought I actually could see them flying around me." A similar experience overcame Winnie Swope, daughter of a New York clergyman, who refused to get up at a Moon commune early one morning because she was exhausted. "The team leader said the evil spirits were hovering over my bed," Winnie told her father later, "and when I opened my eyes I saw them there. I was terrified. I got up immediately."

A major requirement for the cult members is raising money. Paul Engel believes this is the prime requirement. "The whole thing is based on using a work force to raise money," Engel said he discovered that members unable to work for the Moon cult "were rejected, kicked out."

Karen Horowitz said she spent several weeks in a "selling team" of five young people selling flowers in Oregon and northern California. "We

would buy some armfuls of flowers for \$30 each morning, and sell them for at least a \$500 profit each day," she said.

They were forbidden to spend the money on themselves. "We slept in parks, and ate peanut butter sandwiches, passing the money on to the team leader." Karen said she knew of one Moon member so conscientious that when hungry, rather than eat any of the candy he was selling in Boston, he stole a chocolate bar from a supermarket, "figuring that stealing from the outside world was less of a sin than stealing from Moon."

The young people say they believe fundraising was a fraud. "As far as I know in the three years I was in Hare Krishna, not one penny was sent to India or Bangladesh or to charity, the causes we said we were collecting for," said Lee Roth. "I object to the way the public was ripped off."

Karen Horowitz said: "The Rev. Moon was getting all the money we collected. When I was in the movement I thought it was natural enough for him to get it. One reason I never went back to them is that not one penny was given to the poor people, those who needed it. It was used to finance the grand lifestyle of the cult leaders."

A public relations officer for the Unification Church, Susan Reinbold, told The Associated Press that "We're

a young church, just growing, and we are trying to sustain ourselves right now. We don't have the resources for charity like the Methodists or the Roman Catholics."

Miss Reinbold said her church "did make a contribution to the United Fund at Barrytown (N.Y.)," its headquarters. She said the church had a prisoner rehabilitation program in New Jersey "and is buying property to open a university in New York that will benefit everybody."

A Hare Krishna spokesman in New York said his group has financed food distribution programs near the Bangladesh border, but that "the major aim of our mission work throughout the world is to relieve the mental and spiritual suffering of people." He said Hare Krishna was raising funds "to finance religious centers and distribute literature about our religion."

The former cult members were also all critical of attempts to alienate them from their parents. "I was taught that my parents were second to my spiritual father," said Lee Roth.

Paul Engel said: "I was told my family was satanic and evil because they wanted me to leave the cult. But when I met my father he was just the opposite, non-threatening."

Karen Horowitz said: "When I asked to visit my sister, after three or

four weeks in the movement, the leaders told me I was not strong enough to face the world, that satan would attack me."

How do the young people reflect on their experiences within the religious cults?

"Everything was based on a primitive notion of sacrifice. I was mindless, at one time I was even prepared to go to South Korea for the Rev. Moon and fight the communists," said Paul Engel. He picked a science convention recently sponsored in New York by the Moon church.

Lee Roth said: "I would encourage any young person to get involved in religion, but not a cult that enslaves you. Serving man is an important part of serving God, but the main characteristic I see in these cults is their selfishness." Roth is in poor physical health, but hopes to get a job soon.

Karen Horowitz said: "I was lucky I got out after three months. When I joined Moon I thought the group leaders were spiritual because their eyes were blank. Now I know they are blank because there is nothing inside their heads anymore."

Karen is working in a supermarket and will go to college soon. "Some day I'll get married and have kids like every other girl. I wouldn't have thought that possible in summer," she said.



CHECKING IT TWICE is one of Santa's big problems around Christmas. Dennis Lukemire, a Cincinnati bus driver, checks his watch after he missed the bus he was supposed to drive in a Christmas parade.

Hopefuls woo New Hampshire

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A slew of Democratic presidential candidates is wooing New Hampshire voters with as much zest as ever. But their aim is not so much to win as to keep from falling out of the pack.

While Ronald Reagan hopes to launch a decisive challenge against President Ford in New Hampshire's Republican primary next February, the crowded Democratic field — six candidates so far — is expected, according to party professionals, to end in a stalemate.

The official filing for the Feb. 24 election began Dec. 11, but the candidates have been campaigning for some time, two of them for more than a year.

"Nobody on the Democratic side is at his point likely to finish with such a substantial margin for it to be in any way remarkable around the rest of the country," said Laurence Radway, state party chairman.

The significance of New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary is that it could set a pattern for other states, said Radway, a political science professor at Dartmouth.

But so far none of the six contenders has emerged clearly above the others. Nor have any attracted any broad segment of the party, though Arizona Rep. Morris K. Udall has been campaigning since the summer of 1974 and former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter since last December.

In addition to Udall and Carter, the field consists of former Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma, who has waged a neopopulist campaign; Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana, who has garnered the support of most organized labor; Sargent Shriver, the 1972 vice-presidential candidate and Kennedy-in-law, and former North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford.

Efforts also have been under way for a write-in campaign for Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, who in Gallup polls has been the favorite among rank-and-file Democrats nationwide. He has said he is not a candidate. Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington also reportedly is considering a late New Hampshire bid.

Unlike 1972 when Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine was the clear favorite, this time there are no Goliaths on whom a David — as Eugene J. McCarthy in 1968 and George McGovern four years later — can take aim.

"I don't see anyone drawing away from the pack," said Theodor Nardi, who is running the

late-blooming Shriver state campaign. "I don't see anyone doing anything spectacular."

With the Massachusetts primary following New Hampshire's by a week and Florida holding its elections on March 9, the New Hampshire balloting has taken on the characteristics of a holding action.

"There is a kind of a pack and at the minimum a candidate has to be part of that pack," said David Evans, Udall's state campaign coordinator. None of the candidates is expected to get a third of the votes and any of four could come in first.

Udall was the first to begin his efforts in New Hampshire and the lanky Arizonan has made 16 trips into the state since August 1974. A weekly Udall newsletter which began with a mailing list of 400 now goes into 15,000 households, Evans said.

Bayh, who made a brief bid for the presidency four years ago before dropping out because of his wife's illness, has moved quickly to corner labor's support and has been unofficially endorsed by most of the state's labor leaders.

He also has signed on a key member of Sen. John A. Durkin's successful U.S. Senate campaign last September. He is Don Madden, who was Durkin's media strategist.

Carter has waged a long, steady personal campaign and is said to have gained considerable

strength in recent months, though his campaign's over-all organization is believed not nearly as extensive as Udall's. The former Georgia governor has been in the state 14 times since last December.

Harris has waged an extensive underground campaign and only recently opened a campaign office. Laurie Kinnan, his state campaign manager, said she expects Harris to finish in the top three and is banking of a wide coalition ranging from high school pupils to Eugene Danzell, the 74-year-old liberal mayor of Franklin.

Shriver may be among the best recognized candidates among the field because of his 1972 candidacy and because his wife is Eunice Kennedy, sister of the late president. But so far his organizational effort is considerably behind that of at least four of the other contenders.

Sanford has made a number of trips into New Hampshire, but like Shriver has lagged behind in the grass-roots organizational efforts. He is expected to open a state campaign office within the next few weeks.

Merry Christmas

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Few show to help Wallace

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) — Supporters of George Wallace's presidential bid found little encouraging here Monday when only eight persons showed up for a meeting to organize the Alabama governor's local campaign.

Houston lawyer Hall Timanus, state chairman of Texans for Wallace, said the group reserved 200 seats at the Lubbock Hilton Hotel and sent letters to more than 1,200 persons in the area. Of the eight persons who attended, two were from Lubbock.

The meeting here was the last in a series of gatherings around the state, including Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Midland, El Paso, Amarillo and Lufkin.

Timanus said the reaction around the state ranged from "pretty good at El Paso Sunday to very poor" at Midland.

Surveying the small Lubbock group, Timanus said, "All the people want to help, but when the chips are down you can't find them...of course, it's Christmas."

Judge to review plea by Agnew

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — A federal judge has directed the U.S. Attorney for Maryland, Jervis S. Finney, to provide her with confidential papers sought by two George Washington University law students concerning the no contest plea of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to income tax evasion charges.

U.S. District Judge June L. Green said she would review the papers to determine if they bear any relevance to continuing investigations of Maryland political figures being conducted by Finney's office.

The papers are being sought by law students Roy J. Baldwin of Arlington, Va., and Bruce Feder of Washington under the Freedom of Information Act.

Baldwin and Feder told reporters they feel the Agnew record is incomplete and that the public has a right to know all that it contains.

Finney repeatedly has refused to supply the papers on the grounds that they are part of continuing investigations. The prosecutor has declined to mention specific investigations.

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Midland area children write letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Robert Charles Walker III. I am 3 years old. I live at 4717 W. Cuthbert.

I have been a real good boy this year. So I would like a big truck, like the one on "Movin' On." Also some construction trucks, Emergency truck with Roy and Johnny, a plane, play telephone.

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Thank you!!

Love Forever,
Robert Charles

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. How is Mrs. Santa Claus and the reindeer?

My name is Raquelle Lynn Walker. I live at 4717 W. Cuthbert. I have been pretty good and I brought my grades up in school.

I want a Butter Ball baby doll, high chair, Easy Bake Oven, Sing-A-Long radio, talking alarm clock, real pencil sharpener, play telephone, clothes for my doll, records, and some clothes and shoes for me.

We have a fireplace, but if you see smoke coming out the top, please use the front door. There will cookies and milk for you on the table.

Love Always
Raquelle

Dear Santa
I've been good lately. How have you been? How have your elfs been at making toys. I don't want to much for Christmas. I just want on little thing some slippers. I will have something for you on the table buy the stocking I would like a few things in my stocking. My name is Carla I'm eight going on nine. in Fedurary That is all

Love ya
Carla Stover
Bedford 3400

Dear Santa,
Shane is my Name. I would like: seawolf, six million dollar man, planet of the apes set with lite reflector

thanks Love
Shane

Dear Santa,
I would like a color T.V and a set of magic markers pleas and A Clock That is perfect o.k and a trampoline and some Tinkerbell Things and some pixie things But out of all of this stuff I would like a color T.V the most But santa I would like to have all of Those Things and some Thing that you Think I would like. Santa you are one of my best friends

From
Amy Diane Dudenhoeffer

Hi Santa
How or you doing this year you no

what I want this year I want a Stp and a basketball net and a wakly takly and a dummy and I guess thats all for this year I Love you Santa

Love
Brian McCall

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Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a Sunshine Family and Van, Weebles Tree house, Baby that-a-way, Dishes, play jewelry, and something for Meagan too!

I Love you,
Michelle

Dear Santa:
I Love you. I would like you to bring me all different kind's of toy's if you can't bring me a bicycle. I won't be hurt. But maybe my mom & Dad will Bring me one after Christmas. That way I be able to ride a big one the summer. Dear Mrs. Santa: If Santa get's cold pleas take care of him.

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Donovan

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Billy

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Love
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Dear Santa,
I want a doll high chair, and a Baby buggy and a doll that eats and drinks, and a 7 up maker and a rubber duck too. I want some skates and some games and puzzles. My sister is writing this for me because I can't write. One more thing-A teddy Bear.

Love
Robin

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Thank you
Love Paul Darren Thorpe

Dear Santa
This is what I'd like for Christmas:

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Love,
Amber

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some clip earrings & a mood ring & other jewelry. I especially want a puca shell choker and a

turquoise choker. I hope I get a drum set.

I want some records & lip gloss. But I don't care what I get.

I would like some fishing equipment. I think that's about all.

Love,
Yvonna
en christmas eve.

dear santa claus
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love,
John

Dear Santa Claus
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Love,
Katherine

I love you. Watch for the cookies I'll leave you.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle. My name is Jan and I am 6 years olds. My brother Coy is 3 years old. He wants a Put Put Train.

Love,
Jan and Coy

Dear Santa Clause,
I like Christmas because of you and rudolph and because it is Jesus's birthday. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Baby Alive, and a Easy Bake Oven, and a Eksekutive set, and a Spanish Dictionary, and a Goofy Graet Record, and a blouse for my mother, and a family tree house for my little sister, and a potery set, and a Barbie Bauty Center, and a game called Numbers up, and another game called operation, and a little rubber ball for my baby brother, and another game called conceed four, and a pocket fisherman for my daddy. Thank you

From
Alexia Turner

Dear Santa,
I waet a wack wrench

Love,
Kirk S.

How is your wife doing? How is your elfs doing too? I am 5 years old! I think I've been a pretty good boy! I want Hot wheels, a jeep that runs by itself, a whistle in my stocking, a Robot. I want you to bring my baby sister a Baby That-A-Way that crawls. How is Rudolf and the other reindeers?

I Love you!
Cody Shannon

Dear Santa I hope you a very marry christmas I want a house and a bik for christmas I am 7 years old

Love,
Jeffrey & Daniel Burdett

To Santa Claus
Dear Santa I hope you a very marry christmas I want a house and a bik for christmas I am 7 years old

Love
Irma Regino

Arthritis databank is started

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — A North American databank of facts about thousands of arthritis patients has been established among eight medical centers throughout Canada and the United States.

The pilot project for the American Rheumatism Association Medical Information System is being funded by an \$854,000 three-year grant from the National Bureau for Health Services Research. Dr. James Friess, assistant professor of medicine at Stanford School of Medicine, where central computing facilities will be, believes it will benefit both patients and physicians. It will tell physicians what has happened to patients after they have received specific kinds of treatment.

Christmas card makes its 34th annual journey

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. (AP) — For the 34th straight Christmas, the same card is on its way between the Harris and Hogan families. E. A. Harris of Pass Christian mailed it certified special delivery to W. A. Hogan of Epps, La., his uncle, who started it all.

In 1942, Hogan, postmaster of Epps, mailed a double Christmas card to his brother-in-law, Moise D. Harris of Gulfport, Miss. It bore a picture of a killed Scotsman leaning on a gnarled cane and asked that Harris detach half the double card and mail it back next Christmas.

Instead, Harris kept the card intact and mailed it to Hogan, who returned it in 1944, and so on. E. A. Harris took over the mailing of the card after Moise Harris, his father, died in 1971.

The card is a family history of the last 33 years. "It bears the name of each new family member born since that first Christmas," said Harris. "All you have to do is to look at it, and the card tells the story of the family."

Harris said he may retire the card in a couple of years. He wants to have it framed. "It's worth more than money, and I don't plan to part with it," he said.

Ike, Eldon going home for holiday

FALL CITY, Wash. (AP) — Ike and Eldon are going home for Christmas.

At 9, pint-sized, thumb-sucking Ike is the youngest person in Washington state's correctional system. His brother Eldon is 12.

They were sent to Echo Glen Children's Home here last summer—Ike for trespassing, shoplifting and other thefts; Eldon for running away and being an incorrigible truant.

The brothers lived together in a cottage. They fought off bullies in the recreation yard. They reassured each other during the nights.

They go home to a big dinner, a Christmas tree, presents and a tearful mother. But afterwards they will have separate lives.

"I want to go home and stay home," says Ike. "I know I'll stay out of trouble. I know it!"

"Me, too," echoes Eldon, the more independent of the two. "I'm going to go home and see all my friends."

Their mother in Spokane cried when told her boys were getting out.

"It'll sure be good to have them home again," she said.

She asked that her family not be named. There are four other boys and a daughter. Their father walked out five years ago.

At Echo Glen, Ike and Eldon were rated as "bright, capable" students with "a lot of potential." Echo Glen is 20 miles east of Seattle, and has 140 inmates. All are 18 and under and all but 68 are going home for Christmas, most on temporary leave.

