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Cat-omatic back scratcher

Carla Jo Simpson, 7, a first grader at Horace Mann Elementary School, apparently believes that a cat on the back is worth bending a little for. She and the cat (a

friend's unnamed pet) spent a little time together one afternoon during the Christmas vacation. Pampa schools open again Tuesday.

(Pampa News photo by Ron Ennis)

Highland meets roll

Gray County commissioners and County Judge Don Hinton started off the first session of the year with broad smiles this morning, prompted by the good news that Highland General Hospital has enough money to meet this month's payroll.

In a meeting that started at 9:30 a.m. in a relatively deserted county court house, commissioners appointed two new people to serve on the county hospital board. Named to

replace Suzie Wilkinson and Bill Tidwell, whose terms were recently completed, were Warren Chisum of Pampa and Dr. M.C. Overton, Pampa physician.

Dr. H.F. Fabian of McLean was appointed to complete the term of John Haynes who resigned from the board.

Chisum is co-owner of J.T. Richardson Trucking Co. In other business commissioners approved the monthly payroll.

Baby-sitter saves child

By The Associated Press
A Massachusetts baby-sitter gave up his life to save a 4-month-old child, four children were killed in their Oregon home and an old hotel along the route of the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., was gutted, all in New Year's weekend fires.

Chelsea, Mass., police said Walter Juskwicz, 23, tossed a baby boy from an upstairs bedroom window into the arms of a neighbor at the height of a New Year's Eve fire in a three-story brick duplex.

Juskwicz and two other children, Michael and Dennis Elliott, aged 2 and 4, were taken from the second floor, but they were dead of smoke inhalation upon arrival at a hospital.

Capt. James Trainor, 54, a 30-year veteran of the fire department, collapsed and died in heavy smoke while trying to

cut a hole in the roof of the Chelsea apartment.

The surviving boy, Sean Viele, was not believed seriously injured.

The four children of Carolyn Van Strum died in a 3 a.m. blaze that destroyed the family's isolated two-story home near Waldport, in western Oregon, on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Van Strum said she was visiting friends at the time of the fire and had called home shortly after midnight to check on the children and wish them a happy New Year, Oregon State Police say.

No baby yet

Pampa's first baby of 1978 still had not been born as of late this morning, a spokesman at Highland General Hospital said. No births have been reported in Pampa since 1977.

SS tax bite bigger today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brace yourselves, fellow workers. The New Year means another government nick out of your next paycheck.

Not that you aren't painfully accustomed to it. This year's hike in withholding is the same story since 1970, an annual boost in Social Security taxes.

Social Security will now claim 6.05 percent out of every dollar of income up to \$17,700, or a maximum tax of \$1,070.85, with employers paying a matching amount. In 1977, the rate was 5.85 percent of income up to \$16,500, or a maximum of \$965.25.

For someone making \$10,000 per year, that means a Social

Security bite of \$605, compared to \$585 in 1977.

But the 1978 hike is modest compared to what future years will bring. Under the new legislation designed to assure long-term solvency for the system, Social Security taxes will climb at a sharpened pace to 7.15 percent of income up to \$42,600, or a maximum tax of \$3,045, by 1987.

President Carter has promised a tax cut worth \$25 billion or so to offset the Social Security increases as well as the cost to consumers of his energy program. But that relief, probably in the \$150 to \$300 range for most families, would not be forthcoming until later in the year.

When the president signed the new Social Security bill, he declared that, "With the help of Congress in 1978, we'll have tax reductions which for every taxpayer will result in a lesser tax burden even in spite of the fact this does increase taxes."

Social Security taxes have more than doubled since 1972, when the maximum tax was \$468. When Social Security began four decades ago, the maximum was only \$30 a year, a figure that held steady until it jumped to \$45 in 1950.

Accompanying the recent rate increases, of course, have been substantial benefit hikes, including medical care as well

as retirement income. Last year a retiree drawing the maximum got \$5,244, a figure that will go to \$6,689 by 1980.

This year's increase was provided for by prior law. Although the House wanted to raise the rate to a maximum tax of \$1,203.95, the Senate and Carter prevailed on the lower 1978 limit of \$1,070.85.

Workers whose incomes total less than the Social Security ceilings will be assessed a deduction for every pay period of the year, while those who earn more have amounts withheld only until they hit the maximum tax. Those in the latter category thus can go for several weeks or months at the end of the year with no such

deductions, only to be painfully re-awakened to the reality of the tax when the next year begins.

Self-employed persons have to pay higher rates, since the government does not collect matching funds on them. The 1978 rate for self-employed is 8.1 percent of income, or a maximum tax of \$1,433.70, compared to 7.9 percent, or \$1,303.50 last year.

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213 die in jet crash

BOMBAY, India (AP) — An Air India jumbo jet with 213 persons reported aboard exploded and crashed into the Arabian Sea off Bombay Sunday night, and all aboard apparently were killed.

Another Boeing 747, flown by British Airways with 371 persons aboard, blew a tire early Monday as it took off from Bombay but it landed safely in Rome.

The Indian airliner was on a flight from Bombay, on India's west coast, to Dubai, on the Arabian peninsula in the United Arab Emirates. The airline said most of the 190 passengers were Indians going to the U.A.E. to work, but 11 were foreigners with Arab names.

The foreigners included two holders of American passports issued in San Francisco, U. Khan and Mohammed Ami Abdul Khazi, who were residents of Saudi Arabia, Air India said.

It was Indian aviation's worst crash, and the toll was the third highest in the history of civil aviation.

Fifteen hours after the crash, there was "no trace of any survivors," a spokesman for the Indian navy said. An official said 35 bodies had been sighted, nine had been taken from the water and part of the plane's tail had been recovered.

Helicopters, Indian navy ships and fishing boats searched the crash area three

miles off the coast. Pieces of wreckage, lifejackets and clothing were found.

The Boeing 747 took off more than 12 hours behind schedule on the 1,100-mile flight across the Arabian Sea. An Air India source said a bird hit one of the plane's flaps during a flight Saturday, and repairs had to be made.

Guests at Bombay's searock Hotel, which overlooks the coast said they heard a loud explosion that shook card tables in the hotel game room. They were unable to see anything at sea, but one coastal resident, Namdev Revatankar, told reporters he saw the plane's Air India markings as it went down.

An officer aboard a navy ship reported seeing the plane breaking up in the sky. The officer "saw the explosion and the aircraft disintegrating," said A.K. Sarkar, deputy director general of civil aviation.

Civil aviation's worst crash occurred last March 27 when Pan American and KLM jumbo jets collided on a runway in the Canary Islands killing 582 persons. The second worst was in March 1974, when a Turkish DC-10 crashed into a forest near Paris and all 346 persons aboard were killed.

The worst previous Indian air disaster was the crash of an Air India Boeing 707 into Mont Blanc, in Europe, in which 117 persons were killed.

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Clear skies and warmer temperatures are in the forecast today and Tuesday. High temperatures today will be in the low 30s (-1 degrees Celsius) and the low tonight in the mid-teens (-9 degrees Celsius). The high on Tuesday will be in the upper 40s (9 degrees Celsius).

Hanoi accuses Cambodia in fight

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The Communist governments of Vietnam and Cambodia are accusing each other of making war along their border.

Cambodia broke diplomatic relations with Vietnam Saturday, charging that several divisions of Vietnamese troops backed by hundreds of tanks and planes had invaded Cambodian territory. Radio Phnom Penh said the Vietnamese were

trying to overthrow the Cambodian government.

Replying Sunday, Radio Hanoi accused Cambodian troops of large-scale strikes deep into southern Vietnam.

"In some places thousands of people were killed and wounded," Hanoi said. "Thousands of homes and an uncounted amount of property were destroyed. Tens of thousands of innocent people were

forced to leave their homes and resettle in the inner areas of the country.

"Along the routes of their attack, they looted and burned down monasteries, schools and first aid centers. At many places, they raped young women, disemboweled pregnant ones, beheaded adults, threw children into fires and committed other untold atrocities."

The Vietnamese broadcast urged negotiations to end the conflict "in a fraternal manner," but the Cambodian ambassador to China, Pich Cheang, said in Peking that negotiations were impossible under present conditions.

The broadcasts were the first official acknowledgement of the border fighting which the two governments now admit began in April 1975.

Unraveling the secret world of Howard Hughes

Texas could reap \$150 million in taxes

HOUSTON (AP) — In an effort to reap the largest inheritance tax collection in Texas history, Attorney General John Hill is trying to penetrate the secret world of the late Howard Hughes.

At stake are taxes that could go as high as \$150 million.

By comparison, Texas gets \$100 million a year from the sales tax on all utility bills.

The issue is whether Texas was Hughes' legal residence.

Hill finished with the state's case Dec. 16, and the trial was recessed until Jan. 3.

Hill will finish presenting the state's case when the trial resumes Jan. 3, following a recess for the Christmas-New Year holidays.

Courtroom comments apparently have offered little hint of the maze of trails Hill's

staff followed for 18 months in accumulating evidence.

"Hughes spent the last 30 years of his life dedicated to obscuring the footprints of a person in his position would normally leave in his business and private activities," Hill said. "When he died, we faced a blank wall."

Hill's investigation began after Hughes died April 5, 1976.

So many phony leads were checked that Hill's staff almost missed a significant discovery because of their reluctance to pursue what they considered another absurd tip.

"One of our lawyers was assigned to check out a rumor that a Hughes representative had inquired about buying the top two floors of a luxurious Houston

high-rise shortly before he died," Hill said.

"We had been urged to pursue so many rabbit trails by that point, he (the lawyer) was embarrassed to ask the condominium owner if the rumor was true. After apologizing profusely and assuring the owner's assistant the rumor probably was untrue, the lawyer was stunned when the assistant cut him short and said, 'It's all true.'"

After Hill confirmed that Hughes had paid his personal income taxes to an Internal Revenue Service office in Texas and had paid poll taxes in Texas while living in other states, Hill notified Probate Judge Pat Gregory he would try to prove Hughes' legal residence was Texas.

Hill had to go to court even to get a look at the Hughes autopsy report.

His staff found themselves unrolling a ball of string of infinite length when they began looking for government papers listing Hughes' legal residence.

A trip to the Defense Department to check wartime contracts, for example, produced a chance remark by a department employee that Hughes had testified at a 1947 congressional inquiry into such contracts. Hill's staff went to the National Archives and discovered that Hughes not only had given his home address as Houston but had referred to himself as a Texan during sworn testimony.

An unexpected key to the Hughes inner sanctum surfaced, Hill said, when Mexican officers raided Hughes' apartment in Acapulco the day he died and walked in on Hughes aides shredding personal papers.

"We knew the information in these papers would allow us to break the Hughes code," said Hill. "It would tell us what questions to ask. It would give us a leverage enjoyed by no other lawyer who went up against Hughes. It was the break we needed."

The Mexican government allowed the IRS to microfilm 10,000 documents confiscated in the raid, and Hill was able after months of touch-and-go negotiations to get copies.

"The lawyer who ultimately obtained the microfilm copies from IRS had to spend seven days in the IRS offices, sweating out the approval of six different division chiefs, some of whom were hostile," Hill said. "When he finally got the box of microfilm, he was so spooked by the whole experience

he booked himself on a flight to Boston and came back to Texas under a pseudonym. The information in that microfilm was dynamite. It broke the dam for us."

Hill insists that the evidence leaves little doubt that Hughes considered Texas his home state.

"If Howard Hughes were alive today," Hill said, "it is clear that if he were asked 'What is your legal residence?' he would answer 'Houston, Texas.' That's where he was born and raised, that's where he made his fortune, that's where he paid his federal taxes, that's where he registered for the draft, and that's where he died and is buried."

"He made movies in California, he bought hotels in Las Vegas, but Texas was always his legal residence."



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This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessing. For only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that all men are equally endowed by their Creator, and not by a government, with the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property and secure more freedom and keep it for themselves and others.

To discharge this responsibility, free men, to the best of their ability, must understand and apply to daily living the great moral guide expressed in the Coveting Commandment.

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For Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1978



Big things where your career is concerned could be in the offing this coming year. Don't be hesitant about taking on additional responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) The secret for success today is to think in terms of "win-win." Showing a willingness to share and cooperate engenders a mirrored benefit response in others. Find out to whom you're romantically suited by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter. Mail 50 cents for each and a long self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify your birth sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan 30-Feb 19) Double your efforts today to create goodwill with persons

whom you have commercial arrangements pending. It will prove to be a sound investment and yield dividends. **PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)** Conditions are somewhat unusual today. It may appear that you are luckier for another than you are for yourself. Actually the reverse is true. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Although you won't accomplish it unaided, you'll have a chance today to take a sparse opportunity and turn it into something far grander. **TAURUS (April 19-May 20)** Look for a market today for something that you consider a hobby, yet has commercial potential. It could be an added source of income.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Lady Luck is your ally today in situations where you expend worthy efforts. Roll up your sleeves and don't let difficult endeavors intimidate you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A pleasant surprise could be in store for you today regarding a matter you've been thinking

negatively about. It will turn out to be a paper dragon. **LEO (July 23-Aug 22)** The recipe for success today calls for equal parts of imagination and elbow grease. Once you've formulated the plan let your muscles do the rest. **VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22)** You'll start out with rather conservative goals today, but then something larger and more promising will loom on the horizon and cause you to switch targets. **LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23)** Today you have two powerful assets going for you. They are your optimism and practicality which you should be able to utilize profitably.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) A situation that has been wrestled from your grip can be altered today so that you'll once again have the reins back in your capable hands. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)** Career benefits are likely today because of support from persons you've previously done favors for. The biggest push will come from an old contact.

By CLARK R. MOLLENHOFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. — New legal troubles loom ahead for former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst in connection with the multi-million-dollar raid on Teamsters pension funds by insurance racketeer Joseph Hauser.

Kleindienst, who presided over the Nixon administration Justice Department during the Watergate cover-up, owes his new troubles to his close friendship with Teamsters President Frank E. Fitzsimmons, a key figure in the award of a \$22-million-a-year insurance contract to a Hauser-connected firm.

Kleindienst's testimony is contradicted by John Boden, an officer in the Hauser insurance group who has turned state's evidence.

The Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee has sent the transcript of the hearings on Hauser's multi-million-dollar insurance frauds to the Justice Department for possible perjury prosecution.

While Kleindienst admits he received \$125,000 of a \$250,000 payment made by Hauser to Kleindienst's law firm, the former attorney general denies guilty knowledge of the various fraudulent acts through which the Hauser group, including John Boden, "looted" about \$2 million from insurance premiums paid by the Central States Teamsters to Old

Security Life Insurance Company of Kansas City, Mo.

About \$7 million in premiums had been paid to Old Security, with 80 percent of those premiums going to the Hauser group on a reinsurance scheme, when an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission caused the insurance bubble to break.

Kleindienst has admitted his law firm received the huge \$250,000 fee. He explained that it was for making three or four telephone calls to his golfing pal, Fitzsimmons, to put in a good word for Old Security. However, Kleindienst has denied knowing that Hauser and Boden had plans to drain millions from insurances premiums through consultant fees in a network of insurance entities.

But a key problem in connection with the Hauser "looting" scheme, according to the Senate committee, was getting around a direct order by the Arizona Insurance Commission barring the Hauser group from transferring \$1.8 million from an Arizona insurance firm, Family Provider Life Insurance Company of Phoenix, into another firm to use in the purchase of Great American Life Insurance Company of New Jersey or National American Life Insurance Company of Baton Rouge.