Ike is on parole. If he is good he can stay with the family. His older brother will be shuttled to a foster home after Christmas, then back to Echo Glen for at least the month of January.

After that he will probably go to a Spokane foster home. His mother is afraid she still can't handle him, and Eldon agrees with Echo Glen counselors that he sometimes brings out the worst in Ike.

"I'll just stay clear from him," said Eldon.

Ike understands. As close as they are, they also fight with each other.

"When he leaves I won't get in any more arguments," Ike said.

Mummy's blood cells unchanged

DETROIT (AP) — An electron microscopic study of an ancient Egyptian mummy shows no structural change in its blood cells in some 2,200 years, Wayne State University researchers have reported.

A pathologist at the university, where an autopsy was performed recently on the mummy, said that neither white nor red blood cells had altered in the 22 centuries since the corpse was embalmed.

"I can look at these cells today and recognize them by the same structural criterion that I would use in identifying these same cell types in my own blood," Jeanne Riddle, a Wayne State professor of pathology, said Saturday.

Dr. Riddle said well-preserved white blood cells were found in the mummy's skull. She said autopsies of mummies had revealed the presence of red-blood cells before, but that this was the first time intact white cells had been found.

White blood cells are human blood's major defense mechanism against alien matter such as bacteria. They also pose a major problem in organ transplants because they tend to reject anything new.

Using a microscope that magnified the cells 27,000 times, Dr. Riddle examined the surface of the cells and the interior of some which had been cut open.

Chapin eyes early parole

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dwight L. Chapin, appointments secretary to former President Richard M. Nixon, will be eligible for parole next February under an order reducing his sentence. U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell on Monday ordered Chapin's 10-to-30-month term reduced to six to 18 months.

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CRISTY WAYMER, 2, of Houston gets a kiss from Barnaby, the Christmas seal, at a shopping center. Barnaby sold kisses to aid a Christmas seal program.

Poles fear price hikes

The Washington Post

WARSAW — The story is circulating here about a Polish schoolteacher asking his pupils about the Warsaw Uprising, as the 1944 revolt against the Nazi occupation is called, and getting no historical recollection from the youngsters. "This is incredible!" he complains. "Hasn't anyone in this class heard about the Warsaw Uprising?"

A little boy finally puts up a timid hand and whispers: "I have. I've heard that it should take place soon." That's just one of the political jokes reflecting widespread fear that prices will go up soon after the holidays and recalling the fate of the last Polish government that raised prices: It collapsed amid strikes and street battles in December 1970.

Its successor, led by party chief Edward Gierek, increased wages and kept prices down. Yet, despite an obvious increase in general prosperity, Poles are caught in a cycle of rising expectations and seem to have reduced the margin of credit they are prepared to give the Gierek government.

The festive air of Christmas came to Poland early this year, hastened by the Communist party congress that was held here in early December and the government's decision to create a proper holiday atmosphere for the major party event as well as the key Christian celebration.

Sparkling lights and Christmas trees went up in early December, and Warsaw's shops suddenly began offering a variety of goods that had not been seen here for months: bananas and other tropical fruits and choice cuts of meat.

Still, the fear that the goods may disappear from the shops early next year or the prices rise right after the holidays has jammed the shops with people buying everything they can lay their hands on.

To cope with this new skepticism, the government is moving cautiously on plans to adjust prices next year while trying to conduct what its propagandists call a "dialogue" with the people.

Gierek and his senior lieutenants are constantly on the road meeting with groups and explaining the economic situation. This is a new development.

"In the past few years we have given up on many hackneyed notions about party propaganda work," says Jacek Maziarz, a journalist. One of the abandoned notions, he says, was

the old "concept of indoctrination based on monologue."

"I remember that in the 1960s we had the task of proving the growth of living standards," says Wlodzimirz Partykuejev, chief of the party's ideological training center in Lublin. "Frankly, we could hardly find someone to expound on this subject. Today, we raise the subject every day. There is a climate of free exchange of views."

"Nowadays," he continued, "it is not enough to pass on to the rank and file the point of view of the party and government. There must be a dialogue, because the people can be convinced only through discussion."

Although they emphasize property and consumerism rather than Communist rigidity, some leaders are concerned at lingering traditions in Polish behavior that date back to the age of chivalry.

For instance, no Polish man can let a woman's hand go unknissed. Even members of the party's Central Committee do it in public. Polish women are so accustomed to this form of greeting that they automatically stretch out their hand when they meet a man.

Moreover, except for formal meetings of Communists who address

each other as "comrades," virtually all Poles call each other "pan" or "pani" (Mr. and Mrs.), and they use the formal pronoun "why" for "you," rather than "ty," Polish for "thou."

Such behavior has a markedly bourgeois quality, doctrinaire Communists feel, and for years the party sought to discourage it, yet virtually every Pole continues to kiss the hand of a woman he meets, while older men occasionally also mumble "Caluje Rac'ki," "I kiss your hand."

The newspaper Gazeta Zachodnia has proposed that Poles adopt more informal ways of addressing each other, calling one another "comrade" and "thou" and presumably doing away with hand-kissing altogether.

Use of "Mr." or "Mrs.," the paper said, would express "indifference" while the use of "you" would show offense and contempt.

Yet the paper's conclusion seems to indicate that these traditions are too strong to be subject to administrative changes that would introduce "more democratic" forms "free from servility and obsequiousness."

"The problem lies not in the form itself but rather in our awareness," the paper said, expressing hopes that new forms are going to continue to gain ground "although very slowly."

Moderates have a chance

The Los Angeles Times

LISHON — The moderate political forces in Portugal now have their best opportunity to bring stability to the country since the anti-Fascist revolution 20 months ago.

This is the considered view of political analysts here in the aftermath of the abortive Nov. 25 military rebellion — which has left the Communists discredited and moderates back in control of the media, once dominated by ultra-leftists.

"The chance for establishing democratic processes is here," said

one political specialist. "But never underestimate the Portuguese politicians' capacity for snatching defeat from the jaws of victory."

As if to bear out this doer warning, the democratic moderate parties already have begun squabbling among themselves over the composition of the provisional government, led by military men.

The three parties in the governing coalition, along with the senior officers of the Military Revolution Council, are — ranging from center to left — the Popular Democrats, the Socialists, and the Communists.

Members of each of the three major parties hold cabinet portfolios, together with senior military officers.

But the Socialists and the Popular Democrats now blame the Communists for encouraging the ill-fated rebellion in order to bring down the very government of which they were a part.

Hence, the leader of the Popular Democrats, Francisco sa Carneiro, wishes to exclude the Communists from further participation in the governing coalition.

But in this tough attitude he is strongly opposed by other leading Popular Democrats, who argue that kicking the Communists out of the government would precipitate a sharp and unwelcome swing to the political right in Portugal.

Carneiro's views also are challenged by Mario Soares, the leader of the Socialists, which is the country's largest party.

Soares argues that since the Communists and their allies polled close to 20 per cent of the vote in last April's constituent assembly election, they should have some representation in government.

Further, Soares says, Communists are needed in the government since they represent the industrial workers who will be essential to Portugal's economic future.

But Soares wants the Communists publicly to condemn the rebellious officers who took part in the abortive military revolt.

However, Alvaro Cunhal, leader of the Communists, will accept no public blame for the rebellion, and, in fact, is urging that the moderate Popular Democrats be expelled from the government as reactionaries.

The failure of the moderate Popular Democrats and Socialists to agree on a formula for governing the country is made to order, observers say, for the renewed disruptive activity by the Communists.

Truck driver was hero

DIAMOND SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Claude Ong, a propane truck driver who had been on the job only three months, discovered a liquid propane gas leak while making a home delivery.

A potentially deadly explosion was in the making, Ong discovered the leak in fitting a hose on his truck.

He "immediately went back to the house and turned off all sources of ignition, such as pilot lights," said Ong's boss, Dan Huntley. "He did one wonderful job."

The leaking gas caused alarm among the Pleasant Valley volunteer fire department, sheriff's personnel and the California Highway Patrol. The road to where the truck was parked was briefly closed.

Cautiously the truck was moved from the scene, unloaded at the plant at Placerville and sent off for repairs.

Assistant now judge

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — San Joaquin County Public Defender Robert N. Chargin lost his top assistant recently when his wife, Ann, was sworn in as the judge of the municipal court's new civil department.

She joined the Stockton law firm of Chargin and Briscoe in 1963 and married Chargin soon afterward.

"We've been together ever since," says the 52-year-old Mrs. Chargin, who for years has been her husband's right hand woman, serving in the N. 2 spot on a 23-lawyer staff and occupying an office next to his.

Things won't be the same, the Chargin's agreed.

"But," his wife added, "law is an important thing in our lives. We have differences, but both of us are very idealistic about our profession."

Two candidates

AUSTIN — A Midlander and an Odessan are among the 150 University of Texas students named as tentative candidates for the doctor of jurisprudence degree from the School of Law at the end of the fall semester. They are Thornton Hardie III, son of Thornton Hardie Jr., 1908 N. L St., Midland, and Donald L. Williams of Odessa.

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Food—a potent U.S. weapon

By EDWARD NEILAN
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — "One thing is certain. The United States has become the breadbasket of the world."

That statement by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz during a speech in Kentucky on Dec. 11 has some startling implications.

For one thing, economists and diplomats are beginning to realize that food will represent in the future a potential international weapon every bit as powerful as oil.

No one expects the United States to use this "agripower" in a devious way, but the very fact of agricultural abundance as produced by the American farmer is already beginning to weigh heavily in international relations.

As if U.S. grain production were not enough of a success story in itself, the failure of crops in the Soviet Union has made the American farmer's record look even brighter.

This has been a very poor year for Soviet agriculture.

The 1975 grain production in the Soviet Union was around 140 million metric tons or less. That is almost 60 million tons below last year's harvest and a whopping 80 million tons below the goal for 1975 announced with some fanfare in Moscow last year.

When matched up against the United States' record 1975 crop, the Soviet output looks even worse.

The 1975 U.S. grain crop — including wheat,

rye, food grains, rice, dry beans and dry peas — is estimated at 250 million metric tons. That is fully 110 million tons above the Soviet harvest.

In 1974, in the worst weather in 40 years, the U.S. farmer still produced a grain crop of 205 million tons.

As Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Bell pointed out recently, the lackluster Soviet grain harvest this year has serious potential impact on that nation's economy for the coming year. Soviet authorities now estimate that because of the poor crop, national income will be only 4 per cent above last year. That is far below the revised goal of 6.5 per cent and only about half the original goal of 7.4 per cent.

The cramped Soviet grain crop does not mean that Moscow will go on a foreign buying spree. As of the first of December, the Soviets had purchased about 28 million tons of grain and oilseeds from the world market for delivery from July, 1975, through September, 1976.

Because internal transportation is tied up by prior commitments, the Soviets will be able to handle only a small amount of additional grain from world markets.

Soviet planners in recent years have tried to

play it smart by purchasing grain on the world market and reselling it to East European nations. This year Moscow is taking care of its own needs and the East Europeans are doing their own buying.

This means the East European market is opening up to American grain.

There is no reason to believe that Soviet planners will cut back on their goals for livestock production in the years ahead.



—AP Wirephoto

THUY "TWEET" VU, demonstrates her dexterity in attacking a grapefruit. The Vietnamese youngster is spending her first

Christmas in the United States, having been relocated with her mother in Richardson, Tex.

Life on the machine grim, but necessary

By LEW SCARR
Copley News Service

Chuck McCracken found hemodialysis sheer agony, more than he wanted to bear. So he stopped his dialysis and exchanged it for something he could bear — his own death.

It took McCracken, 37, two months to die, longer than he had hoped. And it had been hot and muggy for several days before he died and he was conscious only part of the time.

Still, death and the distress of its arrival for Chuck McCracken, father of four, was preferable to the torments of depending upon a machine to live.

Was McCracken stupid, as one dialysis patient believes? Was he, perhaps, courageous as a physician in charge of dialysis concedes?

Or was he "sort of dumb" as still another on dialysis suggests?

It is hard for anyone who has not been on dialysis to understand it. Some patients complain that the public doesn't have the compassion for kidney disease that it has for, say, cancer or coronary disease or muscular dystrophy.

But people on dialysis (they are called dialysands) are different than any other patients in our society. Most illnesses resolve themselves. We either get better or we die.

A dialysand must be on his machine for the rest of his life.

The physical effects can range from debilitation to extreme pain. The mental effects can be disastrous.

Yet the alternative is death. It is estimated that the suicide rate among persons on dialysis is 100 to 400 times greater than the rest of the population.

If dialysis is a last resort, it is not necessarily a doomsday machine. But it is both wonderful and terrible. It makes life both possible and miserable.

What is it and who are the people who must have it?

People who must be on dialysis, according to Dr. Clyde Beck, are those suffering from chronic renal failure, whose kidney function has dropped to less than 10 per cent of normal.

"As a consequence," Beck said, "they develop a syndrome of uremia composed of many symptoms, the most dominant ones of which are fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle weakness, sometimes twitching, mental and personality changes, high blood pressure, acid buildup and often life-threatening levels of potassium in the blood."

Beck, who is chief of clinical nephrology and medical director of the hemodialysis department at University Hospital in San Diego, Calif., said the most common cause is a disease called chronic glomerulonephritis, the cause of which is not clear.

"We can't stop it," he said in an interview. "We can identify it."

"We can help the person over the complicating parts of it, for example, high blood pressure or acid buildup, but we are at the mercy of the disease to watch it in most cases relentlessly

over a period of years eat away at normal renal function."

Victims have three choices. They may seek transplantation if they are not too old and in good enough health otherwise. They may go on dialysis, or they may die.

Hemodialysis removes wastes and toxic substances from the blood by the chemical process of diffusion. In normal, healthy persons this takes place in the kidneys.

If the kidneys fail, it can be done artificially by routing blood through a semipermeable membrane cartridge of a dialysis machine.

But Beck concedes that the artificial kidney is a long way from matching human kidneys, complex organs which cleanse the blood, maintain chemical balance of the body and maintain normal blood pressure, among other things.

"There are several endocrine or glandular functions which our kidneys perform," he said, "which have to do with blood pressure control, production of red blood cells and metabolizing drugs and vitamins."

Beck calls the artificial kidney a very simple tool which only has the ability to pass material across a membrane, and it doesn't do that nearly as well as the human kidney in terms of filtering substances from the blood.

"People on dialysis have to modify their diets in regard to water and sodium and potassium so as not to overwhelm the capability of the artificial kidney to get rid of those things," Beck said.

Patients also have a higher need for medications to control blood pressure and heart function and to stimulate the bone marrow to make more blood cells.

Some have a constant pain in their legs caused by nerve damage. Uncontrolled leg twitching also may occur.

Some can't sleep without sedatives. Some are sallow, tired and listless. Most patients experience some of these problems, few all of them.

Dialysis can produce severe headaches and drowsiness during treatment.

The patient is encouraged to keep his arm still because of blood flow hookup. Pain can be severe.

This is the bad news about dialysis, things one patient wanted reported because she said she was misled about the treatment.

The good news, of course, is that the patient can live, can often produce.

Beck has a patient in his early 40s who plays vigorous tennis a couple of hours three times a week.

Another works on the days she isn't on dialysis and stands at her job 10 hours at a time.

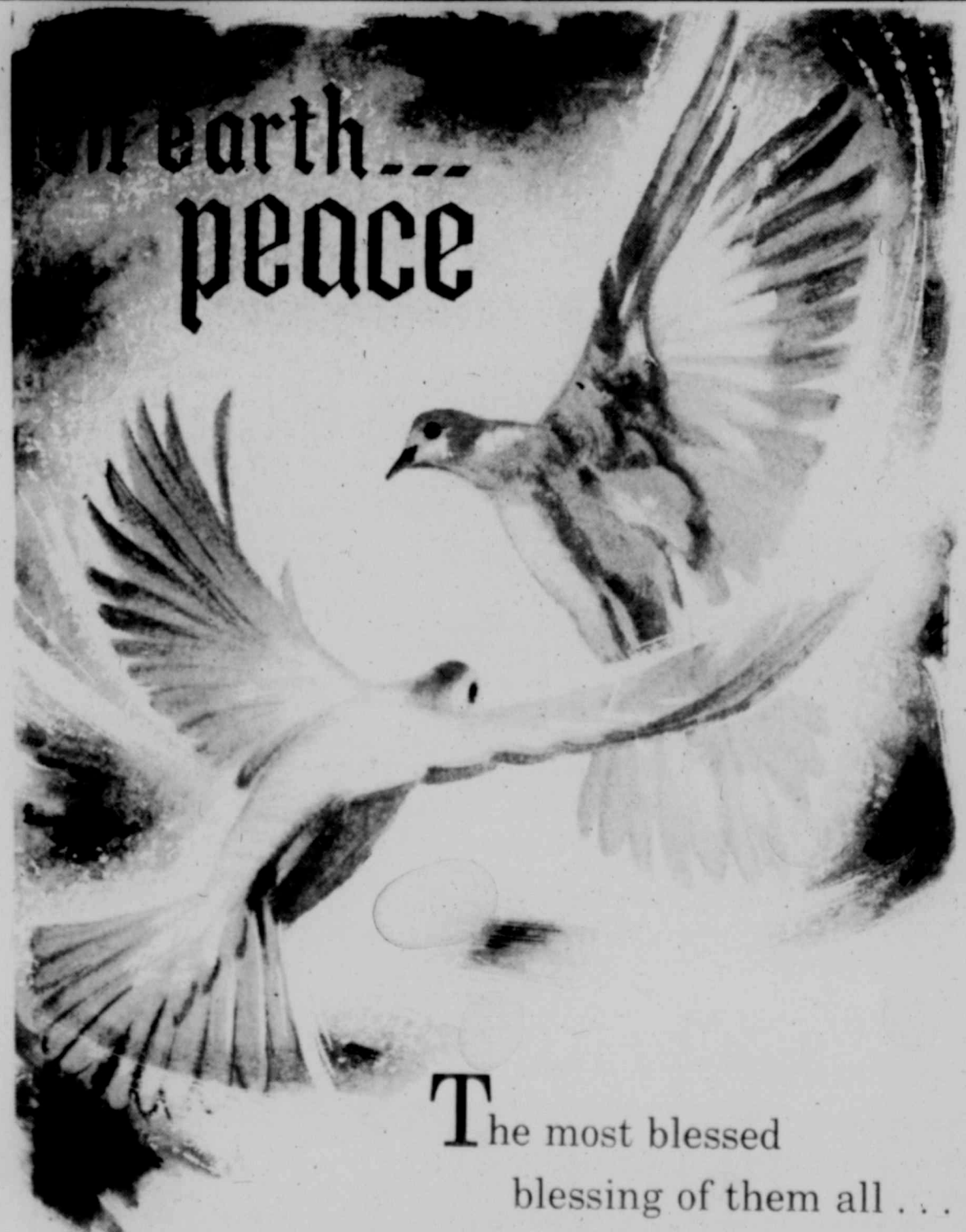
Mrs. Faith Robinson, 59, an active woman all of her life, has had kidney disease for five years. She said dialysis is very difficult for her and that she was misled about it.

"Not by doctors," she said, "they didn't promise me a rose garden, but by articles I read which only emphasized the positive. They also should present the negative."

She said she couldn't accept the idea of dialysis at first.

Request denied

BIG SPRING—Howard County commissioners have voted to deny a request by Louis Rosenbaum for a fixed-base operator's lease at Howard County Airport.



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Ford's woes really nothing new

RICHARD T. COOPER/
The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — John Quincy Adams came down with it first. Andrew Johnson and Rutherford B. Hayes caught near-fatal doses. Millard Fillmore shrugged it off. Dwight D. Eisenhower thrived on it, and Harry S. Truman rode it gleefully into the history books.

The malady common to these and six other U.S. presidents, including Gerald R. Ford, is divided government, a condition that exists when a chief executive of one political party faces a Congress dominated by the other.

Sometimes relatively mild, sometimes virulent, the symptoms and consequences can amount to no more than unseemly bickering and a preoccupation with partisan maneuvers. Or, as is increasingly the case now, divided government can produce unbridled conflict in which the normal bonds of political restraint are burst, government is virtually paralyzed, and serious national problems are neglected or worse.

IN EXTREME cases, outrageous obstructionism, bribery, slander, and even public appeals for violence have resulted.

—Item: Spiteful Whigs once refused congressional approval for routine White House maintenance expenses, forcing Democratic President John Tyler (1841-1845) to pay for firewood and candles himself.

—Item: When John Quincy Adams (1825-1829), who had taken office without winning a clear-cut election victory, installed a billiard table and a chess set in the White House, partisans of Andrew Jackson launched a congressional investigation and charged Adams with squandering public monies on "gaming tables and gambling furniture" even though Adams had paid for them with his own money.

—ITEM: SHORTLY before Hayes was to be sworn in as President after a disputed election, a hostile Washington newspaper openly invited his assassination, declaring that if Hayes could "ride in safety from the Executive Mansion to Capitol Hill, to be inaugurated, we are fitted for the slavery that will follow the inauguration."

—Item: the savage struggle between Andrew Johnson (1865-1869), the luckless and inept successor to Abraham Lincoln, and congressional Republicans not only led to the only presidential impeachment trial in U.S. history but also prolonged the bitter aftermath of the Civil War and set back race relations a century.

SURVEYING ALL this and more in 1946, when Republicans had just won control of both the House and the Senate, a trusted adviser sent President Truman a confidential memorandum arguing that the history of divided government showed there was no point even trying to cooperate with the GOP.

Inevitably, James H. Rowe Jr. said in the memo, the opposition Congress would use every trick available to portray the President as a bungler, an incompetent, or worse. Rowe urged Truman to beat his opponents to the punch. Truman responded with his now-famous "Give 'em hell, Harry" style, blasting the "do-nothing 80th Congress" at every turn and becoming the first chief executive up to that time ever to emerge from a divided government situation and win a presidential election.

IF TRUMAN MANAGED to turn his plight into a political advantage, most other presidents confronted with divided government have had no such luck. With few exceptions, most notably the immensely popular "Ike" Eisenhower (1953-1961), they have seen their personal standing ebb and their ability to shape government policy evaporate. Almost always, the country has been to some degree the loser.

The 12 U.S. presidents confronted with divided government, in addition to John Quincy Adams, Tyler, Fillmore (1850-1853), Andrew Johnson, Hayes, Truman (1945-1953), Eisenhower, and Ford, were Zachary Taylor (1849-1850), Grover Cleveland (1885-1889 and 1893-1897), Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921), and Richard M. Nixon (1969-1974).

It is no accident that, with the possible exception of Wilson, none of these presidents are ranked by historians among the nation's greatest. Only Truman and Cleveland are commonly rated near-great, and two of those on the list, Johnson and Nixon, would probably be considered among the most disastrous in the history of the American presidency.

FORTUNATELY, DIVIDED government has been comparatively rare during much of the nation's history; in only 22 of the first 160 years after George Washington's inauguration did presidents look down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to Capitol Hill and see both House and Senate in the hands of their political opposites.

And for the most part, the problem was blessedly short-lived, soon eliminated by a decisive election.

The last 25 years have been a different story, however. For 13 of these years, Democrats have controlled Congress while a Republican has occupied the Oval Office. In January, the nation will begin its eighth consecutive year under such arrangements, by far the longest such period in U.S. history.

THIS DIVISION of power and responsibility, aggravated by Vietnam, Watergate, and other factors, has led to one of the most fractious and

bitter periods in American government. Now even with relatively mild Democratic leaders and a president whom most like personally, relations between the White House and Congress have degenerated into an increasingly unproductive tableau of threats, insults, posturings, confrontations, and vetoes.

Critical decisions on energy, the economy, foreign affairs, and other sensitive subjects have been repeatedly delayed, then resolved by compromises that often have been seriously flawed. Even though Ford eventually signed the compromise energy bill, for example, the United States does not have a tough, far-reaching energy policy, has not begun reducing its vulnerability to foreign oil producers, and has not begun building the emergency oil stockpile that most experts agree is needed.

Similarly, the continued squabbling over income tax cuts is subjecting the still-shaky economy to new strains. And in foreign affairs, Congress and the President have been unable to agree on policies, or in some cases even who ought to be responsible for them, for dealing with a host of difficult questions, including arms for Turkey, trade with the Soviet Union, the Angola civil war, internal strife in Portugal, and the role of U.S. intelligence agencies.

TO BE SURE, friction between Congress and the White House is endemic to Washington regardless of whether a president's opponents control both House and Senate. While true divided government has been relatively rare, a number of Presidents have had to content with one or the other house in opposition hands for at least part of their tenure. Also, the loose structure of U.S. political parties almost guarantees that any president will have some problems even with congressional majorities from his own party.

More important, the Constitutional system of checks and balances, as well as separation of powers between legislative and executive branches, were designed to guard against automatic, and potentially unhealthy, agreement on policy.

Says Rep. John Brademas (D-Ind.), chief deputy whip for the Democrats, "I don't think the country really appreciates the effect of the separation of powers and our decentralized party system on the government. We have a degree of division and squabbling built into the system."

WHILE THE CURRENT pattern of persistent divided government appears to carry disagreement and delay well beyond anything the Founding Fathers meant to impose, there are some who argue the present situation is all for the best.

Rep. John Rousselot (R-Calif.), a conservative, believes Congress historically has been too willing to pass legislation in hopes of solving problems. Thus, he says, "I like the thorough debate and confrontation" that divided government produces. Far from wasting time, Rousselot feels, the frequent impasses between Ford and congressional Democrats "force discussion and prevent, as I see it, over-regulation and overreaction by government."



YULETIDE CHEER is the order of the day as Raffles, a male chimp, and Shana, a young female, return after cutting their Christmas tree at a tree farm near Redwood City, Calif. Raffles discovers he has a monkey on his back and seems politely requesting her to get off.

Sex-oriented stores objects of crackdown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police are driving out sex-oriented stores on the fringes of Hollywood by using a 1913 law to warn prospective customers their names may come up in court if they enter the places.

The crackdown is taking place on Western Avenue, a once-thriving shopping area bisecting Sunset and Hollywood boulevards, which has been infiltrated and gradually dominated in recent years by a score of massage parlors, theaters and shops offering adult books, nude

wrestling and sexual encounters. The parlors were particularly active in the summer, when women dressed in scanty bikinis sat in the doorways, knitting, reading or talking quietly but always dispassionately returning the bold stares, the furtive glances, the casual inspections. Hard rock music poured from the dark interiors, while low red and blue lights lent a modern-day mood to the establishments.

Now blue uniformed policemen stand in place of customers.

Three weeks ago, following pressure from city officials, businessmen and citizens' groups who claimed the shops were little more than fronts for prostitution, Police Chief Ed Davis instituted "Operation Ruout," stationing a task force of officers outside the sex shops.

Using the 1913 Red Light Abatement Act, the officers ask prospective customers for identification and tell them that if they enter the stores they might be called as witnesses in future court cases. That resulted in a reported 90 per cent drop in business for some shops, along with protests of harassment and intimidation from the owners.

Dirty Sally's and Mother's Fun Palace shut down, but the Hollywood Fox Club and the Palace of Love are fighting to remain in business. Superior Court Judge Harry L. Hupp, acting on a motion from the two, ordered police to restrict their procedures somewhat but did not order them to curtail them entirely.

"What you're seeing here are the landlords getting wise," says Sgt. Gene Ingram. "If these places get shut down under the Red Light Abatement Act, then the owners can't rent to anyone for a whole year. And if they get abated again, then the owners can't rent to anyone for three years. That's a long time to go without any return on your investment."

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Chief M. O. Feyde, center, secretary general of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, addresses newsmen

in Vienna conference room Tuesday where six terrorists struck Sunday. He withheld judgment on whether Austrian security

precautions for the meeting had been adequate but indicated that OPEC would keep its head offices in the Austrian capital.

Midland concerns listed among companies ordered to halt oil lease sales in Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida Comptroller Gerald Lewis has ordered 47 companies to stop selling oil leases in Florida.

Lewis said Tuesday that the firms were involved in what he described as a scheme to sell leases on phony or unproductive wells.

He also warned the public that such firms use stronger pressure on would-be investors at the end of the year.

He charged that the companies, which he said have taken at least \$3 million from 1,000 Floridians, violated a state law requiring them to register with his agency before selling securities.

"People who deal in these illegal ventures are as common criminals as people who rob you at the point of a gun," Lewis said. "In fact, more money is taken at the point of a pen than the point of a gun."

Lewis said using his administrative power against the 47 firms rather than taking them to court was "the fastest, most effective way to get at these people. They are pressuring investors to put money in or more money in to get their tax break before the end of the year."

The 47 companies may be taken to court at a later date, Lewis said. Lewis said it is up to individuals who may have been swindled to file suits to recover their money.

These are the 47 companies he ordered to halt sales in Florida:

Gas Corporation of America, Dallas; Farson, Inc., Dallas; BTA Oil Production, Midland, Texas; Bayou Land and Mineral Co., Shreveport, La.; Bedford Oil and Gas, Hurst, Texas; Belmont Oil Co., Houston; Bonita Hydrocarbons Co., Dallas; Development Drillers of Texas, Dallas; Trinity Oil and Gas Corp.,

Fort Worth, Texas; Atlas Energy Group, Corapolis, Penn.; Mid-Tex Petroleum, Dallas; Mid-Cities Oil and Gas Co., Euleus, Texas.

Independent Energy Corp., Dallas; Petrocarbons, Inc., Shreveport; Oil and Gas Producers, Shreveport; Gulf States Energy Corp., Dallas; Gulfport Oil and Gas Corp., Houston; Mericle Oil Compound, Phoenix, Ariz.; McFadden and Co., New York; Mercer Energy, Inc., Corapolis; Key Resources, Inc., Toledo, Ohio; Investors Drilling Ventures, LeSueur, Mont.; Thunderbird International Corp., Midland; Syndicated Mineral Investments, New Orleans.

Shay Oil Co., Omaha, Neb.; Sierra Oil and Gas Corp., Fort Worth; Sharon Energy, Inc., Corapolis; Sands-America Corp.,

Atlanta; Ram Exploration Co., Stockton, Calif.; Quantico Oil and Gas, Inc., El Dorado, Ark.; O'Neal Productions, Inc., Belleville, Ill.; Jud Noble and Associates, Columbus, Ohio; Midwest Energy, Inc., Omaha; The Hughes Group, Phoenix; Harding Oil Co., Dallas.