Because Kleindienst is from Phoenix, the Hauser group hired him to try to influence the

Arizona Insurance Commission to permit transfer of the \$1.8 million.

Instead of getting favorable treatment from the Arizona Insurance Commission, Hauser and Kleindienst were warned that the funds should not be moved because the financial profit record of the Arizona firm could not justify such a dividend to Hauser or his group.

Kleindienst, as a representative of the Hauser group, pledged that the funds would not be transferred, and in testimony before the SEC and the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee stated that he had no knowledge the transfers were made.

Boden, testifying before the Senate subcommittee, has said that the decision to ignore the Arizona Insurance Commission was recommended by Kleindienst.

It is believed that Boden's testimony is already well enough corroborated with documents and by other witnesses to make prosecution of Kleindienst possible on his denials of the conversations with Boden. A local grand jury in Phoenix is following up on Boden's testimony with the possibility of prosecution of Kleindienst for violation of state insurance laws by disregarding his pledge not to move the \$1.8 million.

Hauser subsequently moved the \$1.8 million from Family

Provider and it was channeled through a Washington bank to a Swiss bank account.

In the face of overwhelming documentation and testimony by Boden and others, Kleindienst acknowledged that he had several contacts with notorious insurance racketeer Allen Dorfman which set the stage for that Mafia-connected Chicago man to receive service fees by the Hauser group.

Kleindienst, attorney general during Justice Department investigations that led to the conviction of Dorfman, testified that he did not know of Dorfman's underworld connections when he was arranging for him to receive insurance service fees from Hauser's group.

To add to Kleindienst's woes, lawyers for Hauser have indicated to Senate investigators that Hauser might cooperate with prosecutors to avoid further prosecution.

Kleindienst, a political pal and protege of former Attorney General John Mitchell, was convicted of giving false and misleading testimony in his Senate confirmation hearing in 1972, relative to then-President Nixon's role in the settlement of the ITT antitrust suit.

Because he was permitted to enter a plea to a misdemeanor charge instead of a felony, Kleindienst avoided disbarment and practices law in Washington, D.C.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Jan. 2, the second day of 1978. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by the Japanese in the early days of the World War II.

On this date: In 1492, the Spaniards took the city of Granada from the Moors.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the Constitution.

In 1900, the Open Door Policy in China was announced by the United States to facilitate trading.

In 1929, the United States and Canada agreed on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1971, a crowd barrier collapsed at a soccer match in Glasgow, Scotland, and 66 people were trampled to death.

Ten years ago: Dr. Christian Barnard performed his second heart transplant, operating on a 58-year-old man at Cape Town, South Africa.

Five years ago: The United States and North Vietnam began a new round of peace talks in Paris.

One year ago: Former San Juan Mayor Carlos Romero Barcelo was inaugurated as the new Governor of Puerto Rico.

Today's birthday: Opera singer Renata Tebaldi is 56 years old.

Thought for today: They who give have all things. They who withhold have nothing — a Hindu proverb.

Canada

Canada is the world's second largest country. Its seacoast, one of the longest in the world, includes 17,860 miles of mainland and 41,810 miles of islands. It includes all of the islands from near Greenland to near the Alaskan border.

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On the hiring front...

By Don Graff

There's good and bad news from the higher education front.

The good is an improved job outlook for the class of 1978. Expectations of a continuing economic upturn are encouraging business firms to step up on-campus recruiting. According to one survey, by Northwestern University, major corporations are expecting to hire 14 percent more graduates this June than they did from the class of 1977.

The bad news is that liberal arts majors are not faring so well in the improved job market as are specialists in technical and commercial fields.

Degrees in computer science are most in demand, also engineering, mathematics and statistics. Starting salaries range up to \$17,000.

But for the English and history majors, this June's story looks like a rerun of the last several years. There are again likely to be considerably more applicants than openings in preferred fields and many are going to have to look elsewhere for job opportunities.

There is hope for the future, though. This is the second consecutive year of improving employment prospects for graduates following a string of lean years in the early '70s. There is also an upturn in higher education enrollment, with the National Center for Education Statistics reporting 3.3 percent more students in college and university classes this fall than in 1976.

More students, if the trend continues, should eventually mean a need for more teachers, reversing the faculty cutbacks of recent years. And that would be good news for liberal arts majors, for whom teaching traditionally has provided a major career field.

...A new school profile

Speaking of increasing college enrollment, some of the statistics thereon are especially interesting.

Black students, for example, their numbers have doubled since 1970, when there were 520,000 enrolled in accredited colleges and universities. For the 1976 academic year, they numbered 1.1 million, 11 percent of total higher education enrollment, the Conference Board, a nonprofit economic research organization, reports in its 1977-78 Guide to Consumer Markets.

The black increase more than kept pace with total enrollment, which went up from 7.4 million to 10 million, about 35 percent.

The increase in women students has also exceeded the national average, up 50 percent from 3 million to 4.7 million last year.

The results are apparent in the changing educational profile of the U.S. population. In the latest count, 14 percent of all adults had four or more years of college, up from 10 percent in 1970.

Indianapolis

Indianapolis, capital and largest city of Indiana, is located at the geographical center of the state. It is the 11th largest city in the United States, with a consolidated city population of 745,739 according to the 1970 census and a metropolitan population of 1,111,173. Indianapolis has an area of 379.4 square miles.

Nations press

Pending tax law revisions

(Nation's Business)

A political campaign is the worst possible forum for a reasoned discussion of tax policy. The interaction between tax laws that encourage investment and the nation's economic health is not a subject that lends itself to the emotional and rhetorical excesses of campaigning.

Seekers after public office often delight in promising tax relief to working men and women at the expense of the well-to-do.

President Carter, as a candidate, made extensive use of that dog-eared script.

The powerful always managed to discover and occupy niches of special influence and

privilege," he said in his acceptance speech. "An unfair tax structure serves their needs."

During the campaign Mr. Carter declared: "The present tax structure is a disgrace to this country. It is just a welfare program for the rich."

Mr. Carter had planned to send a broad plan for revising the tax law to Congress during his first year in office. His recommendations, fortunately, have been delayed.

We say fortunately because Mr. Carter should put his campaign rhetoric as far behind him as possible before he decides on the formal recommendations he will make, as President, for major changes

in tax policies.

Most importantly, he should rid himself of the concept, if he ever seriously entertained it, that upper-income taxpayers represent a vast, untapped source of additional revenues that can be used to ease the tax burdens of middle and lower-income workers.

"Statistics of Income — 1975," a readily available report issued by the Internal Revenue Service would quickly show the President that.

The 1,119 individuals who reported incomes in excess of \$1 million had an average taxable income of \$1,570,000, and their taxes averaged \$1,011,317, or 65 percent of taxable income.

Taxpayers with incomes

over \$50,000 a year represent 11.2 percent of all taxable income, but they pay 20.6 percent of all taxes.

While the average tax payment for all taxpayers was \$2,020, the average payment for individuals with taxable income of \$50,000 or more was \$26,814.

Taxpayers earning more than \$100,000 a year claimed a total of \$6.5 billion in deductions; those earning less than \$15,000 a year claimed deductions of more than \$117 billion.

The 3.6 million taxpayers with incomes over \$30,000 pay 35 percent of all income tax revenue. The 40 million taxpayers with incomes under \$15,000 a year pay 25 percent of

total collections.

The IRS report contains much additional data that refutes any contention that upper-bracket taxpayers get off lightly compared with those in the middle and lower-income categories.

Mr. Carter found during his campaign that "soak the rich" was a crowd-pleasing promise on the political stump.

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If it Fitz

Peace on earth?

By JIM FITZGERALD

It takes only a few steps to cover the distance between the square and the drugstore. Sometimes the distance is no greater between fun and tragedy, laughs and tears.

The laughs were at the square Monday night. Around 5,000 people were there for the city's annual Christmas sing-along. The carols were joyous and the crowd was merry. Scrooges were melting all over the place.

Little kids played in the snow. Teen-agers boogied around the mammoth Christmas tree. Older people swayed against each other in time with the music. The happy noise echoed around the tall buildings.

"This heavenly chorus certainly gives a friendly beat to the heart of a big bad city. It must have been like this in Bethlehem," I said to my wife who was singing her brains out.

"Please don't start writing your corny column until you get to your office," she answered.

"But you have to admit there is nothing wrong with the city that the Christmas spirit can't cure," I insisted.

A few hours later, gunshots echoed where the carols had been. But first, there was the fun. Terrible Jean, for instance. My biggest sister and her husband Bill drove in for the

sing-along. They were supposed to eat dinner with us at 5 p.m. but they didn't show up until 8 p.m. because Bill had spent too long eating lunch at 1 p.m. Terrible Jean had waited for him for two hours, with her galgashes on.

"Lucky for him, I don't believe in divorce," Terrible Jean explained. Unlucky for him, she has nothing against manslaughter.

Anyway, the singing in the square spilled over into the nearest saloon where Terrible Jean made many new friends, including a young couple who are probably still trying to figure out who that weirdo was.

Terrible Jean is the Irish mother of the world. She had much good advice for the two young people who, Terrible Jean decided, were meant for each other.

The girl said she wouldn't mind getting married but she never wanted to have any children. Irish mothers don't like to hear such heresy. When the girl left the table for a few minutes, Terrible Jean comforted the handsome boyfriend.

"Don't worry," she said. "Once you two are married, she'll change her mind about not having children."

"Gee, I don't know about getting married," the young man said. "I just met her an hour ago."

"Have I got a daughter for you," the Irish mother said, refusing to fold her shawl and slink away.

For more laughs, there was Hank

Aguirre who used to pitch for the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs. I don't know what Aguirre was doing at the sing-along. Probably looking for a base hit.

Aguirre has dozens of great baseball stories. My favorite concerns the triple he smashed one shocking day in Detroit. As baseball fans will recall, Aguirre usually went into his home run trot when he hit a foul tick. For Hank, a single was a once-a-season event. That triple was something from the ah-rine at Lourdes.

When Aguirre stopped at third base, he began studying the pitcher's motion. "I think I can steal home," he whispered to the third base coach.

"Hank," the coach said, "it took you 20 years to get this far. Please don't blow it now."

Those were just a few of the laughs. Maybe you had to be there. It was a warm evening of fun and fellowship and peace on earth, set to music.

We left for home shortly after midnight, walking by the drugstore. Inside the store, a security guard was shooting a 53-year-old man with a .357 magnum revolver.

The next day's newspaper gave the details, on page 17. The guard said the victim had been loitering, and had pointed a toy gun at him. The man was hit several times in the head and body.

He died on the store floor, just a few steps from where he had been joyously singing for peace on earth.

Berry's World

"What if nobody shows up to our party? It'll be like another CAIRO CONFERENCE!"

Licenses to sell over-the-counter

AUSTIN — The Department of Public Safety will launch an experimental across-the-counter instant issuance system of Texas drivers licenses in January in 28 selective towns and communities.

Col. Wilson E. (Pat) Speir, DPS director, said the experiment would open in the North Austin District Office effective Jan. 3. Other license issuance changeovers will be completed by Jan. 13.

Speir said the experimental pilot project will be conducted in widely separated stations throughout the state.

"Special camera equipment will be used on a comparison basis. The equipment has the capability of immediate production of a photo driver license after the applicant has established eligibility and qualified for a license," he said.

Speir added that the applicant will then receive a validated photo drivers license before leaving the examining station. He will not have to wait 20 to 30 days for the license to be mailed nor will it be necessary for the licensee to drive on a temporary paper permit until the license is issued from the central DPS facility.

Speir said that a careful evaluation will be made between the experimental instant across-the-counter photo licensing system and the present central issuance system in order to upgrade the total program.

He said a second phase — in 27 other Texas cities and communities — will be initiated in spring.

He added that the experimental issuance policy will continue for a two-year period, after which time the contract will be considered for a statewide across the counter issuance program.

During the two-year trial period, two corporations — Polaroid, with home offices in Cambridge, Mass., and DEK-Electro, from Fort Wayne, Ind. — are establishing instant issuance systems.

At the same time the experimental issuance program is operational in limited sections of the state, the central issuance program in Austin is undergoing changes which will improve the quality of the portraits and the driver license.

Speir said Polaroid cameras will be operational in January at Fort Worth, Garland, Beaumont, Anahuac, Winnie, Kountze, Angleton, Corpus Christi, Victoria, Abilene, Big Spring, Lubbock, Post, Slaton, Tahoka, North Austin, Meridian, West, McGregor, Hubbard, Mart, Mexia, Marlin, Groesbeck, Bastrop, Smithville, Giddings and Elgin.

The second phase of the program will have DEK cameras functioning at the following towns: Irving, Tyler, Mt. Pleasant, West Bellfort (Houston), Pierce, Harlingen, McAllen, Devine, Hondo, Bandera, Midland, San Angelo, Ozona, Sonora, Mertzon, Rock Springs, Big Lake, Eldorado, Plainview, Borger, Vernon, Seymour, Quanah, Crowell, South Austin, Waco and Palestine.

There are now more than eight million licenses in Texas with about three million new, renewals or duplicate licenses issued annually. Last year, Speir said, the 55 towns to be involved in the instant issuance program combined to issue 1.1-million driver licenses.

Renewal notices will continue to be mailed about a month prior to expiration of licenses, Speir noted.

Treaded water for 15 hours

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — The pilot of a single-engine airplane that ditched in the Pacific Ocean about two miles off the island of Hawaii treaded water for 15 hours before being rescued.

His wife and another passenger were missing today and

presumed drowned.

The pilot, Harold Corbett, 49, of Honolulu, was listed in satisfactory condition at Kona Hospital after being picked up by a charter boat Sunday.

The first hydrogen balloon ascent was made at Paris in 1783.



Gospel Singers

Dean and Mary Brown will sing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love. The Rev. David Breechman invites the public to hear the duet that sings for youth camps, conventions and around the world. Brown is a former member of the Blackwood and Prophets Quartet.

Snow man ignites

DALLAS (AP) — For a few brief moments Sunday, Dan Yoder was a human torch as a capacity crowd at Texas Stadium and a national television audience looked on in horror.

Clad in a rented snow man costume, Yoder had just left his seat at the stadium where the Dallas Cowboys were whipping the Minnesota Vikings for the National Football Conference title and was making his way down to the field to "dance with the Cowboy cheerleaders," according to his companion, Madeline Gray.

"Suddenly, he was enveloped in flames.

"Everyone around tried to cover him with blankets and put the fire out," Ms. Gray said, "but he panicked and ran and the flames got worse."

Yoder was rushed to nearby Parkland Hospital and was reported in fair condition early today with second degree burns on his legs and neck.

The cause of the blaze is still not clear.

Irving police spokesman John Sweeney said fire investigators had talked with four witnesses and concluded that Yoder bumped into a stadium vendor who was using a can of liquid heat to combat the 20-degree temperatures. The stadium is inside Irving city limits.

However, when Sweeney was told that stadium officials denied any of their vendors were involved in the incident, he called fire investigator "Pistol" Mitchell, then told The Associated Press "the matter is still under investigation. All we have is hearsay right now."

Some spectators said the vendor had the canned heat, others said they thought it belonged to one of the chilly fans.

Clarence Williams of Dallas said, "He (Yoder) started running up the steps. He ran right into me. I didn't realize he was on fire. Suddenly he just burst into flames. I tried to tackle him, then people started throwing blankets on him."