Eastern America Petroleum Co., Marion, Ohio; Apollo Oil Corp., Shreveport; Vantage Oil Co., Dallas; Needle Exploration Co., East Ely, Nev.; Trinidad Petroleum Corp., Birmingham, Ala.; Venado Petroleum Corp., Dallas; Warren Energy, Inc., Corapolis; Wilmar Oil, Inc., Mattoon, Ill.; Worldwide Oil and Gas Co., Dallas; Atlanta Drilling Co., Shreveport; Slater Oil Co., Fairfield, Ill.; and Energy Resources, Inc., Fairfield.

Five deep tests staked in Garza

Garza County drew sites for five deep prospectors and one is planned for extreme Northeast King.

Traverse Corp. of Traverse City, Mich., accounted for the Garza tests.

No. 1-17 J. F. Lott, et al, a scheduled 8,750-foot test, spots 660 feet from south and 2,640 feet from east lines of section 17, block 2, T&NO survey, 11 miles south of Post.

It is 1 1/2 mile southeast of the Teas (Ellenburger) field.

No. 1-25 J. F. Lott, also slated to 8,750 feet, is 4,500 feet from north and 1,200 feet from east lines of section 25, block 1, Jasper Hays survey, 10 miles southwest of Post.

It is 1 1/2 mile west of the Teas field and 1 1/4 mile south of a Mississippian pay opener in the Lott field.

The Teas field is not currently producing.

No. 1 Pierce-Windham, et al, an 8,500-foot wildcat, is 3/4 mile southwest of the Post multipay field and spots 1,800 feet from south and 1,600 feet from west lines of section 4, block 8, H&GN survey, eight miles northeast

of Post.

No. 1 E. Neff, also an 8,500-foot probe, will be drilled two miles northeast of Post. Location is 467 feet from south and west lines of section 90, block 5, GH&H survey, 5/8 mile northwest of an 8,450-foot failure.

The firm's No. 1 W. Tuffing, et al, also an 8,500-foot project, spots seven miles southeast of Ellenburger production in the Rocker A field.

Drillsite is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 10, block 6, H&GN survey, 14 miles southeast of Post.

KING PROSPECTOR

Bass Enterprises Production Co., Midland, intends to drill No. 1 Jane S. Burgess, a 6,800-foot wildcat in extreme Northeast King, about seven miles east of the Providence (Atoka) gas and Perseverance (Canyon) oil field.

It is a twin to a 4,298-foot failure, and is 660 feet from south and 860 feet from east lines of section 4, block P, H&GN survey, abstract 723, 25 miles northeast of Guthrie and immediately south of the Foard County line.

Three Basin regions get six explorations

Exploration has been planned in Sutton, Coke and McCulloch counties.

John J. Coyle of Dallas has scheduled as 7,800-foot wildcats in Northwest Sutton, about 15 miles northwest of Sonora.

No. 1 Mayer Ranch, 58 mile northwest of production in the Mayer Ranch field is 988 feet from north and 76 feet from east lines of McMullen CSL survey 5.

No. 2 Mayer Ranch, 1/2 mile southwest of production in the Mayer (Canyon) field and 3/4 mile south of the Mayer Ranch pool, is 3,755 feet from south and 276 feet from east lines of McMullen CSL survey 6.

Amoco Production No. No. 1-O Edwin S. Mayer Jr., will be drilled in Northwest Sutton, 3 1/4 miles north of the Sutton-Glasscock (Canyon) gas field.

It is slated to 8,900 feet for tests of the Ellenburger, and spots 1,839 feet from south and west lines of section 35, block EF, GC&SF survey.

COKE VENTURES

Peninsula Exploration Co. of Corpus Christi has staked site for a 6,600-foot try in Coke, as No. 1 Lucille E. Thompson.

It is 750 feet from south and 900 feet from west lines of section 232, block 2, H&TC survey, 10 miles southwest of Robert Lee.

It is a northeast twin to the Canyon opener in the depleted Edita field and 1 1/4 miles southwest of the one-well Green Mountain (Canyon reef) field.

WEST-TEX Drilling Co. of Abilene has scheduled No. 1 Smith Heirs as a 3,900-foot Cisco prospector, 4 1/4 miles west of Bronte.

It spots 467 feet east of the northwest corner of James W. Davidge

survey 967 1/2, thence 467 feet south to location.

Location is 1/2 mile north of the one-well Wendkirk, North (Cisco) field, but separated by a depleted producer.

MCCULLOCH TRY

Neal Drilling Co., operating from Humble, Tex., will drill No. 1 O. V. Lohn, an 1,800-foot venture in McCulloch, 2 1/2 miles west of Fife.

Drillsite is 2,105 feet from north and 692 feet from east lines of section 98, H&TC survey, about 1/4 mile west of the one-well Fife oil field, but separated by a depleted producer.

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ABO EXPLORER

Mark Production Co., Midland, will drill a 7,800-foot Abo wildcat in Lea County, N.M., about four miles northwest of Nadine. It is No. 1 Bilbrey.

Location, 1/2 mile north of a depleted Grayburg oil discovery, is 330 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 19-19s-38e.

EDDY OUTPOSTS

Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia, has staked a one-mile northwest outpost to the Dagger Draw (Morrow) field of Eddy County. It is No. 1-FF Foster Communitized.

Drillsite is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 1-20s-24e, 11 miles southwest of Lake Wood. Planned depth is 9,600 feet.

Yates Petroleum also scheduled No. 1-FD Coffall Communitized as a one-mile north outpost to dual Atoka and Morrow production in the Kennedy Farms field of Eddy.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 15-17s-26e, 1 1/2 mile southeast of Artesia townsite. Contract depth is 8,900 feet.

DRILLING REPORT

BORDEN — Baxter No. 1 Miller, drilling 9,088 feet in shale, id 4,761 feet, logging.

CULBERSON — Hunt No. 1-18 University, drilling 7,161 feet in lime, shale.

DAWSON — Coquina No. 3 Holton, drilling 8,056 feet.

EDDY — Coquina No. 1 Black River, still recovering load.

Penroe No. 2 Wright-Federal, preparing to swab through upper Morrow perforations, 10,729-10,808 feet.

Mesa No. 2 Nash Unit, drilling 11,517 feet.

GAINES — Gas Producing No. 1 Vera, coring below 3,301 feet. A

LEA — Coquina No. 1 Union-State, id 13,764 feet, waiting on a completion unit.

Reico No. 1 La Rica Unit, preparing to fracture perforations 3,813-3,820 feet. It swabbed nine barrels of lead in an unreported time.

Mesa No. 1 Merritt-State, id 12,545 feet, temporarily dropped from reports.

Union Texas No. 1-14 Leonard-

Federal, drilling 9,088 feet in shale, id 4,761 feet, logging.

LOVING — Union Texas No. 1 Allen Estate, drilling 5,889 feet in lime and sand.

ARCO No. 1 Mentone Gas Unit, drilling 4,701 feet in anhydrite.

CAK No. 1 Johnson, drilling 13,305 feet in shale and sand.

MARTIN — Hilliard No. 1 Jones, drilling 2,200 feet in redbeds and salt.

MITCHELL — HMH No. 1-A McKenney, drilling 2,670 feet in anhydrite and lime.

PECOS — Hunt No. 63 Elismore, id 12,461 feet; swabbed 155 barrels of fluid (no description) in 9 1/2 hours, through open hole 12,455-12,495 feet.

Adobe No. 1 McLaughlin, drilling 1,800 feet.

CAK No. 1 ARCO-Terrazas, drilling 12,492 feet in shale and lime.

Monasanto No. 1 Fay-Ellen, drilling 5,708 feet.

ROOSEVELT — Trobaugh No. 1 Hutcherson, drilling 7,830 feet in lime.

STERLING — Cities Service No. 1-A-B Ferguson, id 8,800 feet; pb 8,640 feet; flowed 19

barrels of load oil, 2 barrels of load water, in five hours; gas rate 300,000 cubic feet per day decreasing to 70,000 cubic feet per day, through perforations 7,171-7,251 feet; still recovering load.

TERRELL — CAK No. 1 ARCO-Mirebell, id 10,004 feet, installing safety valve.

Wood & Locker No. 1 Noelke; id 9,525 feet; open to pit and started flowing water; killed well; now installing blow out preventers.

WARD — CAK No. 1 Doane, drilling 9,808 feet in lime and chert.

Monasanto No. 1 Medlock, id 17,427 feet; preparing to run 3-inch liner.

Atlantic Richfield No. 1 Wall; id 2,554 feet; fishing.

WINKLER — Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker No. 1 Black Kettle, drilling 14,405 feet in lime and shale.

Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker No. 1 Comanche Unit; drilling 1,700 feet.

Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker No. 1 Yellow Wolf; id 13,120 feet; laying down drill pipe.

Rare gift awaits right visitor to oil museum

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame has a "rarer-than-diamonds" gift awaiting the 10,000th visitor to the museum in Midland.

The prize for being the 10,000th person to register as a visitor is a real barrel of Texas crude.

With all 42 gallons sealed in a steel drum, it will be shipped to the recipient's home if he or she lives in the United States.

"With all the experts on oil around, we thought it might be nice to prove it is not just a statistic, graph curve, political issue or myth," a museum official said. "It's really there."

If the visitor prefers not to have the barrel of oil in the family living room or elsewhere, the museum will buy the oil at its current price: \$5.25 a barrel, or 12 1/2 cents a gallon.

The museum expects its 10,000th visitor "within the next two weeks," Homer Fort, director of the museum, said.



G. W. Mayben

Amoco names oil manager

HOUSTON — G. W. Mayben has been appointed area manager-Crude Oil Supply Negotiations for the Amoco companies on the Gulf Coast, with headquarters in Houston.

Mayben transfers to Houston from London, England, where he was manager-Amoco Shipping and Trading.

In his new capacity, Mayben will supervise staffs in Houston and in Midland, which buy, sell and trade crude oil on behalf of Amoco in the Southwestern and Gulf Coast states, including New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

He also deals with the Federal Energy Administration regulations on mandatory allocation sales.

Mayben, a native of Temple, joined Amoco at its Texas City refinery in Research and Development in 1956.

He transferred to the company's Baltimore refinery in 1957 as supervisor of the control lab and the economics group.

He also has worked in New York and Chicago.

DRY HOLES

ECTOR — Robert B. Holt No. 1 W. C. Cochran, wildcat, 1,185 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of section 18, block A, PSL survey, five miles northeast of Goldsmith, id 13,217 feet.

FISHER — R. L. Burns Corp. No. 1-176 Dooley, wildcat, 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 178, block 3, H&TC survey, four miles northwest of Claytonville, id 16,830 feet.

HOCKLEY — Marshall A. Young Oil Co. No. 1 Pearl Hackfield, in the Y.O.C. field, 660 feet from south and west lines of labor 71, league 20, Wichita CSL survey, 14 miles southeast of Levelland, id 10,159 feet.

KING — R. D. Gunn No. 1-F, S. B. Burnett Estate, wildcat, 660 feet from north and west lines of section 6, B. Hughes survey, abstract 671, 10 miles north of Guthrie, id 4,570 feet.

R. Gunn No. 1 J. B. Hendrix, wildcat, 1,980 feet from southeast and 990 feet from southwest lines of section 82, block 11, H&TC survey, 20 miles southeast of Guthrie, id 5,286 feet.

LEA — Mesa Petroleum Co. No. 1 West Knowles, in the Casey (Straw) field, 1,980 feet from north and 2,130 feet from east lines of section 34-16s-27e, six miles northwest of Knowles, id 11,590 feet.

Robert E. Landreth No. 1-11 Federal, wildcat, 1,980 feet from south and 860 feet from west lines of section 11-19s-38e, nine miles southwest of Buckeye, id 330 feet, temporarily abandoned.

Natural gas field to form

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A new natural gas field involving at least 100,000 acres of Webb County will be formed Feb. 1 from 13 existing fields, the Railroad Commission announced Tuesday.

The single field will be designated the Laredo Lobo Field.

The fields to be consolidated are Clark Ranch (Midway), Clark Ranch (Wilcox), Clark Ranch (Wilcox, West), Hubbert (Wilcox 7,700), Hubbert East (Wilcox 8,500), Laredo, South (Wilcox 6,250), Laredo, South (Wilcox 6,800), Laredo, South (Wilcox 7,000), Laredo, South (7,100), Laredo, South (Wilcox 7,250), Zachry Ranch (Midway), KAD (6,100) and KAD (6,730).

Vote may end utility strike

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Striking electrical workers vote this weekend on whether to end their six-month walkout against Gulf States Utilities.

Some 2,250 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers could return to their jobs as early as Monday, a union spokesman said.

Gulf States Utilities provides electricity for about 405,000 customers in Texas and Louisiana. Supervisory personnel have kept basic services going since the strike began July 6.

A tentative agreement was reached between Gulf States and the union's negotiators Monday night, and both sides signed that pact Tuesday evening.

Final language of the new 30-month contract was still being forged Tuesday night, but union leader Otis Gill said workers in Lake Charles, La., will vote on ratification Friday night; in Beaumont and Conroe, Tex., Saturday, and in Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., Sunday.

An announcement of the election results should come no later than midnight Sunday, Gill said, with a callback for Monday if the new contract is ratified.

No details of the agreement were released.

"The long strike has been a trying time for everyone involved," said Floyd Smith, chairman of the board of directors for Gulf States.

New hydrogen sulfide rule increases safety

AUSTIN — A proposed revised draft of a Railroad Commission rule relative to oil and gas operations involving hydrogen sulfide was released Tuesday for public comment.

The revised Rule 36 contains provisions calling for increased safety and security measures around oil and gas facilities near public areas which involve the deadly gas. Additionally, in any area where the "radius of exposure" is in excess of 50 feet, there is a requirement for

provision of warning signs which, if new, must contain the words "Danger" and "Toxic Gas," with a red and white color contrast.

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108-year-old enjoys being man chaser

By DAVID LARSEN
The Los Angeles Times
LOS ANGELES — Clara Reed was at it again Monday, asking all the men for dates. After all, you're only old once.

Clara is about to turn 108. On Christmas Day, in fact. And one thing is certain — her birthday will be happy and her Christmas will be merry.

For Clara isn't exactly your basic Grandma Moses. At the Valerest Convalescent Hospital, where she is living these days, her interest in men is legendary.

"It keeps me young, honey," she told a visitor, tapping his knee.

In honor of her birthday, she was given a party Monday afternoon at the Otis Art Institute here. Clara, a Los Angeles County resident more than 75 years and now a ward of the county, was handed a scroll.

As much as it was Christmas, there was even a Weissman present. He was Richard Weissman, director of the Guardian Circle, the volunteers who assist the wards of the County Public Guardian and who hosted the party.

During the morning, while having her snow-white hair braided by a nurse at the sanitarium, Clara reflected on her advanced years.

"I don't have a pain in my body," she declared. "Jesus takes care of me."

Although she recently was blinded by cataracts, she still parks herself in front of a television set every morning to take in the soap operas.

And she invariably has a piece of candy in her hand.

"My interests in life have been religion and 'tish'," she confided to her visitor.

"Want a piece of candy, little boy?"

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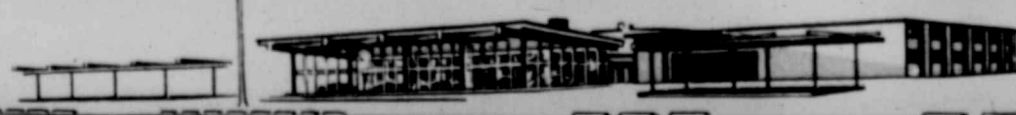
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Ruling jars baseball world

By CHARLES MAHER The Los Angeles Times

...which, if upheld, could demolish the centerpiece of baseball's reserve system.

Messersmith and McNally are no longer bound to their present clubs (Los Angeles and Montreal) because their 1974 contracts were renewed this year without their consent.

Actually, it could give them more. In professional football, basketball and hockey, a player may leave his club after playing the term of his contract plus an option year.



Andy Messersmith



Dave McNally



Arbitrator Peter Seitz explains ruling.

For a century baseball's position has been that a club can control a player indefinitely. If he refuses to re-sign, the club can renew his contract on its own, year after year.

Standing alone, the decision would permit all players to become free agents by refusing to re-sign with their present clubs and then playing one season without contracts.

BUT IT is probably too early to predict just how dramatically the decision will affect the game.

"But I personally don't think you're going to see many people play out their options," Osmond said.

OSMOND SAID Messersmith would still like to play for the Dodgers. He said they just couldn't come to terms last season and Messersmith decided to file for arbitration.

Messersmith, twice a 20-game winner, was 19-14 with the Dodgers this year. The 30-year-old right-hander turned down a three-year contract which, according to published estimates, would have brought him \$500,000.

McNally, a 33-year-old left-hander, spent 12 seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, winning 181 games and losing 113, before being traded to the Montreal Expos last December.

Seitz issued a 67-page opinion. Excerpts from the text were carried by the wire services Tuesday.

Seitz said that the agreement "falls short of reserving to a club the right to renew a contract at the end of the renewal year."

"It was represented to me that any decision...sustaining the Messersmith and McNally grievances would have dire results, wreak great harm to the reserve system and do serious damage to the sport of baseball."

"THUS, for example, it was stated that a decision favoring these grievants would encourage many other players to elect to become free agents...that this would encourage clubs with the largest monetary resources to engage free agents, thus unsettling the competitive balance between clubs..."

"That investors will be discouraged from putting money in franchises in which several of the star players on the club will become free agents...and no continuing control over the players' services can be exercised."

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Bradshaw, Tarkenton head Pro Bowl teams

NEW YORK (AP) — Terry Bradshaw will oppose Fran Tarkenton at quarterback when the American Conference takes on the National Conference in the Pro Bowl football game Jan. 26.

Bradshaw, quarterback for defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh, is one of nine Steelers named today to start for the AFC team in the nationally-televised game in the New Orleans Superdome.

Other Steelers named to the AFC team are wide receiver Lynn Swann and running back Franco Harris on offense and end L.C. Greenwood, tackle Joe Greene, outside linebackers Jack Ham and Andy Russell, cornerback Mel Blount and safety Mike Wagner on the defense.

Colts named to start are tackle George Kunz on offense and end John Dutton on defense. The Raiders are guard Gene Upshaw and punter Ray Guy. Bengals starters are wide receiver Isaac Curtis on offense and corner Lemar Parrish on defense.

Minnesota starters for the NFC, which trails the series 3-2 after a 17-10 victory last year, are wide receiver John Gilliam, tackle Ron Yary, guard Ed White and running back Chuck Foreman on offense and tackle Alan Page, middle linebacker Jeff Siemon on defense.

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football Conference team selected Tuesday for the Jan. 26 Pro Bowl game against the American Conference in the New Orleans Superdome.

Minnesota: Harold Jackson, Los Angeles, and Charley Taylor, Washington. Tight ends—Charles Young, Philadelphia; Charley Sanders, Detroit.

Defenses: Kwik—Jack Youngblood, Los Angeles; Cedrick Hardman, San Francisco; Fred Dryer, Los Angeles. Tackles—Alan Page, Minnesota; Merlin Olsen, Los Angeles; Wally Chambers, Chicago.

Specialists: Punter—John James, Atlanta; Kicker—Jim Bakken, St. Louis; Returner—Steve Odum, Green Bay.

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Football Conference team named today to oppose the National Conference team in the Jan. 26 Pro Bowl game at the Superdome in New Orleans.

Wide receivers—Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh; Isaac Curtis, Cincinnati; Cliff Branch, Oakland; Ken Burroughs, Houston.

Quarterbacks—Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh; Ken Anderson, Cincinnati.

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1—They announced they will renew an action in federal court in Kansas City. In that action they contended Seitz lacked authority to decide the Messersmith and McNally cases because they were not proper subjects of arbitration.

2—Seitz was fired by the owners. It was the second major case in which he had ruled against them. A year ago he declared pitcher Jim (Catfish) Hunter a free agent on the ground that the Oakland A's had breached their contract with him.

SEITZ, a lawyer and professional arbitrator, served at the pleasure of both sides. An owners' committee said it "no longer has confidence in the arbitrator's ability to understand the basic structure of baseball."

"He's in seclusion. He doesn't want to get involved in it," a reporter asked.

"Well," Osmond said, "I've been handling the whole thing and we're just going to keep it that way."

"What is your comment?"

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Lee gained the championship finals with Class AAA Brownwood. Tipoff for the title game was 1:30 p.m. today.

Miller picked off 11 rebounds and Ennis 10 for Coach Paul Stueckler's Rebs who took a 9-5 record into the finals.

Brownwood gained the finals with Lee by posting a 59-54 victory over Grand Prairie.

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Lee gains cage finals

Brownwood — Junior Miller and Billy Ray Ennis combined for 51 points Tuesday night to spark the Midland Lee Rebels to an impressive 73-49 victory over the Waco Tigers in the

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Bulldogs thrash Fort Stockton

BY BOB DILLON Midland High posted a 62-53 basketball victory over the Class AAA Fort Stockton Panthers Tuesday night in the Midland High Gymnasium to even its record to 8-8, going into the Christmas break.

The Bulldogs jumped out in front, 20-13, at the end of the first period and Coach James Cagle used 12 players with 10 getting into the scoring column.

Six-three senior Ernest Modkins led the way with 12 points while Tim Johnson and Craig Dunn were next with eight each.

Fort Stockton, meanwhile, was led by Kyle Watson with 17 points and Raymond Gonzales chipped in with 13 more in a game that was played in less than an hour.

Free throws kept the Panthers in the game especially in the first half when the visitors only hit four field goals, but cashed in on 15 of 19 charity tosses.

Midland held on to a halftime lead of 37-23 and it was 53-33 going into the final eight minutes. Fort Stockton outscored the Pack, 20-9, in the final period to at least make things interesting.

With the loss, Fort Stockton owns a 6-9 season record with two of those defeats to Midland.

In the preliminary junior varsity game, Midland took a 52-48 victory over Fort Stockton.

In the varsity game, Midland only hit six of eight free tosses while Fort Stockton canned 17 of 23.

Modkins scored eight of his 12 points in the first half and it was Johnson was took up the slack, somewhat, in the second half with six of his eight points, all coming in the third period of play.

Midland's next action comes in the tough Hobbs, N.M. Holiday Invitational Tourney, Dec. 29 when the Pack plays the Plainview Bulldogs in the opening round at 6:30 p.m.

Hobbs beat Eastwood, 91-76, in the tourney finals last year.

MIDLAND (62) Rickey, 20-14; Shock, 3-0-2-4; Johnson, 4-0-2-8; Magnus, 2-1-0-3; Gotcher, 3-0-2-6; Ward, 3-1-0-7; Dunn, 3-2-0-4; Leeds, 0-0-0-0; Wiley, 1-2-4-4; Modkins, 6-0-1-12; Hicks, 0-0-2-0; Maroney, 1-0-3-2 Totals: 28-4-22-62.

STOCKTON (53) Acosta, 3-1-0-8; R. Gonzales, 5-2-1-13; Watson, 4-0-4-17; Barnett, 3-0-3-4; Huston, 2-3-0-7; Blaylock, 1-0-0-2; Jones, 6-0-1-0 Totals: 18-17-10-53. Score by periods: Fort Stockton 13 10 10 20 - 53 Midland 20 17 18 6 - 62

Schnabel praises athletes

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — In his first interview on the subject, Secretary of the Senate Charles Schnabel says University of Texas athletes make outstanding workers in temporary state jobs.

"We have had athletes working for the Senate," Schnabel said Tuesday. "They're responsible. They're more responsible than the normal kid who comes to work here. They feel a duty. They never goof off. They always do the work."

Dist. Atty. Bob Smith is investigating allegations that Longhorn athletes working at the Capitol received pay for periods they did not work.



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UT looks to linebackers

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — To stop Colorado's mountain-sized offense, Texas will rely primarily on a 190-pound freshman end, a 245-pound tackle who plays best against out-of-state teams and a halfback who once mistakenly covered a tackle on a touchdown pass play.

Texas coaches also brag on a linebacking duo—Bill Hamilton and Rick Fenlaw—that one assistant claims are as good as any twosome in the Southwest Conference.

The Texas defense yielded 299.4 yards a game in the Longhorns' 9-2 season, which included a 24-17 loss to Oklahoma and a 20-10 setback by Texas A&M.

Its most severe test, however, should be Colorado in Saturday's Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston.

TEXAS HAS had the most trouble with teams that have balanced run-

ing and passing attacks, such as Colorado.

"Their quarterback is quality," says Texas Coach Darrell Royal of Colorado's David Williams. "He is a good runner and a good passer."

Imagine what Colorado will think when the Buffaloes get a glimpse of Texas sub defensive back Joe Bob Bizzell, the smallest player in the SWC at 5-foot7 and 142 pounds.

Aside from Hamilton and Fenlaw, however, Texas' best defenders have been freshman Tim Campbell, who led the team in sacking the quarterback, pressuring the passer, tackling on kickoffs and recovering fumbles; sophomore tackle Brad Shearer; and defensive halfback Raymond Clayborn.

Shearer says, "I am always up for an out-of-state game because I like to prove that Texas is better than an out-of-state football team."

Fenlaw, a junior who redshirted last year at his request, led the team in tackles with 141.

SHEARER WAS selected as the SWC defensive player of the week after the Arkansas game in which he intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble, caused a fumble and made 13 tackles. He had 17 tackles against Oklahoma.

The story goes that as an inexperienced sophomore, Clayborn concentrated on the offensive tackle while Washington giant end Robin Earl slipped away unnoticed for a touchdown heave. Clayborn, now a junior, has developed so rapidly that he is now considered to have as much potential as former Texas defensive back Bill Bradley, an All-Pro with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League.

Clayborn, Shearer and Hamilton, a junior who was recruited by Colorado, were chosen for this year's all-SWC team. Campbell made the Associated Press' second team, but in a poll by SWC players, he made the first team and was selected as the outstanding freshman in the SWC.

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TV blackout ban bill stalled in congress

By DAVE BRADY WASHINGTON — The three-year-old experimental law that provides for television coverage of sold-out National Football League home games expires Dec. 31, but by arrangement between Congress and the league all upcoming post-season games sold out 72 hours before the kickoff will be televised in the cities where they are played.

Rending legislation to make the law permanent unexpectedly was stalled in the House-Senate conference committee and will be taken up again when Congress returns from its Christmas vacation next month.

Joseph R. Fogarty, counsel for the Senate Commerce subcommittee, said there was no chance that the legislation will be shelved permanently, thus permitting the NFL to

black out home games, even if they are sold out.

"The Senate is not carrying any briefcase for the NFL," said Fogarty. "It is absolutely committed to an extension of the elapsed experimental law."

Rep. Torbert H. MacDonald (D-Mass.), chairman of the House commerce subcommittee on communications, had predicted the anti-blackout law would become permanent. The House voted for it, 363 to 40.

But when the legislation came before the House-Senate conference committee Thursday, Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R.I.), chairman of the corresponding subcommittee in the Senate, argued for another three-year experimental law. He said the league should be given more time to prove its contention that television of home games has an adverse impact on attendance.

By TED GREEN The Los Angeles Times PASADENA, Calif. — As it has the last three Decembers, the Ohio State football team arrived here over the weekend for its annual New Year's date, this time with UCLA.

And as he always has, coach Woody Hayes held his first pre-Rose Bowl press conference, this time at the Sharaton-Hilton here, where his team is staying.

Sure, there was a feeling of deja vu. It wasn't the first time Woody had pontificated about Gen. Patton and military strategy and tactics; about what's right and wrong with America; the thrill of victory and agony of defeat, and all that; how he works his players hard in preparation for the Rose Bowl, but not too hard; his great tailback, Arch (as he calls him) Griffin; all the great fullbacks he's had at Ohio State, and how Pete Johnson is no exception; how he'll always be a firm believer in running the ball but that balance is important, too, on and off the field.

If it all sounds old hat, well, it is. What isn't old hat to Woody, he told the reporters he went one-on-20 with, is the pilgrimage to Pasadena itself.

HE JUST loves the Rose Bowl. And the setting. And the weather. And Disneyland. Now Ohio State is going to the Rose Bowl for the fourth straight year and sixth time in the last eight, and Hayes wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is the best one (bowl) and this is where I want to come," he said. "It's a great bowl with great tradition and great pageantry — a quality production. And it's in a particularly unique setting in this country, with those mountains back there. Maybe those who live here take it for granted but we don't. And the people here just kill us with kindness; they treat us too good."

And even if Archie Griffin and Cornelius Greene and Brian Baschnagel and other Buckeye seniors have already ridden the Mat-terhorn three times, they'll probably ride it a fourth because Woody's just wild about Disneyland, which both teams will visit.

"It's one of the few truly clean attractions we have left in this country," he said. "It pulls people of all ages together. Nowadays people only get together at funerals and weddings. That many Disney was a true American genius."

Woody went on to say a lot of things. Probably the most intriguing were denials: one, that anyone on his team said they'd rather play someone other than UCLA in the Rose Bowl, since the Buckeyes beat the Bruins pretty badly (41-20) earlier this season and, two, that Hayes didn't applaud when UCLA quarterback John Sciarra was introduced at a recent awards dinner.

"I haven't heard anyone on our team say publicly or otherwise that they'd rather play a different team," Hayes said. "If it was in the papers (it was), I'd check your sources because the player was misquoted. In fact, on the plane back home after we played UCLA, I prophesied that we'd play them again, in the Rose Bowl. We have nothing but the highest regard for UCLA."

Bob Miller to pilot Gold Sox

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bob Miller, a player-coach for the Hawaii Islanders last season, was named Tuesday to manage the Amarillo Gold Sox in the Texas baseball league.

The 36-year-old Miller spent 17 years in the major leagues as a relief pitcher with a 69-81 record and 3.37 earned-run average. He joined the San Diego Padres organization at Hawaii last year.



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Woody arrives for 'best' bowl game of all

By TED GREEN The Los Angeles Times PASADENA, Calif. — As it has the last three Decembers, the Ohio State football team arrived here over the weekend for its annual New Year's date, this time with UCLA.

And as he always has, coach Woody Hayes held his first pre-Rose Bowl press conference, this time at the Sharaton-Hilton here, where his team is staying.

Sure, there was a feeling of deja vu. It wasn't the first time Woody had pontificated about Gen. Patton and military strategy and tactics; about what's right and wrong with America; the thrill of victory and agony of defeat, and all that; how he works his players hard in preparation for the Rose Bowl, but not too hard; his great tailback, Arch (as he calls him) Griffin; all the great fullbacks he's had at Ohio State, and how Pete Johnson is no exception; how he'll always be a firm believer in running the ball but that balance is important, too, on and off the field.

If it all sounds old hat, well, it is. What isn't old hat to Woody, he told the reporters he went one-on-20 with, is the pilgrimage to Pasadena itself.