Bust nets 8 tons grass

BANDON, Ore. (AP) — A massive pre-dawn raid that resulted in the biggest marijuana bust in the history of the Pacific Northwest signals tougher times for dope smugglers on the Oregon coast, according to a U.S. Customs official.

Fifteen men arrested in the raid early Saturday are to be arraigned in Portland Tuesday. Some eight tons of high-quality marijuana, with an estimated street value of between \$16 million and \$20 million, was seized in the raid on an isolated stretch of Oregon coastline 25 miles south of Coos Bay.

The marijuana was in the form of "Thai sticks," probably from Singapore or Bangkok.

Federal authorities, assisted by Coos County sheriff's deputies, continued to search the wooded shoreline for suspects, including the owner of the beach farmhouse near where the raid occurred south of Bandon.

The expensive Thai sticks are made from the flowering tops of female marijuana plants. They are dried separately and tied on a stick. The sticks were packed in plastic bags, then loaded in cardboard boxes, officers said.

The seizure followed the Dec. 6 opening of a U.S. Customs office in Coos Bay, the only customs office on the Pacific coast between San Francisco and Seattle.

Frank Grimes, director of the patrol division of U.S. Customs in Oregon, said investigators have long suspected Oregon's lightly patrolled 400-mile shoreline was a haven for dope smugglers.

"We've been wide open," he said, "the soft underbelly of the coast. It's been extremely tough to operate with no one on

the coast. We finally got some one there and boom."

"It's potent stuff and we have around eight tons of it," Grimes said.

"There is no question that it was the largest seizure of marijuana ever made in Oregon and Washington," said Michael Wright, special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Eugene.

The previous record bust occurred in November of 1976 when some \$5 million worth of marijuana was seized near Elsie, Ore.

The arrested men are from California, New Jersey, Colorado, Massachusetts, Illinois, Texas and Washington. Also seized in the raid was the 100-foot Panamanian freighter Cigale, three World War II-era amphibious vehicles, a semi truck and trailer rig and a 1977 4-wheel drive van.

Wright said some 150 persons from the customs patrol office, the Coast Guard, Coos and Curry county sheriff's department and the Coos Bay and Bandon police were involved in the operation.

Shots reportedly were fired as federal authorities moved into the area in helicopters.

Coos County officials said most of the marijuana would be destroyed today. Some of it was being kept as evidence.

Cmdr. George Passmore of the Coast Guard said the operation was watched for several hours before a flare was fired to trigger the raid at 4:48 a.m. He said the operation allegedly involved removal of the marijuana from the freighter, bringing it ashore in the amphibious vehicles, then loading it into the truck.

Thirteen of those arrested were taken to the Coos County

holding facility in North Bend. They were identified as Gerald E. Maggiorio, 28, Woodacre, Calif.; Derek S. Sherman, 23, Caldwell, N.J. and his brother, Spencer (age unknown); Stephen P. Scavano, 28, Beverly Hills, Calif.; Gary L. Heriaque, 26, Hermosa Beach, Calif., and James P. Hill, 26, Boulder, Colo.

Also, Robert E. Belenz, 28, Boston, Mass.; Peter A. Duffenderfer, 28, Santa Barbara, Calif.; William P. Kolander, 27,

Felton, Calif.; David E. Bourdeau, 31, New Salem, Mass.; Mark D. Hansen, 28, Lake Forest, Ill.; Wayne F. Lindsey, 32, Paris, Texas, and Kevin T. Kerr, 29, Playa del Rey, Calif.

"Two men were lodged at the Coos County Jail in Coquille. They were identified as Charles M. Minnig, 27, Boulder, Colo., and Alan W. Pressman, 28, Seattle, Wash. Deputies said Minnig and Pressman received medical treatment for liver and leg ailments not related to the raid.

Mine president now 'willing'

BECKLEY, W. Va. (AP) — United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller says he would be willing to compromise on an issue whose resolution could breathe new life into the talks aimed at ending the four-week-old nationwide coal strike.

Miller told members of UMW District 29 on Sunday that he would accept a contract proposal that calls for fines against miners who refuse to cross picket lines during wildcat strikes.

Miller also said there is no end in sight to the walkout that began Dec. 6 when the union's contract agreement with the coal operators expired.

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Carter confers with India's Desai

Nuclear fuel sparks argument

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — President Carter and Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai disagreed sharply today over safeguards to prevent American nuclear fuel sold to India being used for weapons.

Despite the Indian leader's refusal to agree to safeguards demanded by the United States, White House press secretary Jody Powell said Carter told the prime minister he would recommend that an export license be granted for the shipment of 7.6 tons of enriched uranium for a nuclear power plant in western India.

Powell said this was being done "because of our desire to work in harmony, to work in cooperation."

The president disclosed his disagreement with Desai in a conversation with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that was overheard and recorded by a radio technician.

Carter said the prime minister at a 30-minute private meeting this morning was "pretty adamant" in opposing safeguards demanded by the United States.

"When we get back, I think we ought to write him another letter, just cold and very blunt," the president said.

Carter also said he told the 81-year-old prime minister he would authorize transfer of fuel now, but it didn't seem to make an impression on him.

The president said Desai told him negotiation of an international ban on all nuclear testing "might be enough of a change to warrant some modification" in India's position.

"He didn't give me any commitment," Carter went on, "but I told him I wanted to avoid any complications in the future because our Congress is going to pass a law" to control the transfer of American nuclear technology and materials.

Powell said Carter was not aware that his remarks were overheard and recorded by an American radio network.

The term "cold and very blunt" was "not in any sense a reference to the tone of the relationship between the president and Desai or the discussions of the issue," Powell said.

It was "simply a statement of his feeling that following the visit there ought to be a written communication which set down the facts of the situation."

He added that he was confident the differences can be resolved.

The United States has a contract to supply enriched uranium to a nuclear power plant near Bombay but is demanding safeguards to prevent diversion of the uranium because Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government exploded a nuclear device three years ago.

The Indian government, while disclaiming any intention of developing nuclear weapons, refuses to agree to any restrictions that the major nuclear powers do not agree to.

Carter's two-day visit to New Delhi also included an address to the Indian Parliament and a visit to the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, the architect of Indian independence, who was assassinated in 1948.

Despite the nuclear disagreement, Carter told a reporter several hours after his conversation with Vance that this third stop on his nine-nation tour was "doing well. We're very pleased so far. We have had good and fruitful discussions."

Carter also had an unrecorded 45-minute meeting with

Desai after his arrival Sunday. Afterward the president's chief foreign policy advisor, Zbigniew Brzezinski, told reporters the two leaders developed a "personal and spiritual rapport."

Carter in his address to the Indian Parliament made only a fleeting reference to the nuclear issue. He said the United States is "working hard to restrict the proliferation of nuclear explosives."

The president drew his theme from America's Watergate experience and India's 21 months of dictatorship under Mrs. Gandhi prior to her ouster by the electorate last March.

"Not long ago," he said, "both of our people's governments passed through grave crises." Declaring that these crises threatened shared values, he said the outcome in each nation was a vindication of freedom and self-government.

Carter said some argue that "democracy is a kind of rich man's plaything" that "the poor are too preoccupied with survival to care about the luxury of freedom."

"The evidence, both in India and in America, is plain," the president declared. "It is that there is more than one form of hunger, and neither the rich nor poor will feel satisfied without being fed in both body and spirit."

On the record

Obituaries

JOHN MCKAMY
John McKamy, 83, of Pampa, died Sunday night at St. Anne's in Panhandle. Funeral arrangements are pending with Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McKamy was born Feb. 24, 1894, in Brownwood and spent his early life in Dallas Co. He married Lena Yeager in 1909 and the couple moved to Pampa in 1910, and settling on a farm five miles northeast of the city.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three daughters.

Survivors include one son, John R. Mitchell of San Pedro, Calif.; and two granddaughters, Deborah Jean of San Pedro and Karen Danelle of Rio de Janeiro.

LARRY JOE WIESER
Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today for Larry Joe Wieser, 37, of 1908 Faulkner. Dr. Lloyd Hamilton, minister will officiate in the First United

Methodist Church. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in Laverne, Okla. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wieser died Sunday.

He was born July 16, 1940, in Logan, Okla., He was a graduate of Follett High School and of Southwest State College in Weatherford, Okla., (1963). He married Sammie Evelyn Fite in 1961 in Alva, Okla.

A resident of Pampa for 10 years, he worked as an analyst for Transwestern Pipeline and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Tenny, Paige and Micki, and one son, Bruce all of the home; four brothers, Don of Yukon, Okla., Deryl of Hobbs, N.M., Glen of Andrews and Gary of Craig Colo.; his mother, Mrs. Genevieve Rupprecht of Follett; and his grandmother, Mrs. Edna Hood of Perryton.

Mainly about people

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Fire report

A vacant house trailer at 525 Warren was heavily damaged by fire between 8:15 and 9:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

The fire apparently started in the bedroom, fireman Ken Dougherty said. Three units responded to the call. The flames were extinguished in approximately one hour.

Owner of the property is James Devoli, Pampa.

The motor on a central heating unit of a home at 323 Beer ignited at about 11:40 a.m. Dec. 31, Pampa fireman Ken Dougherty said.

The home, owned by Walther Leith, sustained no damage. Pampa firemen sent one unit to the call.

Police report

Pampa police responded to 83 calls in the 72-hour reporting period starting at 7 a.m. Friday and ending at 7 a.m. today.

No arrests were made for driving while intoxicated on New Year's Eve.

A 4 1/2-month-old goat owned by A.D. Titworth, 515 Ash, was reported stolen between midnight and 4 a.m. Sunday.

A vehicle owned by Roger Fly of Amarillo, legally parked in the 700 block of N. Dwight, was struck by an unknown vehicle.

On Saturday, a vehicle operated by Rita Parsley was hit in the 200 block of E. Tyng by a vehicle operated by an unknown person.

A vehicle operated by a

Pampa juvenile was involved in a non-injury accident in the 900 block of Alcock with a vehicle operated by James William Heibert, 820 E. Bruñow.

Jerry Mullanax, a checker at Toot 'n Totum, reporter to police that a tall, heavyset, black male paid him for \$2 worth of gas and then put \$7.86 worth of gas in his vehicle. The vehicle was described as a red Mustang.

On Friday, Stowers Chevrolet at 805 N. Hobart reported that four hubcaps valued at \$72.20 were stolen from a car on the lot.

Alfred L. Nichola, 411 Yeager, reported that a CB radio had been stolen from his car while it was parked at the rear of the Pizza Hut.

Texas weather

two degrees warmer.

Farther south, freezing rain and 25-degree readings were reported in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It was much the same story around San Antonio and east to the Gulf Coast. The Alamo city shivered under a 30-degree chill with freezing drizzle. Normally balmy Corpus Christi would probably have swapped places on the map with Amarillo as freezing rain and some sleet combined with a 32-degree reading at 5:40 a.m. to start the workday.

The so-called hot spot in the state this morning appeared to be the Beaumont-Port Arthur area with a "warm" 38 degrees under rainy skies.

However, the National Weather Service said the bad weather is just passing through. The forecast is for clearing from the west and a mild warming trend in the north. That freezing drizzle was expected to end this afternoon leaving highs in the 30s in the north and 40s in the south. The far west should enjoy a 50-degree heat wave of sorts.

National weather

By The Associated Press
A low pressure center over New York state spawned a winter storm that brought snow to much of the East today.

With motorists heading back home from holiday weekend visits, travelers' advisories were in effect for much of the Great Lakes region, northern Appalachians, New England and north Atlantic states.

Heavy snow was possible near the lower Great Lakes, in northeastern New York and in northern New England.

A large frigid air mass was pushing eastward in the wake of the snow storm, covering nearly all of the country from the Appalachians to the Rockies and much of the Northwest.

The cold air dropped temperatures to the freezing mark deep into Texas where up to three inches of snow was expected in the northern Panhandle.

There was some drizzle in the Southeast as the cold front moved through and light snow was predicted as far south as the hills country of north Georgia.

Skies were clear but temperatures near or below zero from eastern Washington across the northern and central Rockies into the upper Mississippi Valley and western Great Lakes region except for the eastern Dakotas, which were kept a little warmer by cloudy skies.

In the West, showers were scattered over the northern half of California, and along the southern Oregon coast with snow extending into the interior of Oregon and northwestern Nevada.

Snow fell Sunday through the Great Lakes into New England and as far south as Delaware and Maryland. About two inches accumulated in the New York City area before ending about midnight as the cooler and drier air pushed through.

There were the usual reports of increased numbers of accidents brought on by the winter weather, but no deaths attributed directly to it.

One of the worst traffic accidents reported was a 20-car smashup on the Hutchinson River Parkway.

King Hussein won't go

By The Associated Press
President Carter failed to persuade King Hussein to join the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks, and the Jordanian monarch warned Israel of "terrible" consequences if it does not agree to Egypt's demands.

Carter met for 45 minutes Sunday with Hussein in Tehran. Afterward he told reporters he sees no reason for Jordan to

join the talks yet because Egyptian President Anwar Sadat "is strongly representing the Arab position."

The president said he did not ask the Jordanian to send a delegation to Cairo, "that is up to him to decide." But he added:

"Under certain principles King Hussein would be ready to join the talks either directly

with the Israelis or jointly with Egypt and Israel. But at the moment I think President Sadat is strongly representing the Arab position, and for the moment I see no reason — I think the king agrees — for Jordan to join the talks directly."

U.S., Egyptian and Israeli officials had expressed the hope that Hussein as well as President Hafez Assad of Syria could be persuaded to join the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations so that a peace treaty between Israel and all its Arab adversaries could be negotiated.

Hussein after his meeting with Carter told CBS the split in the Arab world resulting from Sadat's peace initiative is "very serious, very obvious" and could grow worse if Israel does not come to terms with Sadat.

"If President Sadat's initiative does not meet with success due to Israeli intransigence," he said, "I think the result would be terrible in terms of the area. Anyone who sought peace will be discredited. All sorts of disruptions could occur in the area and many in the world would be affected."

The king criticized Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin's plan for Israeli troops to remain along the Jordan River although the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank territory would be given self rule.

"I don't believe it's the right of Mr. Begin or myself to say what the Palestinians should or should not do," the monarch said.

Elsewhere in the Middle East:

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan told angry Jewish settlers in the occupied Sinai peninsula that Israel will reject any Arab claim to control of Jewish settlements in the territories Israel occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Yasir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, told a crowd of 8,000 in Beirut American interests in the Arab world will be "written off" because of recent U.S. statements endorsing Israel's opposition to a Palestinian state.

The shores and waters of Lake Baikal in the Soviet Union harbor about 1,000 species of animals and plants found nowhere else — including a freshwater seal.

Dangerous roads may cause deaths

By The Associated Press
Department of Public Safety officials say dangerous road conditions across the northern half of the state may cause the New Year's weekend Texas traffic death count to increase drastically.

So far, at least 18 persons have died on Texas highways and streets since 6 p.m. Friday.

The DPS said last week it expected 30 persons to die in traffic mishaps during the weekend period that ends tonight at midnight.

DPS spokesman Richard Grimmett said Sunday evening that several highways in the state's northern regions had been described as dangerous because of snow, rain and ice.

Grimmett's comments came after another DPS spokesman earlier in the day had said the death total was not as bad at that point as the agency had feared.

Separate one-car accidents late Saturday night and early Sunday claimed the lives of two 16-year-old girls and injured their teen-age companions.

Reymle Ann Barnett, 16, of Sherman was killed and two other teen-agers injured just after midnight Saturday when the car in which they were riding ran off U.S. 82 east of Sherman.