HE JUST loves the Rose Bowl. And the setting. And the weather. And Disneyland. Now Ohio State is going to the Rose Bowl for the fourth straight year and sixth time in the last eight, and Hayes wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is the best one (bowl) and this is where I want to come," he said. "It's a great bowl with great tradition and great pageantry — a quality production. And it's in a particularly unique setting in this country, with those mountains back there. Maybe those who live here take it for granted but we don't. And the people here just kill us with kindness; they treat us too good."

And even if Archie Griffin and Cornelius Greene and Brian Baschnagel and other Buckeye seniors have already ridden the Mat-terhorn three times, they'll probably ride it a fourth because Woody's just wild about Disneyland, which both teams will visit.

"It's one of the few truly clean attractions we have left in this country," he said. "It pulls people of all ages together. Nowadays people only get together at funerals and weddings. That many Disney was a true American genius."

Woody went on to say a lot of things. Probably the most intriguing were denials: one, that anyone on his team said they'd rather play someone other than UCLA in the Rose Bowl, since the Buckeyes beat the Bruins pretty badly (41-20) earlier this season and, two, that Hayes didn't applaud when UCLA quarterback John Sciarra was introduced at a recent awards dinner.

"I haven't heard anyone on our team say publicly or otherwise that they'd rather play a different team," Hayes said. "If it was in the papers (it was), I'd check your sources because the player was misquoted. In fact, on the plane back home after we played UCLA, I prophesied that we'd play them again, in the Rose Bowl. We have nothing but the highest regard for UCLA."

Sports in brief

BASEBALL — An impartial arbitrator declared pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally baseball free agents because they played in 1973 without contracts.

HORSE RACING — Shary Garty, 18, received a foul claim and won the \$14,300 Day Handicap by a half-length over Group Plan at Aqueduct Racetrack.

PHILADELPHIA — 19-year-old E.W. Campbell captured the feature race at Keeneland Racetrack, beating Secretariat by a half-length.

MIAMI — Maligno, 11, overtook favored Sir Skipper at the stretch and posted a 10-length triumph in the feature race at Calder Race Course.

NEW ORLEANS — Bolden Hour, 10, a long shot, crossed the wire four lengths ahead of the field in the \$40,000 feature race at the Fair Grounds.

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Sagami, 10, slipped by favored Good Report along the rail to win the \$200,000 Merry Christmas "Champion Stakes" by a half-length at Bay Meadows.

GENERAL — Jim McElhinney, 32, who compiled an overall career record of 67-77, picking for the California Angels, Cincinnati Reds and Chicago White Sox, died after a long illness.

Pro football

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Drivers named

LONDON (AP) — Mario Andretti Tuesday was named as a driver on the John Player Lotus racing team for the first two Grand Prix events of 1976.

Advertisement for Jerry's Sheet Metal, featuring a house illustration and the text 'Peace on Earth' and 'May the joys of the season dwell in each and every heart'.

Advertisement for Blue Bonnet Fence, listing features like 'FREE ESTIMATES', '1 YEAR GUARANTEE', 'BEAUTIFUL RESULTS', and 'FAST SERVICE'.

Advertisement for First Savings & Loan Association, featuring a building illustration and the text 'THE FIRST PLACE...' and '20'.

SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY R. FOULAN

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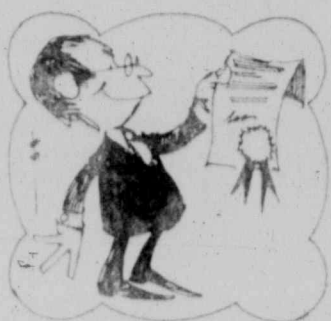
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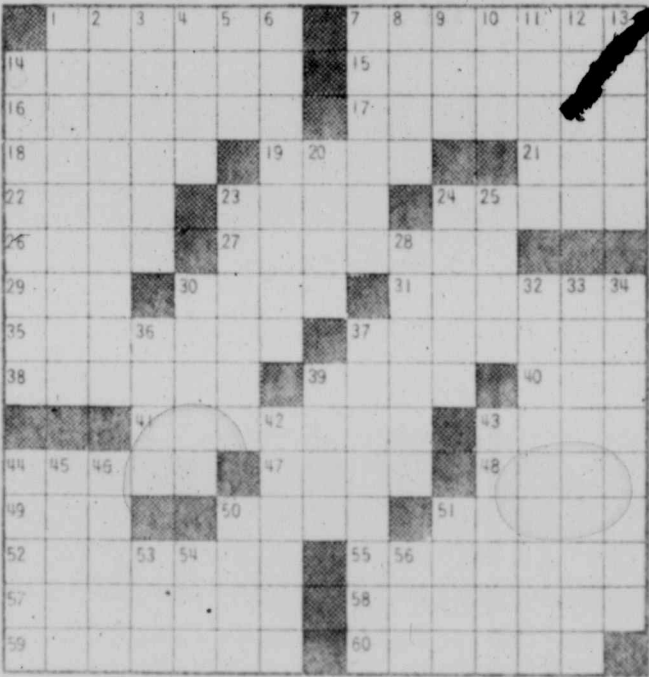
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Kidney-shaped nut
 - 7 Sacred month of the Moslem year
 - 14 Part of the street scene
 - 15 Raise
 - 16 Relating to summer
 - 17 Part of English jurisdiction after 886
 - 18 One of the Allens
 - 19 Wanton look
 - 21 Brew
 - 22 Reasonable
 - 23 Operation—launching time
 - 24 Quiet
 - 26 Jewish month
 - 27 Overly optimistic
 - 29 Vamoos!
 - 30 Dandy's partner
 - 31 Welby
 - 35 Equivocal
 - 37 With no exceptions
 - 38 Isotonic solution
 - 39 Benedictine
 - 40 Hour, in Italy
- DOWN**
- 1 Norma's famous aria
 - 2 Before birth
 - 3 Feel the cold
 - 4 Lifted, as an anchor
 - 5 Qua — (here and there); It
 - 6 One way to serv a burger
 - 7 Cheap booze
 - 8 Winglike
 - 9 People
 - 10 Forum greeting
 - 11 — Lama
 - 12 In any way
 - 13 Balustrade post
 - 14 Sponsor's words
 - 20 Effortlessness
 - 23 Stuff and nonsense
 - 24 Sharply delineated
 - 25 Sea bird
 - 28 Heroine of "Private Lives"
 - 30 The end
 - 32 Barrel factory
 - 33 Lacking congenuity
 - 34 Brine
 - 36 Record-holding runner
 - 37 Tools for drilling rock
 - 39 Japanese merchant ship
 - 42 Potentially active
 - 43 Arranged like a ladder
 - 44 Fiddle rock
 - 45 Tender of a sort
 - 46 Get together
 - 50 Laurel
 - 51 Volcano's peak
 - 53 Pre —
 - 54 Continue
 - 56 So, Scot.



FUNKY WINKERBEAN



BLONDIE



MARY WORTH



JUDGE PARKER



STEVE ROPER



NUBBIN



STEVE CANYON



HEATHCLIFF



HEATHCLIFF DOESN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF REINDEER LANDING ON OUR ROOF!

DENNIS THE MENACE



IN CASE I'M TOO BUSY TO NOTICE—YA IN THE MORNING... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE BETTER HALF



Got my Christmas gift from the boss.

ANDY CAPP



NANCY



DICK TRACY



LIL ABNER



REX MORGAN, M.D.



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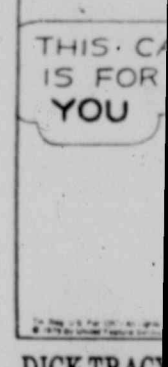


I know I should picture

ANDY CAPP



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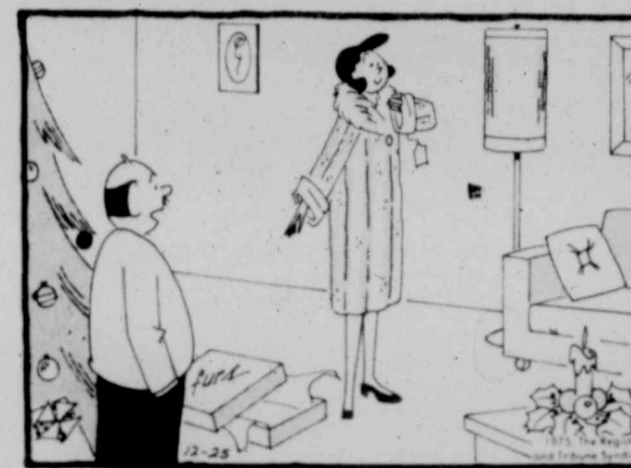
2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

3 UNSCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER

Did you ever get the feeling that the fellow who makes the tax assessment for your house lives in a CAMPER?

SCRAMLET'S ANSWERS

THE BETTER HALF



"I know I SHOULDN'T HAVE, but I formed a mental picture of what life was going to be like if I WOULDN'T HAVE."

ANDY CAPP



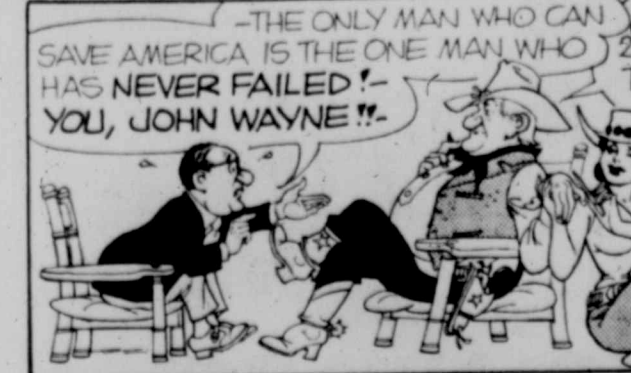
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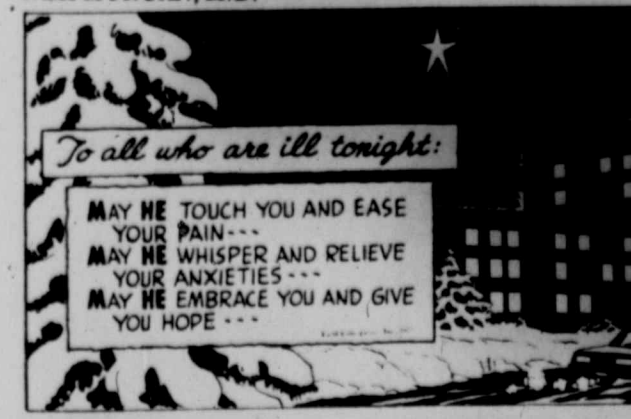
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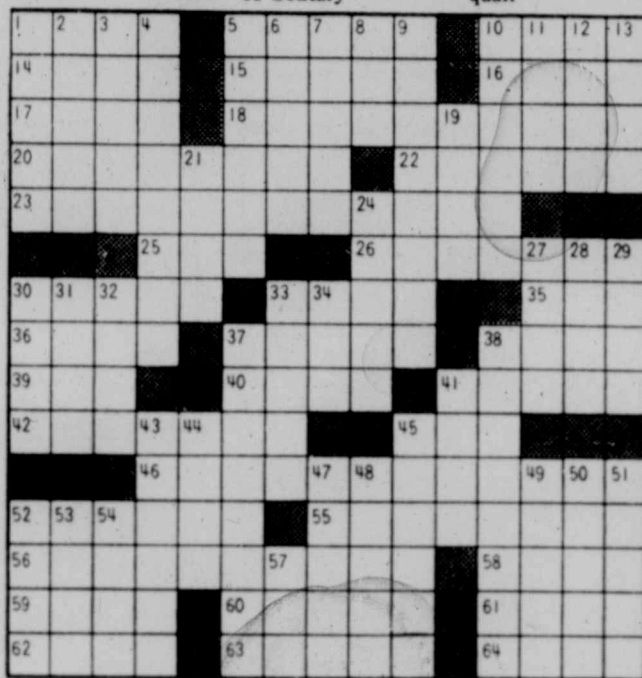
PEANUTS



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Katrine, for one
 - 5 Confused
 - 10 Sugar
 - 14 de Pinos
 - 15 pie
 - 16 Indian
 - 17 Adjective suffix
 - 18 Flats
 - 20 Evil
 - 22 Horse shows of a sort
 - 23 Rise to speak: Phrase
 - 25 Negative
 - 26 Side by side
 - 30 Room
 - 33 Philippine island
 - 35 Marble
 - 36 Greek goddess
 - 37 Christmas symbols
 - 38 Alone
 - 39 Western hemisphere gp.
 - 40 Place to use a sled
 - 41 Parts of rose windows
 - 42 Extols
 - 45 Hair-do
 - 46 "I want to Get Off": Phrase
- DOWN**
- 1 "When thou ... down..."
 - 2 Ancient port of Rome
 - 3 Jangling sound
 - 4 Spanish estate
 - 5 Indifference
 - 6 Tent
 - 7 Popular Christmas present
 - 8 Cup handle
 - 9 Family name in "Skin of Our Teeth"
 - 10 Racine drama
 - 11 Solitary
 - 12 date
 - 13 Feminine title
 - 19 Fix firmly
 - 21 Sojourn
 - 24 Gift tag
 - 27 Source of power
 - 28 After-Christmas event
 - 29 Deuces
 - 30 Christmas
 - 31 Move quickly
 - 32 Minor
 - 33 Like a potato chip
 - 34 Fish
 - 37 Study of religious truth
 - 38 Destroy figuratively
 - 41 Jerseys
 - 43 Opera role
 - 44 Young ox: Brit. dial.
 - 45 Animals
 - 47 Alpine area
 - 48 Of the blood
 - 49 Popular poet
 - 50 " call you sweetheart..."
 - 51 Slag
 - 52 Exerts energy
 - 53 Channel island
 - 54 Fill to satiety
 - 57 Yuletide quaff



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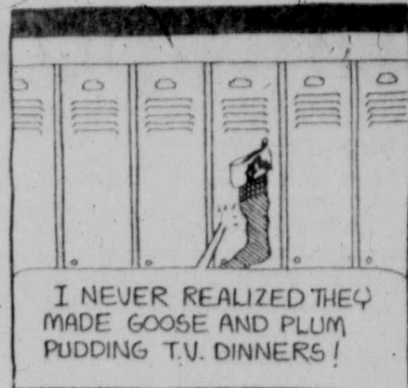
FUNKY WINKERBEAN



GEE, IT'S REALLY GREAT YOU GUYS COULD ALL MAKE IT OVER FOR CHRISTMAS!



YEAH, AND THIS CHRISTMAS DINNER ISN'T BAD AT ALL, CRAZY!



I NEVER REALIZED THEY MADE GOOSE AND PLUM PUDDING T.V. DINNERS!

BLONDIE



MY NAME IS BUMSTEAD... I HAVE A RESERVATION



YOU'RE FIVE MINUTES LATE... YOU'VE LOST YOUR TURN



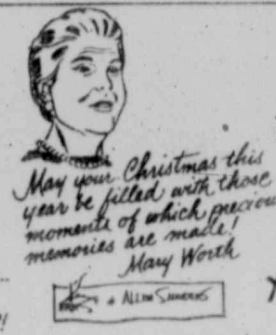
WHAT IF I WERE TO GIVE YOU THIS \$3?



YOUR TURN JUST CAME UP AGAIN!

MARY WORTH

The very young have only faint and fleeting memories of Christmases past. But we of whitening hair have vivid cherished recollections--to which all five senses contribute.



The sight of smiles that erase, for one day at least, the care-lines of an anxious year--of popcorn and raw cranberries beaded to make gay trimmings for the tree--and bright paper wrappings--and lace-fringed leaves!