About two hours earlier in San Angelo, 16-year-old Cynthia Renee Miller of San Angelo was killed and two other teen-agers injured when their car veered off Ranch 584 south of San Angelo.

Another one-car accident took the life of Dennis Lynn Peters, 27, of San Antonio at 12:45 a.m. Sunday south of San Antonio. Authorities said Peters' pickup truck left the road and flipped over, crushing him.

George Garza Ortiz, 27, of Cuero was killed Saturday night when he was struck by a car two miles north of Pharr.

Menemite in Zapata County, Henry Riddle, no age or hometown available, was struck and killed by an auto.

Three persons were killed Friday night when two vehicles collided head-on near Waco. State troopers identified the victims as Mearl Sparks Jr., 31, of McGregor; and Arfilia Perez, 22, and Guadalupe Gomez, 13, both of Waco.

Convent to become businessmen's resort

SHAWANO, Wis. (AP) — A Texas firm says it plans to develop a retreat for corporate executives at a former Roman Catholic novitiate which was the scene of a winter takeover in 1975 by dissident members of the Menominee Indian nation.

James A. Delaney, president of Rand Development Corp. of San Antonio, confirmed Thursday that his company intends to invest \$4.5 million remodeling the northern Wisconsin estate.

Officials said sale arrangements were completed Wednesday with Rand, which in 1973 had given thought to buying into the unused Rainbow Springs resort complex at Mukwonago in southern Wisconsin.

The former novitiate west of Shawano is to be given a Spanish decor, accommodations for 100 persons, a restaurant, meeting rooms, a cocktail lounge, tennis courts, badminton courts, swimming pool and be a "self-contained support facility" where business executives can relax, Delaney said.

The University of Wisconsin is to participate in business seminars, he said.

The remodeled facility could be functioning by next October, employing about 100 persons with use geared to winter months, he said. It may be open to the public in summers, he said.

The property includes a dormitory, a chapel and a mansion. It has been off Shawano County's tax rolls for more than 25 years.

The mansion was built in 1940 as a home for the widow of a National Biscuit Co. executive. It was given in 1960 to the Alexian Brothers, a Chicago-based Roman-Catholic order which added wings, then ceased using the estate in 1968.

The stone mansion, noted for its distinguished woodwork, was damaged by fire after the takeover by members of the Menominee Warrior Society.

The Indian demonstrators, surrounded by National Guard troops, demanded the estate be donated to their tribe in nearby Menominee County.

Tribal officials said they didn't want the maintenance expense, and the Alexian Brothers eventually transferred it to Crossroads Academy of Milwaukee, a private agency for underprivileged youth.

The action included giving 186 acres to Crossroads and \$6 acres to the Town of Richmond.

Crossroads said in May the property was for sale to help it meet financial obligations, asking \$1 million. No sale price was disclosed concerning Rand's acquisition.

Slippery roads threaten rise in death toll

By The Associated Press
Snow and rain helped keep the nation's highways slick and dangerous as the New Year's holiday weekend went into its final day.

As of 9 a.m. EST, the traffic death toll stood at 27.

Travel was hazardous in many places on Saturday and Sunday and the weather apparently maintained poor driving conditions today.

The National Safety Council estimated that 300 to 400 lives would be lost during the three-day weekend which began at 6 p.m. Friday and ends tonight at midnight, local time.

During a non-holiday, three-day period at this time of the year, the Safety Council estimates that about 330 persons would die on U.S. highways.

Last year, 305 persons were killed over the New Year's holiday, which also was a three-day observance.

Injured boy wins \$1.4 million lawsuit

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Clay County Circuit Court jury has awarded \$1,394,000 to an 8-year-old boy who was injured in a June 1976 accident near the Screamer roller at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City.

The jury of nine men and three women Thursday found Mid-America Enterprises Inc., owner and operator of the park, solely responsible for the accident. The park architects and the firm that built the ride, both of which were charged in the lawsuit, were exonerated.

A verdict was returned after the jury had deliberated nearly three hours in the trial that began Dec. 12.

Lantz Welch, attorney for Robbie M. Meyers, Pleasanton, Kan., said in his opening argument earlier this month that the jury would have to decide which of the three firms would be responsible for paying past and future hospital expenses for the boy.

But attorneys for each of the three firms argued that their clients could not be held responsible for the accident.

Robbie was struck on the head by the roller coaster when he was standing in a restricted area next to a low point in the ride. Welch said proper precautions were not taken to warn children away or to ensure that a small child could not slip through a rail fence at the ride.

When the lawsuit was filed June 28, 1976, it asked for \$650,000 in damages. But it was amended twice, finally reaching \$17.5 million. The boy is now living at the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita.

William H. Sanders, an attorney for Worlds of Fun, said he had told the jury that the boy was trespassing in a restricted area.

"Even though he was only eight years old, we believe that his negligence contributed to the accident," Sanders said.

"We had a fence that he went through that we claimed was approved by the general design of our architects and that we were following the approved practices of the best design architects in the world for amusement parks."

Kelly, Wyo., wants out!

KELLY, Wyo. (AP) — This town wants to secede — from the Grand Teton National Park, that is.

Most of the 100 or so residents of Kelly, Wyo., see the National Park Service as a land-hungry giant. They have gathered 74 signatures on a petition to the government asking that the town be cut out of the park boundaries to save its land from purchase or condemnation.

"People here know it won't be long before their homes are either bought out from under them, or condemned," said Rob Hinchee, a seasonal U.S. Forest Service employee who is a leader of the secession movement.

It would require an act of Congress to change the boundary of Grand Teton National Park.

The people who live in this community along the Gros Ventre River are trying to resist a federal policy of buying or condemning all private lands within the national parks. Over the years, the policy has enabled Grand Teton National Park to absorb the nearby communities of Moran, Moose, Elk and Gros Ventre.

Hinchee and other Kelly residents presented their petition to Park Superintendent Robert Kerr, who said he could not sympathize with the Kelly residents.

"It was the intent of Congress when it established Grand Teton National Park in 1909 to acquire all the private lands within the area," Kerr said.

He said the park already has purchased half lots within Kelly, most of them open space and some of them from residents who still live there. The park will assume active ownership of those lots when the tenants die or move away.

"We have quite an investment in that town," Kerr said.

But Hinchee says he's concerned about the residents who haven't sold out and who don't want to leave.

The residents also took their request to Sen. Cliff Hansen, R-Wyo., last week, but Hansen wasn't encouraging. He said a pro-wilderness tenor in the nation would hurt the legislation's chances in Congress.

"It would be an uphill battle, because land is not usually removed from national parks. Usually it's the other way around," Hansen told the Kelly residents. But Hansen, a Jackson Hole rancher, said he would consult with the other two members of Wyoming's congressional delegation before giving the residents an answer.

Names in the news

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut, who won the heart of an international television audience with her performance at the 1972 Olympics, now has won the heart of Russian pop singer Leonid Borichevich, the Tass news agency reports.

The brief announcement Sunday mentioned wedding plans but gave no date. But Tass released a photograph of Miss Korbut, 21, and her tall, mustachioed fiance, who is about 30, chatting in Minsk, Byelorussia, on Christmas Eve. Rumors about a marriage between the gymnast and Borichevich, lead singer with the Soviet group "Pesnyari," have been circulating for several months. Miss Korbut lives in Grodno, Byelorussia, near the Polish border, and Pesnyari is based in Byelorussia.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The International Society of Girl-watchers has announced its choices for women most worthy of ogling in the new year. The winners in 10 categories are:

Actress Sophia Loren, wife; anti-Equal Rights Amendment leader Phyllis Schlafly, mother; Bernadette Peters, TV actress; Georgia Engel, comedian; Natalie Cole, singer; Jan Stephenson, golfer; Phyllis George, sportscaster; Jodie Foster, teen-ager; Cheryl Tiegs, model, and Jacqueline Bisset, film actress.

Each woman received a sticker that said the award was "presented as a sincere compliment for your lovely, well-groomed appearance."

TEL AVIV (AP) — Pop singer Richie Havens is doing his part for peace in the Mideast and becoming a hit in Israel in the bargain.

Inspired by the Jerusalem summit between Anwar Sadat and Menahem Begin, Havens introduced a song with the refrain "shalom, shalom aleichem," which is Hebrew for "peace upon you," followed by its arabic equivalent "Salaam, salaam aleikum."

Havens introduced the song when he arrived here for a series of concerts. He plans to sing it in Egypt, where he will perform later this month.

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Cary Guffey's mom says the 5-year-old hasn't let his starring role in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" go to his head.

"He's of course been real excited over it," says Sue Guffey, "but lately he's been more excited over his Christmas toys."

Mrs. Guffey said she and Cary's father, Larry, have been surprised and concerned by the attention drawn to the boy over the science-fiction movie. But his teachers at school and church says he's handling his celebrity status just fine.

The Guffeys said they turned down an offer for Cary to appear in Stanley Kubrick's new film, "The Shining."

"It's a horror story about a little boy with ESP," Mrs. Guffey said. "We wouldn't let him do anything we didn't feel good about. In fact, I don't know if we'll let him do anything else after this. We felt good about 'Close Encounters.'"

Advice

Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to JUST PLAIN JEALOUS had to be one of your worst! A woman wrote that her husband's firm sends him on business trips in the company of a pretty, young, single female, and she asks you how to handle it. You replied, "What's to handle? Say nothing, continue to trust him; expect the best and you'll probably get it."

Abby, you've got to be kidding! Would you have given the same advice to a jealous husband whose wife had been sent on business trips in the company of an attractive, young, single man?

If ever there was a perfect set-up for hanky panky, this is it! The man will be "lonely" for his wife, and the young woman will start crying on his shoulder about some unhappy love affair, and before you know it, they'll be comforting each other—in bed.

I would have told JUST PLAIN JEALOUS to (a) raise the devil with her husband's boss and insist that they put an end to such tempting business trips, or (b) pack a bag and go with him, even if she had to farm out her kids or hire a sitter.

NO DUMMY

DEAR NO: I've been deluged with mail from readers who agree with you. (Only ONE applauded my "trust him" view.) Please consider that JUST PLAIN JEALOUS stated that her husband had never fooled around. Shouldn't a history of faithfulness inspire trust?

I still maintain that if a man is going to cheat, he'll find a way to cheat on his lunch hour.

Your suggestion to "raise the devil" with the husband's boss would have the man come off looking like an overprotected little boy. And your "pack-your-bag-and-go-with-him" solution would cast him in the role of a weak character who can't be trusted.

DEAR ABBY: Among our Christmas gifts this year, my wife and I received four cards stating that a gift in OUR name had been sent to such and such a charity.

Abby, we don't consider these "gifts." In fact, we resent others contributing to THEIR favorite charities in OUR names. Most gifts to charities are tax-deductible, which gives the giver—not the recipient—a tax break. (Some "gift.")

How do you feel about the gift-in-your-name gimmick? AGAINST IT

DEAR AGAINST: I'm FOR it. There are hundreds of worthy organizations that can put the money to good use. (So what if it is tax-deductible?) Most people receive more than they can use at Christmastime anyway.

DEAR ABBY: I noticed your "orchids" to the Yankee Silversmith Inn in Wallingford, Conn., for providing duplicate menus in braille for the blind.

I thought you might like to know that all the elevators at the Holiday Inn, Indianapolis, Ind., airport have the floor numbers in braille.

I had never seen this anywhere and thought at the time that it was a great idea.

C.E.McD: ARLINGTON, VA.

DEAR MR. McD: It is indeed a great idea. When everyone realizes that not all of us can walk, talk, hear and see, and when all public facilities are designed to consider those with handicaps, what a wonderful world it will be!

Problems? Tell them to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, write Abby: Box 69700, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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

DEAR DR. LAMB — My husband, aged 38, is impotent. We have been having problems with this off and on for approximately seven months. He has had a duodenal ulcer for years. Our new doctor put him on Probanthine twice daily and Donnatal four times a day. He took both medications for four months.

After about three months on the medications, he started having problems. Our previous doctor where we used to live warned him about the side effects of Probanthine, so he is now taking just the Donnatal four times a day. Things have not improved, and he's been off Probanthine over three months.

He has a high tension job, is very competitive, has a history of family diabetes (he has no symptoms, but has never been checked). He is about 30 pounds overweight.

He has one martini before dinner, one or two glasses of wine with dinner, and one to four brandies after dinner.

He has promised to go see his doctor, but keeps putting it off. He hasn't been since he originally got the prescriptions.

I've read that impotency before age 50 is usually psychological. This is very discouraging and disheartening for both of us. What can I do to help?

DEAR READER — His impotence is not caused by Probanthine. He has been off the medicine long enough that if it were the cause, he would long since have made a complete recovery. It is true that Probanthine rarely has this side effect — usually it doesn't in the amounts commonly used, but clearly your husband's problem is more complicated than that.

His case is a good example of impotence being a symptom, not a disease. The

doctor's job is to find out what is causing the symptom, but he has to know about it and have an opportunity to do something about it first.

If your husband is a diabetic, he could have impotence from its effects on the nerves that control normal erection. It could be psychological as you mention and, once the problem starts, fear-of-failure takes over and is the real cause.

The other most likely cause is all that alcohol. It is quite true that alcohol may release inhibitions, causing a person to want sex, but it also takes away the ability and is a frequent cause of impotence. Your husband drinks entirely too much.

Anyone who has an ulcer should not drink ANY alcohol at all. Alcohol stimulates the stomach to produce increased amounts of acid digestive juice, the underlying cause of ulcers. He should not have even ONE drink, let alone a consumption worthy of an alcoholic. Your sex life, marriage, and his ulcer will all do better if he stops drinking entirely. He is getting a lot of calories from alcohol, and stopping drinking may also help him lose some weight.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 3-12, Impotence, to give you a more complete review of the various ways this can occur.

Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

You should encourage him to see a doctor. Meanwhile, you can help by being understanding and being careful to show an interest in sex, but not to be demanding or in any way challenging his ability.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Polly's pointers
Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY — My Pet Peeve concerns storekeepers who insist on putting their price stickers over the directions on small packages (especially medicines) as well as on the larger ones, too. Baking instructions, etc., are often hidden. Thank you for listening and I hope some of the stores will notice this and stop the practice. — TED.

DEAR POLLY — To make things easier for my husband during the hunting season I cook all his meals in advance and seal each in cooking bags. All he has to do is boil water on the camp stove and he never has any pots or pans to wash. This even works with scrambled eggs. Also, a great idea for vacation if yours is a camping family. — SIS.

Add layers in cooler rooms

By Ellie Grossman

NEW YORK — (NEA) — As if you didn't have enough to worry about, do you know what happens when you're asleep?

You lose 50 to 75 percent of your body heat through your head. There it goes, wafting up to the ceiling and the only way you can stop it is by wearing a nightcap to bed or burying yourself under the blankets.

Sally Jean Martinez, assistant to the Regional Administrator of Region II of the Department of Energy, recommends the cap.

And she recommends wearing mittens instead of gloves because "the body heat of our fingers acts as an insulator. Also, tight gloves cut circulation and anything that restricts the flow of blood makes you cold."

And she says that Seventh Avenue, no doubt unintentionally, has promoted precisely the right kind of clothing for our energy-starved society. "Look at the logic in the big dress, the blouses and loose jackets. They afford that insulating area of air space for body temperatures to provide warmth."

Ms. Martinez's and the Department's interest in clothing is, of course, aligned with their concern about our consumption of fuel.