JUDGE PARKER

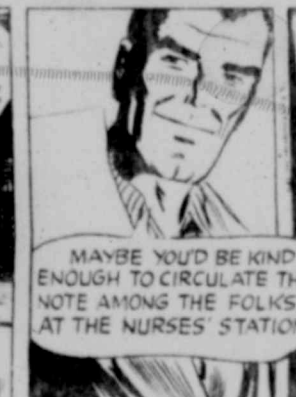
ALTHOUGH THIS SHOULD BE A DAY OF JOY THERE ARE MANY PLACES ON EARTH WHERE THIS VERY MINUTE PEOPLE ARE OPPRESSED DENIED THE SIMPLE FREEDOMS WHICH WE TAKE FOR GRANTED. LET US REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THOSE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH HE DIED... AND MAY THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH!



STEVE ROPER



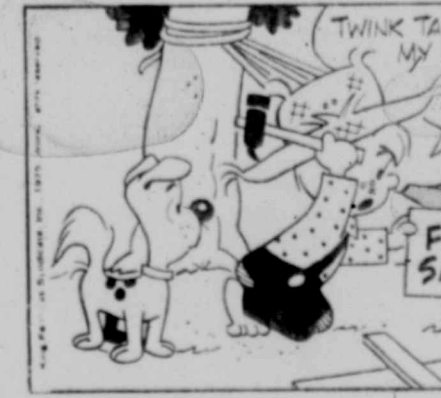
THE DOCTOR SAYS YOU'LL BE GOING HOME SOON, MR. ROPER



THAT INFORMATION IS THE BEST GIFT I COULD RECEIVE TODAY, NURSE.

To the men and women in white, gray and candy-stripe--here and in hospitals everywhere--who every day offer the gifts of their medical skills--their soothing touch--their reassuring words--and their cheering smiles...

NUBBIN



TWINK TALKED ME INTO SELLIN' MY WAMMOCK, TATER. SHE SAYS I SLEEP IN IT TOO MUCH.



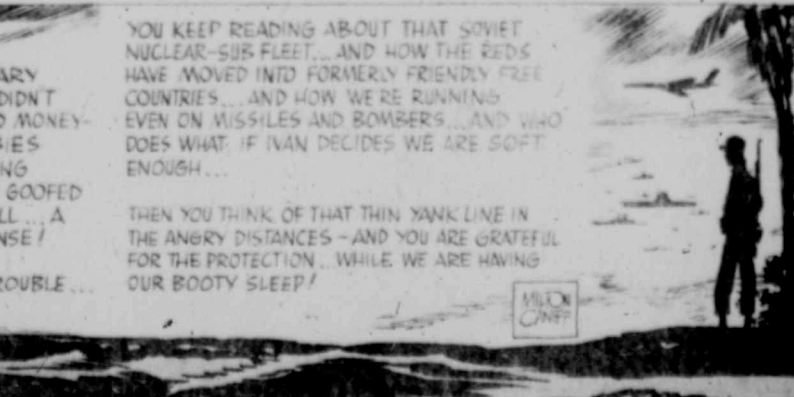
FOR SALE



FOR SALE DEMONSTRATION IN PROGRESS

STEVE CANYON

HEY, KIDDO, THE DIRTY OLD MILITARY REALLY GOT ITS COMEUPPANCE, DIDN'T IT? THE BABY-BOMBERS AND MONEY-GUZZLING CANOE CLUB SWABBERS WERE CUT DOWN TO SIZE--ALONG WITH THE PX COMMANDOS WHO GOOFED OFF ON OUR TAX-MONEY PAYROLL--A REAL VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE!



YOU KEEP READING ABOUT THAT SOVIET NUCLEAR-SUB FLEET... AND HOW THE REDS HAVE MOVED INTO FORMERLY FRIENDLY FREE COUNTRIES... AND HOW WE'RE RUNNING EVEN ON MISSILES AND BOMBERS... AND WHO DOES WHAT IF IVAN DECIDES WE ARE SOFT ENOUGH...

THEN YOU THINK OF THAT THIN YANK LINE IN THE ANGRY DISTANCES--AND YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PROTECTION... WHILE WE ARE HAVING OUR BOOTY SLEEP!

HEATHCLIFF



LOOK, GRANDMA! SANTA ATE UP ALL THE COOKIES AND MILK WE LEFT HIM!



BURP



ALL THAT?



IS THAT ALL?

Ramapo Mountain People a mystery after 200 years

The Washington Post
RINGWOOD, N.J. — Historians have not been kind to the Ramapo Mountain People, an isolated kinship group of predominantly dark-skinned hill dwellers whose ancestors settled near here in Revolutionary War times.

For nearly two centuries, the tightly inbred mountain people have clung to the rocky ridges and hollows in three communities where the Ramapo Mountains cross the border between southeastern New York state and northern New Jersey.

Distrustful of an outside world that traditionally has viewed them with a mixture of intrusive curiosity and overt abhorrence, many of the Mountain People have withdrawn even further into their own society.

About 1,500 of them still live together — here and in Mahwah, N.J., and Hillburn, N.Y. — seemingly haunted by legends surrounding their ancestry. They are painfully aware how they have been reviled for generations, in print and by spoken word.

FROM TORY newspapers in revolutionary-era New York to contemporary journals, the multiracial Mountain People have been treated harshly. Race is the principal factor that has socially isolated them throughout history, and the ambiguity of their origin is still at the heart of their unhappy and sometimes impoverished plight.

They have been described as living in unekmpt, haremlike settlements and mating copiously among themselves. They have been called mongrels, wretched scavengers, horse thieves, car thieves and fearsome clan people who shoot strangers on sight.

"Tobacco Road 45 Minutes From New York City," proclaimed a tabloid newspaper headline in the 1950s.

However, the stories the Ramapo Mountain People find the most offensive are those dealing with their origin, in which they are referred to as "Jackson Whites."

According to the legend, the Mountain People are supposedly descended from escaped slaves seeking refuge in the north New Jersey hills, and from Tuscarora Indians driven from North Carolina by white soldier settlers, and from Revolutionary War Hessian mercenary soldiers and 3,500 pro-

stitutes shipped from England for the pleasure of the Loyalist troops stationed in New York City.

A ship captain named Jackson the legend says, was commissioned to procure 20 shiploads of prostitutes from London, Liverpool and Southampton. But on the voyage one of the ships sank with the loss of 50 women and the crew.

Historians have written that Capt. Jackson, anxious to meet his quota, dispatched a ship to the West Indies to procure a number of black women as substitutes, hence, goes the story, evolved the sarcastic phrase, "Jackson's whites," which subsequently was modified to Jackson Whites.

Historians believed that the prostitutes were freed en masse from the stockades in the salt marshes of West Side Manhattan when the Revolutionaries retook New York City, and that the women fled to the Ramapo Mountains 35 miles north, finding a haven among the Hessians, runaway slaves and Indians encamped there.

THERE HAVE been variations on this theme, and some seemingly plausible explanations for the term Jackson Whites.

One theory maintains that the term is a corruption of "Jacks and Whites," with "Jacks" being an 18th Century expression for freed slaves and the combined term being a derogatory description of ex-slaves and lowerclass whites who intermarried.

In any case, the term Jackson Whites is considered by the Ramapo Mountain People to be most demeaning and they resent its persistence in folklore and history.

The Mountain People's own version of their origin includes Hessian mercenaries, white Dutch settlers and Tuscarora Indians — but they studiously exclude freed slaves or any blacks from their genealogy.

When asked what they are, the Mountain People who are willing to even discuss the matter respond that they are simply hill people, descended from Indians and either Hessians or Dutch settlers.

They regard other genealogical explanations as guesswork, and criticize attempts to trace their ancestry as offensive intrusions into their private lives.

"We can't help what we are ... We're slower than most, but we're just hillbillies and always have been.

City people move in around here and bring their ways — the fast pace they set. Everybody can't be rich in the country," said one of the Mountain People.

Another complained about the myths surrounding the people, and said the fact that they are periodically put under a sociological microscope has fostered prejudices in the surrounding affluent communities.

"Once you're labeled, that's it. It takes years and years to get rid of it," he said, referring to the stereotype of Ramapo people as being lazy, slovenly and given to intrafamily marrying.

The most in-depth genealogical study made of the Ramapo Mountain People was conducted between 1968 and 1970 by David S. Cohen, an assistant professor of history at Rutgers University.

Cohen — who wrote a doctoral dissertation on the subject — lived and worked with the hill dwellers for a year, conducting extensive genealogical research, examining church wills and deeds, and studying court papers and family records.

He established that the Mountain People's ancestors included freed-black landowners who were the first "colored pioneers" of the new colonies. He also discovered some Dutch ancestry, possibly some Indian ancestry and a clear lineage to early colonial mulattoes who settled in the Hackensack River valley.

In an interview in his New Brunswick, N.J., home, Cohen drew a parallel between the Ramapo people and other multiracial, isolated "kinship groups" scattered across the United States.

They include the Wesorts, or Brandywines, of southern Maryland; the Lumbees, or Croations, of North Carolina, who supposed are descended from Indians and survivors of the "lost colony" of Roanoke Island, N.C.; the so-called Brass Ankles of South Carolina, and the Melungeons of eastern Tennessee, who supposedly are descended from Portuguese pirates.

SOCIOLOGISTS call these groups "tri-racial isolates," and the common denominators of each are that they are surrounded by folk legends and they seek to maintain their own identities.

"Because of the legends and their attitudes toward the outer world, they tend to marry among themselves.

They remain isolated, and the longer the legends persist, the more isolated they become," Cohen said.

Cohen said he was unable to find any historical support for either the "Jackson White" story or for the Ramapo people's view that they are descended primarily from Indians and Hessians.

The least likely aspect of the legend, he said, is the Hessian aspect, since many of the Mountain People's surnames are Dutch — van Dunk, de Fresse, de Groat or Degroot. It is likely, he said, there is some Indian ancestry, and it is certain that there is freed-slave ancestry.

A nucleus of the three Dutch-surname families remains dominant in the Ramapos; Mountain People interviewed often alluded to the fact that "everybody here is related." Exogamous marriages have increased in recent years, but even such marriages to southern blacks are still frowned upon in some Ramapo Mountain families.

Ringwood is the poorest of the three communities where the Mountain People live, and it is where the prejudices have been most deeply felt in economic terms. Unemployment among the Mountain People here is 40 per cent, with the remainder either working for the town or at low-paying manual labor. The picture is somewhat better in more middle-class Hillburn and in Mahwah, where there are factories.

The Ringwood Mountain People, about 500 in all, live clustered in a depressed mine area on the outskirts of town, which in recent years has become part of New York City's suburban sprawl.

Twenty years ago, the iron mines closed and the jobless Mountain People suddenly became an economic burden on the more affluent surrounding community.

The Ford Motor Co., which has an assembly plant in nearby Mahwah, purchased the mine site and the 50 ramshackle company houses in which the miners lived.

FOR YEARS, Ford used the empty mine shafts for dumping its industrial waste, while collecting rent from the Mountain People still living in the shacks. Rent per family averaged \$25, and many of the people existed on welfare.

Finally, after a bitter political fight by a self-help group set up by poverty

workers to acquire the land, the Ford Motor Co. in 1970 donated 290 acres of the mine site to the town's solid Waste Disposal Authority, which became the new landlord.

The Mountain People, consequently, were tenants on a garbage dump.

The self-help group, called Housing Operation With Training (HOW-TO), eventually purchased eight acres of the old mine area. The group, initially funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, then began a program to train the Mountain People in basic construction skills so they could build their own homes with low-interest Farmer's Home Administration mortgages.

Now, eight new houses have been built by the Mountain People and eight more are under construction. With a \$115,000 grant from the Housing and Urban Development Department, the town and HOW-TO hope to renovate many of the dilapidated old company houses.

But there has been a history of resistance on the part of some town officials to efforts to help the Mountain

People, said Andrew Marshal, HOW-TO project director.

"THE RESISTANCE stems from deep-seated prejudices and the (Mountain) Peoples' history. The prejudices are racial, cultural and economic ... some people come right out and say, 'They (the Ramapo Mountain People) are dirty and they have children out of wedlock,'" Marshal said.

HOW-TO has run out of money now, and Marshal and other supporters of the Ramapo people are fearful the housing project will come to a halt. Even if that happens, however, some of the Mountain People figure they already have scored a major victory.

"A lot of people around here figured as hillbillies couldn't do it — that we'd fall flat on our asses," said William (Pooch) van Dunk, looking at the neat, new ranch houses climbing the side of a hill just above the weather-worn, sagging old company shanties.

Krishna Santas pass out candy

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Ere Santa drives out of sight this year, he might just proclaim in a jolly baritone, "Hare Krishna."

Devotees of Hare Krishna, a religious movement with roots in India more than 5,000 years ago, generally shave their heads except for a top-knot, wear flowing robes and chant slowly the praises of their lord, Krishna.

But this holiday six of them are passing out candy canes to occupants of cars stacked up at a stop light in busy north San Antonio, dressed as Santa Clauses and loudly bawling, "Ho, ho, ho."

"Dressing up as Santa Clause, people can relate to us," said Jyoti Das, a disciple from Houston who took that name when he was spiritually reborn. "Each car in which the driver will roll down the window is asked for a dollar donation and given a candy cane and book on Hare Krishna regardless."

"Christmas is a time of loving; of sharing what we have," said Jyoti Das. "And the most valuable thing we have is to give part of ourselves ... and we try to share Krishna."

There are those who don't want a share of Krishna. Sometimes Santa is greeted by angrily curled lips on harried drivers or waving hands warning Santa Clause to get his white beard out of the street.

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Reproduction rates for three-fourths of the Soviet population have dropped below the replacement level in recent years, and a labor shortage is forecast for the last 15 years of this century. About one in every four new marriages now ends in divorce (a rate that has risen 10 times in 25 years), and 45 per cent of divorces here reportedly are due to sexual incompatibility, according to Young Communist.

"The more divorces, the fewer children," said the Literary Gazette bluntly.



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Sincerely yours,
Sid and Helen Trevis
and Club Grands

Sex education now called 'culture' in Russia

By ROBERT C. TOTH
The Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — After half a century of puritanism and prudishness, sex is coming out of the Communist closet with the first large-scale sex education efforts by Soviet authorities.

The aim may be to increase joy in bed, but it is phrased as reaching new "heights of culture." Another purpose probably is to spur the waning Soviet birthrate.

Over the last few years a few experimental sex education classes have been started in schools, several excellent but limited circulation brochures published and a sex education laboratory has been created.

But recently the subject has been treated in articles in a magazine called Health (11.6 million copies each month) which, as one middle-aged woman said, "are somewhat revolutionary for us after so many years of reticence about intimate subjects."

JUDGING by five articles so far, the Soviet people are about a generation behind the West in their approach. Dangers of disease are exaggerated and details left tantalizingly vague. Some examples:

—Effects of gonorrhea and poor "intimate hygiene" by men are given a horror treatment recalling World War II basic training literature in the United States.

—He pounced on me like a kite (hawk) and then was sound asleep immediately," one bride complained in an article urging more male gentleness. A "difference in sexual potential" between men and women is mentioned but no reasons are given.

—Old beliefs are sometimes passed on as fact. "Experience of many centuries shows that the husband must be several years older than the wife," one article said. "It is a known fact that some women have more erogenous zones than others and they

are situated differently," another said.

"It is a myth that the sexual function of the man depends on his anatomical qualities," one article said. It was so delicately worded throughout that one middle-aged Russian woman said she finished it without any idea of what those qualities were.