"Our domestic supply of oil is decreasing about 6 percent per year and our demand has been going up by 5 percent per year so that curve is ever widening. We make up the difference by importing more and more which makes us vulnerable in terms of international politics."

"Then, too, our attitude has been that our homes and offices should be a protective bubble that we could move around in almost naked and feel totally comfortable in at all times. We've complained if the office isn't warm enough and turn the thermostat up if the kitchen is cold. It's high time to get away from conceiving of our homes as our incubators. Let clothing take over that job."

Which is easily done, she says. Just think in terms of two instead of one — like sweaters for instance.

Body bag

A dressy body bag is perfect for partying. It leaves your hands free for dancing and indulging.

"One light, long-sleeve sweater offers the heat equivalent of two degrees of room temperature," she says. "One heavy long-sleeved sweater is worth 3.7 degrees. But two lightweight sweaters are worth five degrees of room temperature (which is almost twice as much as a heavy sweater.)"

"Also," she continues, "it's healthier to dress in layers rather than one heavy garment which you remove because you're too hot and then get a chill. Doing it layer by layer makes infinitely more sense."

And if the layers are wool, you're home free. "Wool is by far the best insulator," she says. "Light layers of wool would be the best way to keep warm in a cold house."

The reason your house will be cold, of course, is because the Department of Energy hopes you will accept the fact there is an energy crisis and lower your thermostat to 65 degrees during the day and 55 at night.

But don't do it just for them. Think about your pocketbook, too, she says. "You could save 3 percent of your monthly fuel bill by decreasing one degree night and day."

Moreover, she says, if we don't conserve now, the time will come when there won't be anything to conserve. "We're relying on oil for 75 percent of our fuel and whether you guess the supply to last ten or 75 years, it's a finite supply and what do we fill the gap with? There are enormous problems with coal and nuclear energy and the newer tech-

nologies — solar and wind power — simply aren't accessible yet. So it's critical

we do the maximum with conservation." You just might begin by

going out and buying a stocking cap so your body heat doesn't take off for the

stars the next time you go to sleep. (NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

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Giraffe, fish top animal newsmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Victor the giraffe died. A 3-inch fish conquered a \$116 million dam. One elephant was hijacked and held for ransom, while another escaped his keepers and tried to build a life of his own in a Florida swamp.

They were all newsmakers in the world of animals during 1977. And they weren't alone.

An arkful of creatures made headlines during the year, including moose, bald eagles, whooping cranes and the white-winged guan.

And just this week the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the Soviet Union has agreed to help the United States find a polar bear, believed to be pregnant, wandered into Soviet territory.

Victor's story drew worldwide attention for five days. Pride of the Marwell Zoological Park near London, the 15-year-old giraffe flopped down and spread-eagled while trying to mate with one of his three female companions.

Animal fans followed heroic efforts to get Victor back on his feet. But the end came after 125 hours. Weak from his fight for life, Victor died during an attempt to raise him.

Environmentalists gave not an inch in the bout between the 3-inch snail darter and the Tellico Dam on the Little Tennessee River. In January, a federal appeals court ordered the Tennessee Valley Authority to halt work on the dam because of its threat to the rare minnow.

For the first time, the Federal Endangered Species Act had been used to stop a federal project. The Supreme Court

now has the case. Elephants were big in 1977. Colonel Joe, a 3 1/4-ton circus star, escaped from quarters near Palmdale, Fla., and spent five days in blissful pool-wallowing. But searchers, following his triumphant trumpeting, captured and restored him as main attraction of the Circus Varga.

In Burma, an American firm's 6-ton, 12-foot-tall elephant was held by armed kidnappers for \$1,500 ransom. However, the elephant-antichers were finally persuaded to surrender their hostage which went back to harvesting rattan vine.

In Washington, Amy Carter accepted a baby elephant named Shanti as a gift from the children of Sri Lanka to the children of the United States.

"Shanti will be joined at the National Zoo here by Salla and Anta, two reindeer Amy accepted in December as a gift from Finland.

Bald eagles and whooping cranes edged further from extinction. The population of both grew significantly during the year.

Other items from the animal almanac:

"Fantastic, exciting and tremendous," said ornithologist John O'Neill after sighting a white-winged guan in Peru. Believed extinct for a century, the guan is about 3 feet long and feeds on flowers and figs.

Maine's moose received executive clemency. Gov. James E. Langley vetoed a bill to create a six-day hunting season. Shooting a moose, said a letter to the governor, would be like "shooting the family cow."

Ford to recall Fiestas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two recalls of Ford automobiles and light trucks were announced today by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Involved are approximately 40,000 1977-model autos and light trucks with a steering defect, and about 8,000 1978-model Ford Fiestas with improperly located resistor wires on the air conditioner.

The safety agency said the steering defect is a potential

problem on 1977 Maverick, Comet, Granada and Monarch cars and 1977-model F-100, 150, 250 and 350 light trucks equipped with manual steering.

Ford will inspect these models and replace steering gear assemblies manufactured in May 1977.

The agency said the Fiestas may have air conditioners on which blower motor resistor wires were not properly located.



CHOICES

Karen Blaker Ph.D.

To tell the truth

DEAR DR. BLAKER — About six months ago my wife and I had a terrible shock. We found out we cannot have children. My wife wants a child so much that we decided to adopt. But I will go along only under one condition — that the child never learns the truth.

I think it's possible but my wife is not so sure. I am convinced that our future happiness depends on the decision we make now. By the way, we have a chance to get a baby boy with our coloring.

DEAR READER — Look with me into the future. Your child is 6. A few children at school tease him, saying that he's adopted. He comes to you for reassurance. What do you say?

Your child is 7. Friends are comparing baby books. He wants to see his birth certificate. What do you say?

Your child is 9. He is learning the facts of life. When he wants to know his birthdate, and birthplace, what do you say?

Your child is 10. He finds a letter from a relative referring vaguely to the nice "choice" his parents made when they picked him. He asks for an explanation. What do you say?

Your child is 12. He overhears a private talk with your wife. He hears the word "adopted" and asks if you were talking about him. What do you say?

These questions suggest how difficult it is to control all the information available to an adopted child as he

grows up. Therefore, it is impractical — apart from the ethical involved — to attempt a lifelong deception.

When you answer your child's questions about his origins, will you lie and risk the chance he may learn the truth from someone else? Or will your answers be vague and confusing? He will probably stop asking the potentially "dangerous" questions but he may conclude that there is something wrong with being curious about his origins. Or even worse, he may deduce that there is something wrong with him.

Either way your communication with your adopted child will be troubled and open to distortion. One Philadelphia study found that adopted children were better adjusted when their parents accepted their own roles as "adoptive" parents.

Perhaps you hope to forget your infertility by adopting a child — and then covering up the adoption. Time might help you recover from the shock you suffered when you discovered you couldn't conceive — children — of your own. Adopt only when you are ready to accept the reality of your situation.

Write to Dr. Blaker in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Volume of mail prohibits personal replies, but questions of general interest will be discussed in future columns.

Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York on Nov. 23, 1903.

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Your money's worth
Over your head in debt?

Sylvia Porter

'Who' Are You?
(First of nine columns)

Bill W. is an appliance serviceman, 40 years old, married to Ann who has a job at the Post Office. Together, they earn close to \$23,000 a year, and because their two children are now teen-agers, they recently bought a new home in a borough of New York City on a \$36,000 mortgage.

Bill and Ann are widely admired for their carefree way of living and his friends frequently ask for his sensitive, prudent financial advice, wishing that they, too, could afford a new home, two cars, at least two vacations a year.

But, unknown to their friends (and not fully realized by Bill and Ann either), their total monthly expenses now top \$2,500, they owe a startling \$32,283 to 18 creditors, and they're going deeper into the red each month by \$658.49.

In sum, this couple — so respected for its financial common sense — is flat broke.

This first business day of 1978 is the jarring day of awakening to the debts you piled up so cheerfully during the '77 Christmas buying season — via your credit cards, revolving charge accounts, easily obtained installment and personal loans. Together, Bill and Ann have 10 credit cards as well as charge accounts at most major department stores.

This is the time when you "feel" broke — and when you may be so over your head in debt that stern measures are imperative and help from trained credit counselors is of vital value.

"When I went shopping at Christmas for clothing and presents," said Ann, "I assumed the only way you could get them was with a plastic card. Cash was unheard of."

"We really tried to make and stay within a mental budget, but it never seemed to work when it came time to pay the bills," added Bill. "In nine years, I can't recall more than two or three times that we seriously discussed our spending habits, let alone what we were saving. It all went unaided somehow."

WHO is this American who gets over his or her head in debt — particularly at this season?

It's YOU.

You may be a \$50,000-plus executive working for one of America's top 500 giant corporations. Or you may be a family receiving welfare.

Consumers coming to an office of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater New York for budgeting advice range across all income, age, and social classes, reports Gerard A. Lareau, president of this service (one of more than 200 non-profit, community-sponsored agencies now in the U.S. and Canada).

In fact, you're merely typical of a consumer over your head in debt if this is your profile:

Head of a four-person household in your mid-30s;
A gross annual income of around \$11,800;
Debts averaging \$7,800 to 8.8 creditors;
Spending roughly \$397 more per month than you earn.

At least one out of every 20 Americans is in serious financial trouble at this beginning of 1978, well beyond the point at which you can hope to repay your staggering debts on your own.

The fact fundamentally revealing fact is that while since 1960, the U.S. population has grown about 44 per cent, total consumer installment debt outstanding has skyrocketed more than 16 times to total \$210 billion, not including home mortgage debt. This is the largest amount of consumer debt outstanding in U.S. history. The second fundamentally

revealing fact is that while an escalation of consumer borrowing is a healthy sign of consumer confidence in our economy and is generally encouraged, more than one out of every two U.S. families on this Jan. 3 owes installment debt. And it's a virtual certainty that you have installment debt IF:

You are married and head of a family; you are between 18 and 35 years of age; you have children, teenagers or younger; your income is between \$5,000 and \$25,000 a year. Of every 10 families with these four basic characteristics, nine have installment debts.

You are especially vulnerable IF:

You are a retiree who sinks deeper and deeper into debt because you are forced to use credit to make up for the gap between your pension and Social Security benefits and the falling buying power of your incomes as the cost of living climbs relentlessly ever upward.

You are in the process of divorce, for you almost inevitably tend to underestimate the much higher costs of single living in combination with the need to provide support for your children, if any. (A wise professor specializing in divorce once told me that a husband can financially afford a divorce only when he is prepared to cut his standard of living in half and he cautioned "anyone contemplating a divorce should count on it costing at least twice as much as he thinks.")

You are a compulsive spender — using your credit cards as an escape from emotional and personal problems, taking out your hostilities on creditors who often assume the form of "parents."

You are simply emotionally incapable of following the elementary rules on spending and allocating your income wisely. Instead of blaming yourself for getting over your head in debt, you blame "acts of God," such as a sudden illness or loss of job, an auto accident or other unanticipated misfortune. As Lareau remarks, "We have created a society that only tells people how to spend, without understanding the consequences at critical moments."

But even more basic than any of these points is that millions of you lose control of your finances because you do not recognize that credit is merely a cash advance that you must repay, one way or another, and that in the meantime, it will COST YOU MONEY. You are pleading for trouble when you start to think of your credit cards and checking reserves as an extension of your paychecks.

What are some of the warning signs? How can you tell when you are at the point of being financially overextended and unable to repay? How can you establish or re-establish a good credit rating? How can you avoid getting over your head? These questions will be answered in this series of columns this week and next.

Tomorrow: Warning signs and guidelines.

Big foot is missing
SUMTER, S.C. (AP) — If you see a 6-foot, 160-pound creature covered with brown and black hair with 5-foot arms, please call the Sumter County Sheriff's Department right away. Big Foot is missing.

This Big Foot is not the mythical and much-publicized creature, sometimes called an abominable snowman or a yeti, that has puzzled scientists and fascinated science-fiction fans. He, or it, is a statue that stood outside Singleton's Taxidermy, until it apparently was stolen Friday night.

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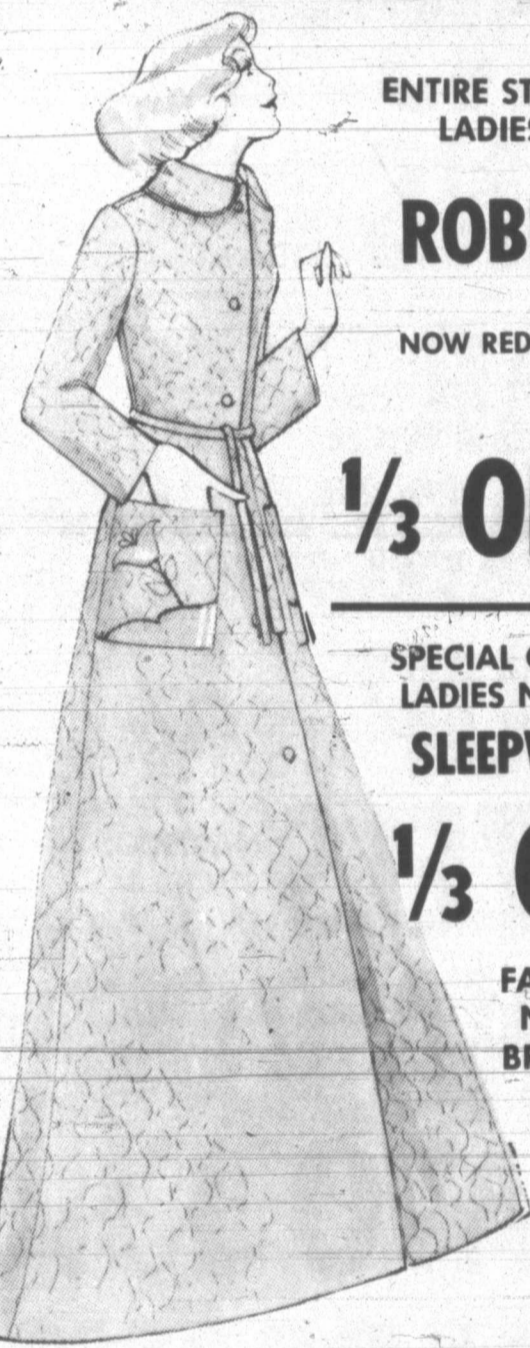
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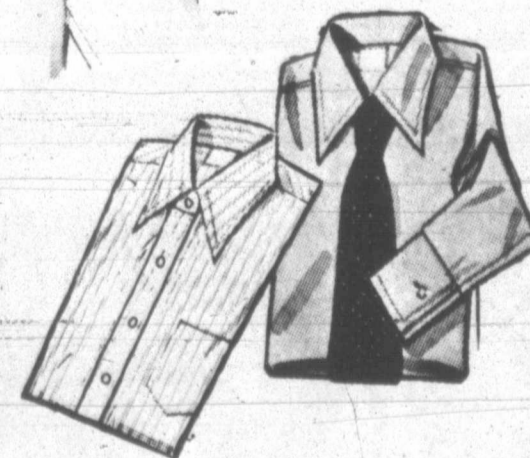
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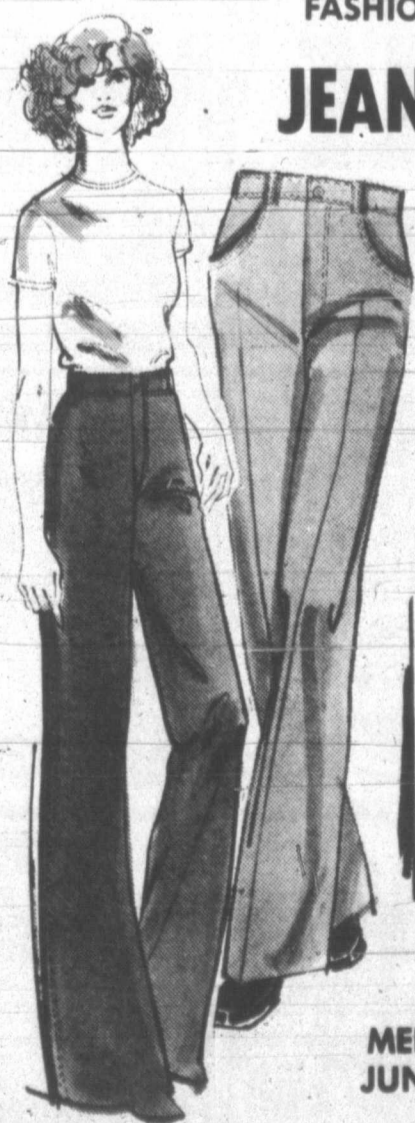
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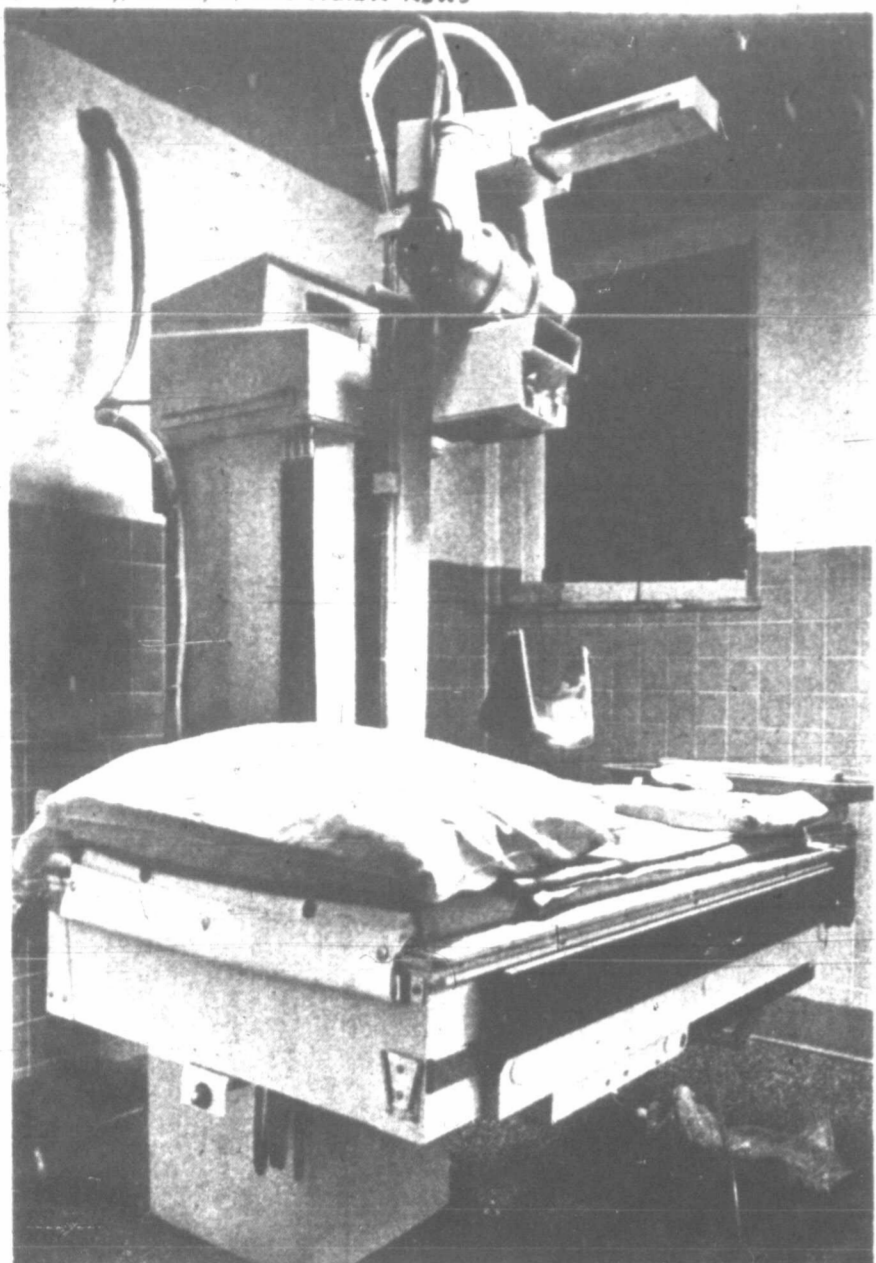
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The Hydrast setup, including table and full x-ray capabilities, is under lease to the hospital for the urology department. The table is valued at about \$30,000. The x-ray development laboratory that is part of the setup produces x-rays in 60 seconds. At right, Mrs. Gene Gobin,

director of nursing, adjusts one unit in the bank of cardiac care monitors recently installed at the hospital. The units are electrocardiogram monitors and continuously measure heart functions of patients. (Pampa News photos)

Jordan will stick around

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hamilton Jordan, the president's top aide, says he'll probably stay at the White House another year — but after that he isn't sure.

Jordan, who hinted several months ago he might leave, said in a year-end interview he's happier now. He also said he doesn't know of any major changes in administration personnel in the year ahead.

President Carter has one big appointment left over from last year. He still must name a director for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to replace Clarence M. Kelley, who would like to leave by the end of this month.

The president had picked U.S. District Judge Frank Johnson of Alabama to succeed Kelley, but Johnson withdrew because of ill health. The search for another successor has been narrowed to four persons. Who they are is a secret.

It is likely, in fact, that some of the four don't know they are being considered.

Nor is it a cinch that Carter will pick any of them. The president is known to be in no hurry and would rather appoint an acting director to run the bureau for a while than rush into making an ill-considered choice.

Otherwise, Jordan said, "I don't know of any major personnel changes you can expect here. I don't know of anybody around here that's going to leave, and I don't think anybody in the Cabinet is going to leave."

As for himself, Jordan said his talk about quitting last year was because the business of helping Carter make secondary personnel appointments simply got him down. Part of it was disappointing the people who didn't win jobs.

"I'm happier now than I was then," he said. "I had been through the thing with Carter and (Vice President Walter F.) Mondale and the Cabinet — and that was interesting, you know, working with them and trying to identify people for Carter to consider."

"But then all of a sudden to have to worry about who the

regional GSA (General Services Administration) people are going to be, and all that kind of stuff — it was kind of debilitating."

Now Jordan, who is the president's chief political adviser in the White House, heads a task force fighting for ratification of the Panama Canal treaty. He is deeply involved in the president's effort to bring a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

And he is looking forward to agreement with the Soviet Union on a new strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT) and the drive to win its approval in the Senate.

"It's better," Jordan said. "But that's not saying I'm going to stay here forever, either."

"I'm probably good for '78," he said, "but I don't know how long I'll be around."

Old gadget: convertible

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — And now for something completely different. An automobile with a roof that can be taken down.

What? You say you've heard of such contraptions? You say they called them convertibles in the old days?

But did they sell for \$20,000? Don Bruce sells Lincolns with

specially made convertible tops for \$20,000. He says that folks with money for such things found them more desirable after Detroit automakers stopped making them in 1976.

"People have a quirk," says Bruce. "As soon as you say you can't have it, they say, 'I want it,' particularly if they have the money."

Farm Bureau delegates go to Houston

Ten delegates from the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau attended the recent 44th annual Texas Farm Bureau meeting at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston.

They included Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maul, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Acker.

Also attending were Greg Acker and Trinidee Acker. Trinidee competed in the talent find contest.

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NASA requires little green man

By HOWARD BENEDICT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal spacers aren't very excited about unidentified flying objects these days, not even with a president who once said he saw a UFO.

So if you spot something strange in the sky, don't expect the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to come running unless you've got proof of the intruder from out there. Like a little green man, or a chunk of R2D2.

The policy is outlined in a cautiously worded letter NASA sent to the White House, rejecting a suggestion that it reopen a federal inquiry into UFOs.

The agency did say it stands ready to analyze any "bona fide evidence from credible sources," but it noted that no such evidence of intrusions from other worlds ever has been found.

The turndown was necessarily polite because the request resulted from a campaign promise made by candidate Jimmy Carter. He said if there were any secrets about UFOs, he would flush them out.

The president's science adviser, Dr. Frank Press, asked NASA last July to become the

government's focal point in a "national revival" of interest in reports of UFO sightings. He recommended the agency establish a small panel of inquiry.

When Carter was elected, UFO fanciers felt they had a friend in the White House. Carter reported in 1973 that four years earlier he had seen a UFO and described it as "bluish at first, then reddish, then luminous but not solid."

NASA, of course, was concerned when it received Press' request. Officials envisioned draining millions of dollars out of a thinning budget to set up a team of experts to investigate UFO reports.

"We could establish a team of about 15 go-getters, geologists, biologists and so forth,

ready to jump on a specially equipped plane," said Dave Williamson, a NASA assistant for special projects.

"The team would wait for someone to holler. It could be a drunk on a country road or a housewife clear across the country," he said. "The team would fly out and ask questions and take measurements. They could measure the electromagnetic field and a bunch of other things, and the only thing they might learn is that it was a wet day."

Williamson noted that in 1969, after 22 years of study and considerable expense, the Air Force closed its investigation of UFOs, concluding that it had no significant findings.

After thinking over the White House request, NASA Adminis-

trator Robert Frosch did what any worthy bureaucrat would do in such a situation. He asked for time to consider it. Then he named Williamson to head a committee to look into the matter and make a recommenda-

tion. The result was last week's letter from Frosch to Press, which concluded that reopening the investigation would be "wasteful and probably unproductive."

Episcopals ordain 90

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 90 women have been ordained as Episcopal priests since church leaders voted to allow female ordination, but despite vocal opposition to the policy from some factions, relatively few church members have dropped out, according to a church survey.

The survey, based on informal questionnaires to domestic dioceses that were returned in mid-November, as well as additional reports, showed that in addition to the women ordained in the year since the ordination of women was authorized, 62 other women deacons or candidates are headed for the priesthood.

Through mid-November, 96 men had been ordained in the church, according to a report on the survey released Thursday.

About two-thirds of the women priests hold paid positions in the church or serve as ministers in secular institutions —

colleges, prisons, hospitals and others. Twelve are in charge of congregations as pastors, assistant pastors or interim pastors.

The church said its survey showed 13 congregations voted to leave the church and 18 voted to withhold funds from national and diocesan church programs. Ten congregations declined to allow visits by their bishops. The church has 7,192 parishes.

Diocesan bishops were found to have placed 32 priests or deacons under some form of inhibitions from functioning — suspension or facing it — for fomenting departures from the church.

The survey also showed that 3,400 members of the 2.9 million-member church decided in 1977 to leave the church because of the ordination of women, prayer book revisions or alleged "secular or humanistic" trends in the church.

Consumers win some, lose some in '77

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed office of consumer representation is one of several major consumer measures still pending in Congress.

Bills to establish consumer cooperative banks and give citizens broader standing to sue the government are other measures that failed to pass in 1977.

But other consumer proposals are now law, including tougher restrictions on debt collectors, higher minimum wages and greater choices in shopping for mortgage loans.

Amendments to the Federal Credit Union Act allow credit union loans with more flexible terms, permitting the organizations to compete with banks on mortgages and other loans.

The Fair Debt Collection Act became law on Sept. 20, making it illegal for debt collectors to use obscene language, contact consumers by telephone at inconvenient times or places, and to threaten violence.

On Sunday, the minimum wage rose from \$2.30 to \$2.65 an hour. It will become \$2.90 an hour in 1979, \$3.10 in 1980 and \$3.35 in 1981.

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Gardening in Pampa by moon signs

January--plan and dream of spring garden

By LOIS BOYNTON
Special to The News
(Editor's note: The column by Mrs. Boynton, one of Pampa's authorities on gardening, appears in The Pampa News on the first of each month. She reports on gardening tips for the month and on when to plant, harvest and wood according to moon signs.)
The Moon will be decreasing: 1-8; 24-31. The Moon will be increasing: 9-23.
The Fruitful Signs are: 2-28 p.m. 3rd until 5 (Scorpio); 12-13 (Pisces); 21-23 (Cancer); 31 (Scorpio).

The Semi-fruitful Signs are: 1-3 from 2:08 p.m. the 28th through 30 (Libra); 8-9 (Gemini) 24-25 (Leo); 25-26 (Virgo).
The Fruitful Signs are the Wet Signs and the Barren Signs are the Dry Signs. The Fixed Signs are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius. The Moveable Signs are Cancer, Gemini, Libra, and Pisces. The Moveable Signs are used for transplanting.
Christmas with all its festive season has come and gone, and you are left with a "let-down feeling." You have little desire

to start something new. Don't allow this feeling to possess you for long. For there is much to be done in January. It is the time for dreaming and planning, looking ahead to your spring and summer garden.
The seed and plant catalogues which came during the Christmas rush, and that you stashed away -- bring them out now and study them and make out your order and get it off promptly. We are informed that there may be a shortage of some seeds, getting your order in early may prevent a disappointment. We always buy

hybrid seed when available. What is a hybrid seed? It is the result of cross-fertilization. Various methods may be used. The cross promises the breeder improvement; in that it develops a stronger plant, blooming early, with larger and more blossoms, more disease resistance and etc. They are constantly looking for other and better types. This takes time years perhaps. Seeds planted from a hybrid plant very seldom come true to the parent plant.
What resolutions have you made for this year?

Start a compost heap. A compost heap is carrying out nature's own process of converting organic matter into soil. Yours can be a hole in the ground, a cement block or wooden enclosure. The size of your yard and the amount of material you have to convert to compost will determine the size of your pile. In addition to returning rotting vegetable material to the soil, there are two major reasons for making compost. First it makes materials such as manure and garbage pleasant to handle. Second it increases the nitrogen content of low-nitrogen materials such as woodchips, sawdust, straw and corn cobs. The high heat of the compost process "cooks" out the smell of manure and garbage. The composting process also increases the nitrogen content of the pile, by burning off much of the carbon, reducing the bulk of the heap while increasing its nitrogen portion.
Another resolution: grow a yard and garden without using pesticides of any kind. We have proven that it is possible. Why don't you try it. It is worth it.