"But this is our first attempt in the field," and I cannot be too critical," she added.

BEHIND the program, at least in part, is the realization that here, too, with urbanization and other social trends, modern youth "ripen sexually two to three years earlier than in the past century" and that "huge shifts in the attitude toward premarital and extramarital sex life" have occurred, according to the Literary Gazette.

A Leningrad study found that 53 per cent of men claimed their first sex experience before age 18 and 64 per cent of women before age 21. Illegitimate births account for 10 per cent of the yearly births, and many more unwanted children are aborted.

The program is also justified in lofty terms. Sexual illiteracy and hypocrisy "hampers raising the intimate life of millions of people on to

the heights of culture," said the magazine Young Communist.

The focus is on happier love lives within marriages. Premarital sex does not help achieve "full harmony" in marriage but "can, on the contrary, make it more difficult," one health article contended.

"A girl who loses her virginity before marriage," another said, "is deprived of her charm, becomes less interesting and, most important, loses her belief in beautiful, profound feelings and in herself."

THE STRESS in the articles on having children — couples are unfulfilled without children, they say, and women often lose frigidity after the first child — suggest an ancillary purpose of the sex education effort is to increase the population.

Reproduction rates for three-fourths of the Soviet population have dropped below the replacement level in recent years, and a labor shortage is forecast for the last 15 years of this century. About one in every four new marriages now ends in divorce (a rate that has risen 10 times in 25 years), and 45 per cent of divorces here reportedly are due to sexual incompatibility, according to Young Communist.

"The more divorces, the fewer children," said the Literary Gazette bluntly.



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Theater had its troubles in 1975

By WILLIAM GLOVER
NEW YORK (AP) — Tallying up the 1975 theatrical year:

Broadway's biggest musicals were "A Chorus Line," "The Wiz" and "Chicago." But there wasn't a hit song anywhere.

Among dramas, "Equus" by England's Peter Shaffer nabbed both the Critics Circle and Tony awards. The Pulitzer prize, however, went to "Seascape" by Edward Albee, a native son.

Personality headliners were Ellen Burstyn, adding a top actress Tony for "Same Time, Next Year" to her film Oscar; a pair of South African visitors, Winston Ntshona and John Kani, who shared the main male trophy; and Pearl Bailey, who became a member of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations.

Angela Lansbury and John Cullum won the national performer prizes.

Most dramatic turnabout was a double backflip by ebullient Producer Joseph Papp, who reversed policy at his Lincoln Center base by going back to a classics repertory, then canceled a loudly promoted project to showcase five new authors at a new Times Square beachhead.

Altogether, 61 commercial and repertory shows reached Broadway. Eighteen are still around, not a bad percentage. Also on exhibit during the year were 20 holdovers from earlier seasons. Five productions collapsed en route to premier and two others folded after opening performance.

demonstrations and protest rallies when Actors Equity first imposed, then withdrew, a stiff wage scale.

There was a significant decline, due to rising costs, in the previously important off-Broadway buffer zone between OB daring and Broadway wariness.

There were two major craft lawsuits. One ended with the Supreme Court ruling that Chattanooga, Tenn.,

seeking publicity.

The management didn't want critics to review Liza Minnelli when she went into "Chicago" for five weeks as a replacement for Gwen Verdon, recuperating from minor throat surgery. And "A Chorus Line," previously appraised off-Broadway, decided to keep critics from the Broadway incarnation until it had been running for nearly three months.

The blackouts were only partially successful. Some members of the press bought tickets and wrote their

opinions.

Theatrical advances and retreats on the national scene included: restoration to activity of the famous Pasadena, Calif., Playhouse; announcement that Chicago's venerable Goodman Drama School will close in 1978; start of a new professional troupe at Stamford, Conn.; end of Vincent Sardi's venture into dinner-theater; and discovery by the American Shakespeare Festival that advertisements showing the Elizabethan bard on a motorcycle increased attendance.



LIZA MINNELLI is all smiles as she holds the Rodolfo Valentino prize she was awarded in Italy recently. The prize is awarded annually to a movie personality.

Death claims 5 major country singers in 1975

By JOE EDWARDS
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The year 1975 claimed the lives of five major country music performers: Lefty Frizzell, Bob Wills, George Morgan, Cousin Jody and Sam McRae of the Fruit Jar Drinkers.

Frizzell, a singer, guitarist and songwriter, died of a massive stroke July 19 in Nashville at age 47. He had the distinction of being the only country artist who had four songs in the top 10 simultaneously: "Always Late," "Mom and Dad Waltz," "I Love You in a Thousand Ways" and "Travin' Blues," all recorded in 1952.

Considered an old school performer, he was known for what he called slurs — letting a note roll down from one octave to a lower one — and the emotional intensity of his songs.

He first became well known in 1950 for his novelty song "If You've Got the Money, I've Got the Time."

Wills, a band leader, fiddler and songwriter, died of bronchial pneumonia May 14 in Fort Worth, Tex. He was 70.

He was best known as leader of The Texas Playboys and for his influence on western swing music. His songs included "Rose of San Antonio," "Texas Playboy Rag," "Mexicali Rose," "Take Me Back to Tulsa," "New Worried Mind" and "Yellow Rose of Texas."

Mills was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1968.

Morgan, best known for his 1949 hit "Candy Kisses," died in Nashville July 7 following heart surgery. He was 51 and had been a member of the Grand Ole Opry for 27 years.

His other big hits included "Almost," "You're The Only Good

Thing" and "Room Full of Roses." Cousin Jody, whose real name was James Clell Summey, was famous for the wide, toothless grin he flashed during a 30-year career on the Grand Ole Opry. He died at age 61 Aug. 18 in Nashville after an extended illness.

McGee was the oldest member of the Opry when he died at age 81 Aug. 21. He was run over by his tractor at his farm near Nashville.

Others who died in 1975 were Ernest King, a washboard player who had performed with Johnny Cash, Buck Owens and Merle Haggard; Asher Sizemore, a one-time Opry performer; Mrs. Audrey Williams, first wife of Hank Williams Sr.; Bill Williams, a journalist associated with the Nashville music industry.

Crisis service manned

Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention (CRISP), the emergency line service of the Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, will remain in service throughout the Christmas holidays.

The service is a 24-hour operation manned by trained staff aides. The Midland number is 683-5591.

Three graduate

COMMERCE — Three area students received their diplomas in fall commencement at East Texas State University. They are Stephen Roland Smith, Andrews, B.B.A.; Charles Orby Tatch, Midland, B.S., and William Martin Trussell, Odessa, Ed. D.

Box-office action, both on the Main Stem and road, was generally upbeat and climbing despite a 25-day strike which blacked out much of the Great White Way before musicians agreed to a new contract.

Off-off Broadway, a booming area of theatrical experiment, was involved in a fiery dispute that included

Staires listed

BATON ROUGE, La. — Steven Kenneth Staires, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald K. Staires of 2503 Seaboard St., Midland, Tex., is among the 50 Louisiana State University students named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

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Worker wins big Wealthy nations agree to gold auction plan

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Canadian Ralph Gowling, a father of five sons and Ford Motor Co. worker from Hamilton, Ont., won the jackpot prize of \$800,000 Tuesday in the Irish Sweepstakes draw.

A sweepstakes spokesman who talked to Mrs. Gowling by telephone quoted her as saying: "Just the other day Ralph was saying he was fed up with getting up early and going to work. He won't have to any more."

But he went to work Tuesday morning as usual after hearing he had landed on Easy Street, the spokesman said.

The draw was made for the Irish sweepstakes to be run at Leopardstown Saturday. Ticket holders whose names came out of the drum coupled with the name of a horse can win \$150,000 if their horse wins the race. The jackpot prize is separate and not tied to any horse.

By HOBART ROWEN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States, France, and other wealthy nations composing the Group of Ten have agreed to have the Bank for International Settlements (B.I.S.) at Basel buy gold for their account at auctions to be held by the International Monetary Fund — if and when they want to buy it.

But the B.I.S. is not undertaking to buy, for its own account, whatever gold the IMF offers. This price-pegging possibility, proposed by the B.I.S., was flatly rejected by the United States. "Any notion of the B.I.S. acting as a 'safety net' is out," Treasury Under Secretary Edwin H. Yeo III told The Washington Post.

The IMF gold sales are likely to start as early as February, and last for a period of at least four years.

On the strength of a rumor that B.I.S. buying would provide a market floor, gold prices have jumped in the past few days. This report apparently got currency when British Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey left a luncheon meeting in Paris over the weekend a few moments before such a proposal — seriously discussed — was rejected.

The complicated maneuvering by which the B.I.S. will in effect become an agent of the U.S. euphemism is "reflect any interest on the part of" for central banks buying gold was made necessary by an existing IMF rule. This rule bars the sale of gold to central banks above the existing official price of \$42.22 an ounce.

At a meeting here Aug. 31, the IMF agreed to sell off one-sixth of its gold hoard at a profit in the open market, with the benefits to be assigned

to poor nations. An additional one-sixth is to be restored, at the \$42.22 price, to the nations that originally deposited it.

But central banks in Europe, especially the Banque de France, feared that if they could not step in to buy gold from time to time, the price of gold would drop sharply as the IMF offered the metal on the market. Ultimately, the IMF rules will be amended to permit the sale of gold without reference to the official price, which is being scrapped in any event, but that may take up to 18 months, since it involves legislative approval in numerous countries.

In an interview with The Washington Post, Yeo, who helped negotiate the understanding at the G-10 meeting in Paris, pointed out that the agreement merely formalizes what the central banks could have done in any event.

But designation of the B.I.S. as a buying agent takes internal political pressures French officials who had been criticized for abandoning their insistence on a return to fixed exchange rates, and had not been able to demonstrate that they had achieved, in return, a formal understanding by which their central bank could buy gold, and protect the price if necessary.

The agreement over the weekend appears to make certain that the IMF's Interim Committee meeting in Jamaica next month will ratify the agreements on gold, and the French-American understanding on exchange rates under which there will be regular consultations leading to central bank intervention to moderate the swings in exchange rate relationships.

However, at both the Interim Committee Meeting and the associated Development Committee session of the World Bank, the poor coun-

tries are expected to complain that the gold sales won't yield them enough benefits. At the Paris G-10 session, officials privately estimated that the sale of the gold would yield less than originally guessed.

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Dissident on hunger strike

Agence France-Presse BELGRADE — Dissident Yugoslav writer Mihajlo Mihajlov, sentenced to seven years in prison in March this year, has been on hunger strike since Dec. 6 in protest against the "inhuman conditions" of his detention, it was learned here Tuesday.

First news of Mihajlov's action was received here by western correspondents from the writer's mother, Vera Mihajlov, who now lives with her daughter in the United States.

The news was later confirmed by Mihajlov's lawyer, Jovan Barovic.

Mrs. Mihajlov said that her son was demanding "at least the human treatment accorded by civilized countries."

Mihajlov, who is 40, was also demanding the right to listen to radio and television news broadcasts, more books, a newspaper every day and better food.

Two other prisoners were also said to have gone on hunger strike. One of them was a priest and the other was a dissident Croatian writer Mirko Vidovic.

Goodyear recalls tires

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. says it is recalling 12,500 tires which have failed U.S. Department of Transportation laboratory tests.

A company spokesman said Tuesday that the tires being recalled are BR 70-13, range B custom steel guard with raised white letters and serial numbers with letters MK and ending in numbers 125 through 185 and also in numbers 394 through 524.

Goodyear stores and dealers will replace the tires without charge if customers return the tires for inspection, the spokesman said. He said the tires must be returned within 60 days of a recall notification which is being mailed to customers.

No reason was given as to the federal compliance test which the tires failed.

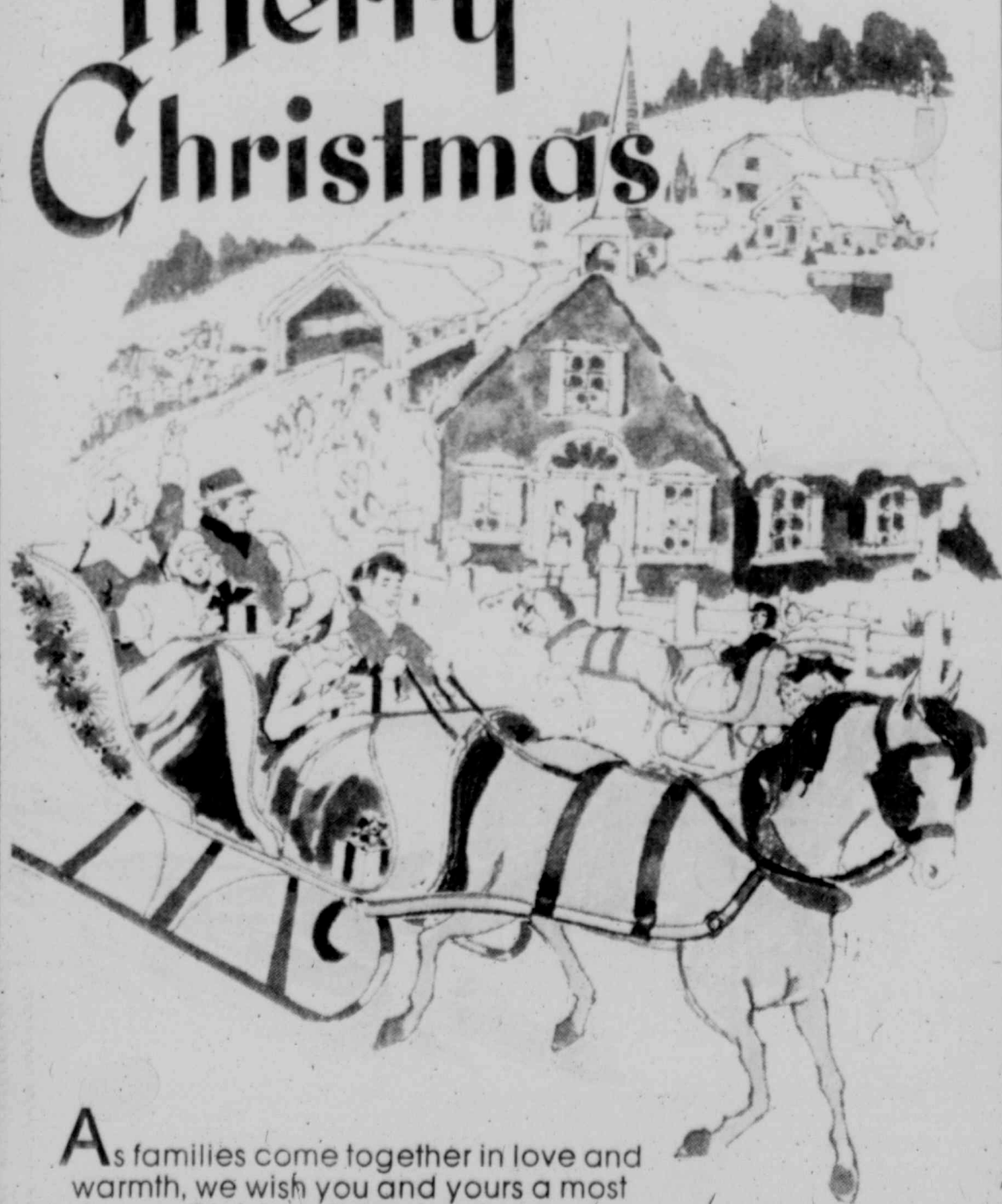


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