There is much to be learned about nature. House plants have a hard time surviving the dry atmosphere of our homes. A humidifier is good, but it needs to be in a room that is closed off. An alternative is to cover the bottom of a shallow pan with coarse pebbly gravel and set the plants on it, add water to a point slightly below the gravel top. This will double the humidity about the plants. This has an added advantage: you can spray the foliage without having to move the plants. Spraying is an important part of your program to keep the foliage of your house plants healthy, and growing well.
We are always stressing this, but it adds so much zest and anticipation to gardening, and that is "Try Something New." Plant a new plant you have never seen before. Plant a vegetable you have never eaten. Try something new there is a whole big green world to explore.
12 through the 13th plant pansy and geranium seed in flats filled with good potting soil cover with plastic, we slip the flats into a bread cover wrapper. They will sprout in about two weeks then the bread

wrapper should be removed and the flats placed in a warm sunny window. These will be nice plants when they can be planted outside.
Since we have had no moisture your beds and evergreen should be well watered.
Cut up your Christmas tree and use the branches as a mulch over bulb beds.
Wood ashes from the fireplace contain, on average, about 32 percent Calcium, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 percent potash and as much as 3 percent phosphoric acid, be lavish with them around fruit trees and conifers, avoid using them on broad-leaved evergreens.
Bitter-sweet, wisteria, woodbine or English Ivy will murder any live tree they grow on if not ruthlessly pruned every year.
4th and 5th cut down newly planted summer-fruiting raspberries to within 6 in. of the ground and be equally severe with all canes of autumn-fruiting varieties.
Branches of pussy willow and other early-spring-flowering shrubs, cut and placed in warm water indoors, soon come into bloom in a warm room.
A gardener can grow plants,

but only a plantman will know them. This is a good time to make yourself a plantman. Learn more about the plants you grow, and those you wish to grow. There are many excellent books and magazines. The United States Department of Agriculture publishes helpful information for home gardeners. Many are free, others can be had for a nominal sum. A list of available publications may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Plants in the Home...

The optimistic gardener



ELVIN McDONALD

With seed catalogs arriving daily, I find my spirits soaring -- and visions of my own greenhouse are dancing in my head as never before. The greenhouse I have now is nice and tight, and roomy -- and I should be satisfied. But it's not my own; it's a loan from a friend and situated 80 miles from New York City so that at most I'm able to enjoy it only on the weekends.
Particularly in the middle of winter, a few hours spent in this greenhouse gives me outrageous ideas of how I would plan and plant my ideal garden house if (when?) I can build one of my own.
I picture it as an extension of a recreation room, so I could look out through the large window of the glassed-in garden a dozen times a day, every day of the year. There would be a convenient door for the many times I'd be lured away from my work. Any time I wished, I could step into my garden to watch a bud unfold, tuck a wandering tendril back around its support, and breathe in the fresh, moist fragrance only a greenhouse has.
My garden would be tropical. Yours might be a desert planted with fabulous cacti, or cooler for alpine and other hardier plants. But I love the exotics; and I would plant each one where it could grow according to its own natural whim. No more neat rows of pots on benches. My creepers would be planted where they could clamber over the soil and an occasional rock or rotted log. Climbers would have some picturesque support to climb on. Epiphytes would have trees to perch on; and the danglers baskets to hang from.
There would be variations of light, from full sun to patches of dappled or deep shade. If I could manage it, I'd have some variations in temperatures, too, in different areas of the garden. For dry-growing plants there would be rock gardens and raised beds; for moisture-lovers there would be sunken, humid, rich bogs. The necessary storage and utility area would be relegated to a remote corner, and then hidden under a bower of flowering vines. There would be a stool, so I could sit down to pot or propagate.

There would be a pool in my greenhouse-garden, with a miniature water-lily to flower in it. Around the edge, rocks would be arranged to make homes for friendly frogs, salamanders and turtles. I'd teach them to be friendly, so I could coax them out to safe quarters during the periodic spraying or fumigating. Restful ferns would frame the pool, and a fountain would make the musical sound of splashing water. Perhaps the overflow could run into a tiny winding stream.



The poppy.

My garden would be full of surprises. You could visit it every day of the year, and still find something new -- a miniature orchid flowering on the branch of the bromeliad tree; iridescent Selaginella uncinata stalking on stilts in the shade under a dwarf banana; carved columns, old urns, pieces of ceramic art I would pick up in my travels. Here, perhaps an old tree stump sunk naturally in the soil; there, a log half-buried as it would be in the woods; two stepping stones to entice you aside to look down on a mound of oxalis in full flower; overhead, a moss-lined basket of flamboyant orchid cacti in spring.
The planning, of course, would be carefully worked out -- but the plan should not show. The shaggy fishtail palm, Caryota urens, would be placed in the perfect spot. The Mexican tree fern would look as if it had always lived there. The bromeliad tree would seem to have lived and died in my indoor jungle, and the plants rooted into its branches would look as if

they had planted themselves, as they do in the tropics.
For fragrance I'd plant a jasmine, stephanotis and Osmanthus fragrans, the wonderful sweet-olive. For early spring refreshment, I'd force miniature and dwarf daffodils, bringing the pots in from the coldframe to sink in the soil. I'd want the silk-soft foliage and royal purple flowers of Tibouchina semidecandra -- but I'd pinch and prune it, to keep it fairly low. I'd want a large basket floating airy fronds of one of the davallias, or rabbit's-foot ferns -- and a smaller one for the variegated Abutilon megapotamicum, because I love its gold-spashed leaves strung neatly along wiry stems, and its dangling red- and yellow lantern flowers.
Just one more thing to complete my dream. Near the door of my greenhouse-garden, I'd have a gift box for guests -- with small plants from which you could choose what pleases you. Yes, I do mean you. If I can dream, you can, too.
And if you'd like my source list for prefabricated home greenhouses, please send your request to me in care of this newspaper, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

More optimism: Winter snow will seem to melt into drifts of flowers in the spring if you sow seeds of hardy annuals now, or soon. Simply broadcast the seeds over the area where you want bloom. If there is snow on the ground, so much the better; seeds nestled in the snow will eventually come to rest on the soil surface, to sprout and grow sturdily in the first warm days of spring.
Some seeds sown this way will be eaten by the birds, others carried away by rain and wind, so plant generously. If you are sowing in the absence of snow cover, scatter the seeds under frosted plants of annuals and perennials, which will be removed in early spring.
Favorite annual flowers for winter sowing include larkspur, California, Iceland and Shirley poppies, bachelor's-button, nemophila, nigella, candytuft and godetia. All are excellent to broadcast over beds of spring bulbs such as tulips and hyacinths.

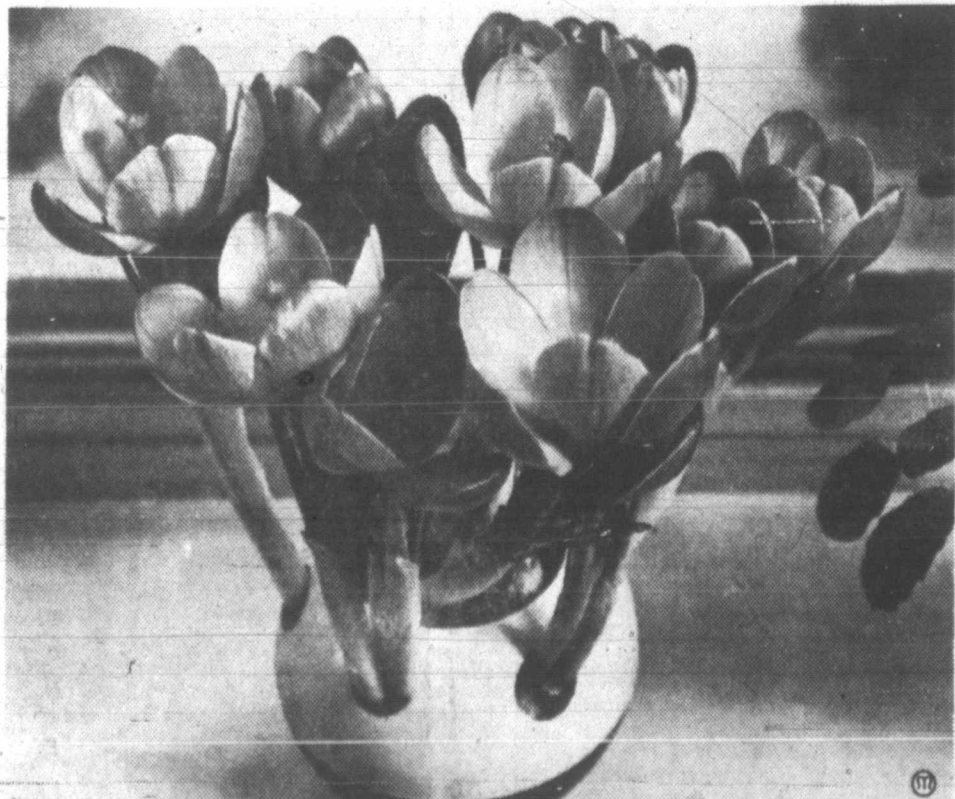
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Shop for bulbs for spring

By EARL ARONSON
AP Newsfeatures
Most home gardeners concentrate on the popular tulips and daffodils, unaware of the so-called minor bulbs that also should go into the ground before heavy frost.
These bulbs will reward you in early spring with a great deal of color, from white to deep purple. Of course, flowering time depends on where you

live and whether spring is early or late.
Plant them the way you would tulips, in well-drained soil given a liberal dose of bone-meal or an ordinary general fertilizer you work into the soil before putting in the bulbs. If the soil has lots of clay, loosen it with sand, peat or vermiculite; if too sandy, add peat or compost to bolster it.
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Cut in coal production is miner aggravation

By MARTHA BRYSON HOEDEL, Associated Press Writer
When they're working, United Mine Workers union members produce 50 percent of the nation's coal. But on one day in the union's current nationwide strike, production was cut by nearly 75 percent, federal statistics show.

On an average production day, the nation's 5,120 union and non-union mines combined produce 3,173,333 tons of coal, according to Lawrence Frey of the Federal Energy Department.

But on Dec. 15, he said, the 1,314 mines in operation pro-

duced 803,411 tons of coal, slightly more than 25 percent of the average.

On that day, six of the nation's 1,800 UMW mines were open, all in the western part of the country where an independent contract has been reached. Of the 3,320 non-UMW mines, 1,308 were in operation.

The Dec. 15 date was selected at random.

The walkout, which began Dec. 6, has idled about 160,000 UMW members nationwide. The strike was called after contract talks broke down.

Striking miners have picketed non-UMW mines and coal load-

ing facilities in an effort to close those operations. Tractors hauling coal also have been harassed, sometimes being forced to dump their loads.

The picketing has been aimed chiefly at operations in Kentucky, where about half the coal produced is non-UMW. Maryland, where all the mines are non-UMW, has also been the target of pickets, as has Virginia, which has about the same proportion of non-UMW mines as Kentucky.

In other states, especially West Virginia and Ohio, many non-UMW operations closed voluntarily at the beginning of the strike, either in sympathy with the union or out of fear of vandalism and threats against employees.

Frey said the production figure was based on a survey con-

ducted by the federal Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration. He acknowledged that on an average day when no strike is on production will fluctuate, but never by the margin noted Dec. 15.

Meanwhile, in Washington, UMW and Bituminous Coal Operators Association representatives continued negotiations Thursday. Sources indicated that the bargaining teams would probably suspend negotiations during the upcoming holiday weekend, resuming the sessions next Tuesday.

There appeared to be only scattered picketing in the coalfields Thursday. In Henderson, Ky., railroad ties were reported burned on a trestle used for coal shipments from a non-union mine.

Carter may name pension panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter may announce next month his long-delayed commission to study the problems of financially strained pension systems of federal, state and local governments, according to a White House aide.

Tentative plans call for the panel to study, among other things, Social Security pensions for disabled workers under age 65, the financial condition of government pension funds and "double-dipping" retirees who draw two or more pension checks from different units of the government.

Among the items on the panel's agenda will be the Civil Service retirement system for civilian federal workers, which has an annual cost that is growing at the rate of \$1 billion a year, according to latest figures.

That system's long-term projected costs have been officially underestimated by several billion dollars per year, according to an unpublished Civil Service Commission report. Contributions by employees and the government cover only 61 per-

cent of the amount needed to pay expected future pensions and to provide for a stable reserve fund, the report said.

Even in its present condition, the Civil Service pension system is better funded than the Social Security system or the military retirement system, the report said.

Carter announced at a news conference June 13 that he intended to appoint a pension commission "very quickly."

He said then he thought it unfair to allow governmental retirees to draw full pensions while also holding down full-time jobs.

Carter cited wide disparities in retirement benefits available to people with similar working backgrounds who had paid similar amounts into different retirement funds. And he said many governmental retirement systems, particularly at the local level, are financially unsound, endangering the security of public servants.

White House aide Franklin D. Raines said final plans for the panel had been delayed by other matters, including the

recently signed increase in Social Security taxes.

"We're still planning to set it up," Raines said in response to a reporter's questions. "We hope to be announcing something in the next month."

He said plans for the panel are not yet final, but that it would focus on governmental pension systems including Civil Service, veterans' pensions, state and local pension funds, and disability pensions under Social Security.

Rising costs brought on by inflation, increased benefits and swelling numbers of retirees have focused criticism on many local, state and federal retirement systems in recent years.

Mondale sets trip for gas, alien talk

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Vice President Walter Mondale's talks in Mexico next month are expected to focus on stalled Mexican natural gas sales north of the border and the growing tide of illegal Mexican aliens in the United States, a White House source says.

Mondale apparently will seek a settlement of the clash between Washington and Mexico City over the price the United States will pay for natural gas piped across the border.

Last week, Mexico's national oil company, Pemex suspended its offer to sell gas to six U.S. pipeline companies on orders from Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo. Pemex also stopped work on the final leg of a pipeline that would feed gas from Mexican wells to Texas outlets.

Portillo sent envoys to Washington last week and they reportedly told Energy Secretary James Schlesinger the deal was off until Washington agrees to Mexico's asking price.

The United States rejected a Mexican offer to sell natural gas at \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet, which exceeded President Carter's proposed \$1.75 price ceiling on new natural gas produced in the United States. The \$1.75 ceiling is the same price at which Canadian natural gas sells in U.S. markets but lower than other foreign imports.

The six American companies signed a letter of intent with Pemex in August to meet Mexico's \$2.60 asking price, which is

linked with the cost of No. 2 heating oil landed in New York.

However, the companies refused to finalize the accord until the price was approved by U.S. regulatory agencies. They, in turn, are waiting for congressional action on Carter's energy bill.

Mexico announced last Thursday it will not renew the letter of intent set to expire Dec. 31.

Mondale will meet Lopez Portillo, Foreign Minister Santiago Roel and Pemex director Jorge Diaz Serrano, the White House source told The Associated Press Thursday.

The source, who asked not to be identified, is visiting Mexico this week. He said Mondale's agenda is not yet completed and other issues and officials could be added to the vice president's schedule.

Mondale will be following up talks on the illegal alien problem started when Lopez Portillo met Carter in Washington in February.

There are an estimated four to 12 million illegal aliens in the United States, and immigration officials estimate 8 out of 10 are Mexican.

Mexico is currently in its worst economic crisis since World War II, with half its 64 million citizens unemployed or underemployed, and thousands slipping across the border each month to seek work.

Mondale will also ask Lopez Portillo to set up security on the Mexican side of the border.

Some biggies want to replace LAPD top cop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Some of the nation's best-known law enforcement officials are seeking to replace Edward M. Davis as this city's police chief, officials say.

Among the 32 persons who will take a written test for the post Jan. 14 are seven out-of-state contenders, including Patrick V. Murphy, head of the Washington, D.C.-based Police Foundation and former New York City police commissioner; and William P. Lucas, Wayne County, Mich., sheriff and a former Detroit FBI official.

Despite fierce opposition by Davis and other LAPD members, the Civil Service Commission broke with precedent to allow persons other than Los Angeles police to compete for the post, which could pay as high as \$73,000 a year. Davis and the others contended there were many qualified persons within the department.

Eighteen persons from outside the Los Angeles Police Department had applied for the job.

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Cornelia's attorney ready for trial

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — John P. Kohn, an attorney for Cornelia Wallace, says he's ready to go to trial Jan. 4 on divorce proceedings between Mrs. Wallace and her husband, Gov. George C. Wallace.

But a signed statement from Mrs. Wallace's physician raises questions as to whether the first lady will be able to attend the court proceedings.

Mrs. Wallace, 38, was admitted Sept. 22 to St. Margaret's Hospital in Montgomery suffering from what another one of her attorneys, Ira DeMent, described as "mental and physical exhaustion."

Discovered Thursday in the Wallace divorce file at the Montgomery County Courthouse was a signed statement from

Mrs. Wallace's physician, Dr. Jane Day, dated Dec. 27.

In the handwritten statement, Dr. Day said Mrs. Wallace "is not at the present time capable physically of testifying or giving a deposition and it seems unlikely that this will be possible before 1-7-78."

Attorneys for Wallace, 58, have subpoenaed Mrs. Wallace's medical records since Dec. 21 for submission during the divorce trial and have subpoenaed Dr. Day to testify.

After visiting with Mrs. Wallace in her hospital room Thursday, Kohn said "as far as I'm concerned we are ready to go to trial, but you never can tell what will happen in a case like this."

Kohn, one of three attorneys representing Mrs. Wallace in the highly publicized divorce proceedings, said the first lady "looks fine," but still is undergoing "all kinds of tests."

He said he did not know when she would be released from the hospital.

In Boston, meanwhile, attorney F. Lee Bailey's office denied reports that Bailey has been hired to join the other lawyers representing Mrs. Wallace.

On Sept. 6, Mrs. Wallace moved her belongings out of the Governor's Mansion, saying she could no longer endure her husband's "vulgarity, threats and abuse."

Six days later, the governor filed for divorce, citing "incompatibility of temperament" and an "irretrievable breakdown" in the six-year-old marriage.

In her cross suit, Mrs. Wallace accused the governor of "cruelty and actual violence" and failure to give her enough money "even to meet the basic needs of life." She is seeking "liberal" alimony.

Nude massages pass council, but just barely


AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After striking a ban on nude massages and cutting license fees, the city council has approved a massage parlor ordinance, 4-3.

The ordinance, which still needs two more readings for final approval, has won the votes of a council majority.

As originally proposed, the ordinance would have required masseuses to wear opaque clothing and patrons to be covered from the waist down. But that provision was stricken after Councilman Lee Cooke said he thought the dress code was overly restrictive on the businesses.

Police Chief Frank Dyson said enforcement of a dress code would require the use of undercover agents and this would raise the legal issue of entrapment in prosecutions.

License fees proposed in the original draft of the ordinance were cut from \$100 to \$50 for parlors and from \$25 to \$10 for employees.



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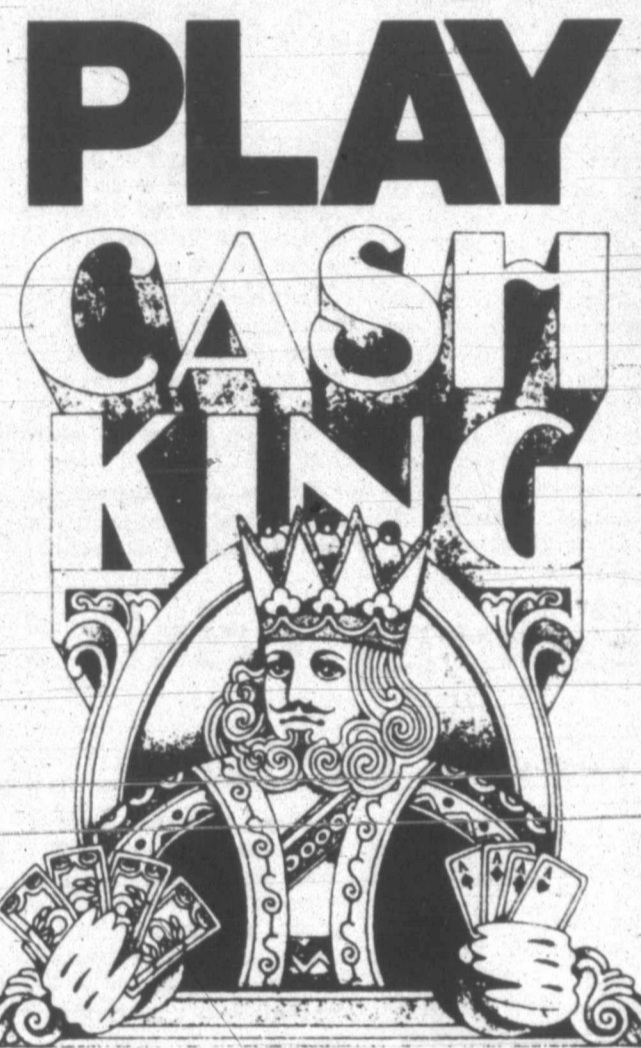
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Oil uncertainties carry over to '78

By MAX B. SKELTON
AP Oil Writer
HOUSTON (AP) — The oil industry recalls 1977 as a year of accomplishment despite continuing uncertainties.

However, many of the uncertainties will carry over into 1978, and oil executives say the industry will be faced with more challenges.

The cereals center on the national energy program proposals that were deadlocked in a House-Senate conference committee as Congress began its holiday recess that continues until Jan. 19.

Industry leaders contend the proposals backed by President Carter place too much emphasis on taxes and controls without providing sufficient incentives to maximize domestic energy development and production.

Orin E. Atkins, Ashland Oil Inc. chairman, has summarized the outlook this way:

"Uncertainties in both the world economy and the United States petroleum industry have been heightened by government policies which threaten to hinder rather than aid the development of a strong national energy base.

"Despite these problems, the petroleum industry and Ashland have continued to make capital expenditures at an unprecedented rate anticipating that rational thinking will prevail to assure a strong energy base for the future."

Four trends highlighted 1977 domestic operations:

—Demand for petroleum products approximated 18.3 million barrels a day, a record level that compares with the 17.3 million pre-embargo average of 1973.

—Imports of crude oil and petroleum products approached 8.8 million barrels a day, a record level that accounted for about 48 percent of the year's demand for products.

—Crude oil production in the lower 48 states declined for a seventh consecutive year, but the long-delayed midyear opening of the Trans-Alaska pipeline and the start of production from Alaska's prolific Prudhoe Bay area led to the first overall increase in domestic output since 1970.

—Oil and gas drilling operations moved to an 18-year high with an indication that total well completions for the year might approach 45,000, compared with 41,421 in 1976 and the record 57,111 in 1956.

Most forecasts indicate all four trends will continue in 1978, with imports possibly moderating a bit as the Trans-Alaska flow moves toward its initial crude oil capacity of 1.2 million barrels a day.

The record demand for petroleum products pushed 1977 refining operations to record levels as crude runs to stills averaged about 14.5 million barrels a day, or 9.8 percent above 1976.

With refineries operating at 90.8 percent of capacity the first 10 months of the year, the

industry moved into the winter season with 1.3 billion barrels of crude oil and products in storage, 7.2 percent above the year-earlier level.

This left refiners in a good supply position should a second straight colder-than-normal winter develop.

For natural gas, however, the situation was quite different.

Interstate pipeline contract requirements for the winter months were estimated at 7.2 trillion cubic feet, compared with available supplies esti-

mated at 5.5 trillion cubic feet. This amounts to a 23 percent shortage, compared with 21 percent last winter.

Domestic crude oil production, which peaked at 9,180,000 barrels a day in 1970, fell to 8,016,000 barrels a day by the time the Trans-Alaska pipeline began operating in late June.

Start-up problems that included sabotage, explosions, and fires forced postponement of the line's projected flow of 1.2 million barrels a day until next spring. But Prudhoe Bay pro-

duction was approximating 600,000 barrels a day, boosting overall domestic output about 8.6 million barrels a day, compared with 8.1 million barrels a year earlier. Spread over the calendar year, Prudhoe Bay crude was expected to boost the 1977 daily average to about 8,188,000 barrels a day, compared with 8,138,000 in 1976.

Plans for marketing Prudhoe Bay's natural gas reserves, estimated at more than 30 trillion cubic feet, were proceeding at year-end with federal approval

of a pipeline route across Alaska and Canada. Alcan Pipeline Co. expressed hope that up to 800 million cubic feet a day can be delivered to markets in the lower 48 states by late 1979.

Still to be made final, however, was federal and state approval for a pipeline to move surplus Prudhoe Bay crude oil from California to inland refinery centers.

In early December, domestic oil and gas operators had 2,151 rotary drilling rigs at work, the

highest level since December 1958. Industry sources, while cautiously watching Washington, were predicting the upward trend should continue well into 1978.

John E. Swearingen, the 1978 chairman of the American Petroleum Institute, was among those expressing hope some sort of compromise can be effected to assure adequate incentives for the industry to maximize the search for additional energy supplies.

Swearingen, chairman of

Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), said the industry can provide ample supplies of energy here at home if the market system is allowed to work and prices are permitted to go high enough to cover the cost of production and allow a reasonable profit.

"But we will not have adequate domestic supplies as long as substantial numbers of people, including members of Congress, believe we can have more energy without paying for it," Swearingen said.

Energy crisis rears head

By STAN BENJAMIN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's energy crisis struck home at the start of 1977 as Americans shivered through the coldest winter on record. But at year's end, the country still lacked an answer to chronic energy shortages and a growing dependence on foreign oil.

As record snowfalls piled up in some cities last winter and many rivers froze, the demand for home heating siphoned off the short supply of natural gas from industries, businesses and schools — forcing thousands to close and idling about 1.2 million workers.

When President Jimmy Carter took office Jan. 20, he promptly urged the American people to turn down their thermostats and made energy a top priority.

In April, he presented to Congress a comprehensive "National Energy Plan." His strategy was to promote energy conservation and encourage a shift from oil and natural gas to coal and nuclear power.

Carter asked for, and got, a new Department of Energy, officially opened on Oct. 1 with James R. Schlesinger, once head of the nation's defense and nuclear programs, as its first secretary.

Carter previewed his energy plan on April 18, with warnings of a future world fuel crisis. But by then, snowbound roads and frozen waterways had thawed and natural gas demand had dropped.

The return of energy comfort, however, only masked the continuing problem, Carter administration officials warned.

Natural gas production, dwindling since 1973, shrank another 3 percent in 1977. Government experts said normal weather, fuel conservation and less industrial use of natural gas were the only ways to avoid a repeat of the gas shortage.

Imports of foreign oil continued to increase — at a rate of about 20 percent in 1977.

Before the Arab oil embargo of 1973, the nation depended on foreign oil for about 37 percent of its total needs, but in 1977 that dependency had reached 48 percent.

And at prices imposed by the world oil cartel, those petroleum imports cost the United States an estimated \$45 billion in 1977, about 2 percent of the Gross National Product.

On the other hand, U.S. oil companies spent more and drilled more. Domestic oil production, in decline since 1970, leveled off at about 8.2 million barrels a day in 1977 with the June 30 opening of the controversial Alaska oil pipeline.

On July 8, the pipeline was disabled by an explosion, later blamed on human error, which killed one worker and destroyed a pump station. It resumed operation July 20, but at a reduced flow rate.

Another problem with the Alaskan oil was distribution. The U.S. West Coast, destination of the oil, did not need it all and the Carter administration barred Alaskan oil exports to Japan on July 10.

That meant excess Alaska oil had to be shipped through the Panama Canal to oil ports on the Gulf of Mexico while the government processed a belated proposal by Standard Oil of Ohio for a pipeline from California to Texas.

Congress moved to authorize a pipeline for Alaska natural gas, parallel to the oil pipeline. The United States and Canada agreed on its southbound route along the Alcan Highway.

Meanwhile, on July 21, Schlesinger turned a valve in Louisiana sending the first shipment of crude oil, a tanker load from Saudi Arabia, into an underground strategic petroleum reserve destined to hold 600 million barrels, as insurance against an interruption of imports.

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Cowboys maul Vikings for Bowl bid

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP)—The Dallas Cowboys thrashed their Super Bowl XII opponents 14-0 two weeks ago, but they know they will face a brasher brand of Denver Bronco Jan. 15 in the Superdome at New Orleans.

The Cowboys mauled Minnesota 23-6 Sunday to charge into their fourth Super Bowl to face a team enjoying its first National Football League playoff in the Broncos' 18-year history.

"We know they (Denver) were just going through the motions and preparing for the playoffs when we beat them," said Dallas safety Charlie Waters. "It was no way indicative of the kind of team they will have in the Super Bowl."

Waters said "I was glad Denver beat Oakland. We want to play against (quarterback) Craig Morton. I enjoy going against Craig because he played for us six years. We were disappointed we couldn't go against him the last time."

Morton played only one series of downs as Dallas and Denver finished the year with the best NFL records, 12-2.

"It's hard not to love Craig," said Waters. "I guess you noticed the fans cheered him when they heard Denver won. We'll take advantage of what we know about him and he'll take advantage of what he knows about us. It should be interesting."

Waters added, "We are 5-0 against Craig when he was with the New York Giants. But we know that's when he was with an inferior team. He's a great player."

Dallas used a bristling defense headed by end Harvey Martin, who recovered two fumbles, to paralyze Minnesota and milked enough offense out of quarterback Roger Staubach and rookie Tony Dorsett to win the National Conference title.

"We were a little sloppy on offense," said Staubach. "But our defense played well and we just got a little conservative." Dallas wasn't so conservative

it didn't spring a new play on the Vikings. It was a fake quick screen which hoodwinked safety Paul Krause.

"Krause took the fake (to Drew Pearson) and Golden Richards was wide open," said Staubach, who winged a 32-yard scoring pass to Richards early in the first quarter.

Robert Newhouse rambled five yards for a touchdown and Efen Herrera kicked a 21-yard field goal as Dallas rolled to a 16-6 halftime lead. The Vikings' only offense was field goals of 32 and 37 yards by the retiring Fred Cox.

Dorsett's 11-yard scoring run out of the Shotgun Offense in the fourth period put the game away as the Cowboys chanted "gumbo...shrimp...oysters" charging up the tunnel to the wild locker room.

New Orleans is the site of Dallas' only Super Bowl victory in 1971 against Miami.

Dallas Coach Tom Landry, asked if he thought he had a Super Bowl caliber team in training camp, said "No, but

our defense jelled early and about the 10th game Dorsett came around and our offense picked up. At this point, I thought we had a chance to make the Super Bowl.

"It's a happy New Year for us. I'm just glad we are playing Denver in New Orleans and not in Denver. Both teams should give a super performance."

Minnesota Coach Bud Grant said one of the big plays of the game was a fake punt by Danny White which set up Dallas' second touchdown.

White gained 14 yards on a fourth-and-7 to the Viking 29-yard line. Dorsett streaked 13 yards up the middle and Newhouse ripped across for the touchdown.

"It was a big play for them...they've done it before, you look for it...and you are aware of it, but if you look for it you look for it all day long," said Grant. "They block on it like any running play."

White said, "I saw it open up, but it wouldn't have meant any-

thing had the offense not taken it down and scored. I just wanted to contribute something today."

Landry said, "the fake punt by White was a beautiful play. It was not planned. Those kind never are."

He said of Denver and Craig Morton: "Craig is a fine quarterback, just like he was when he was with us. He's capable of beating you and right now his team has a lot of confidence. They feel they can beat the world."

For the record, the Super Bowl pays \$18,000 to the winners and Cowboy offensive tackle Ralph Neely, 38, who is retiring, said "This will make my banker happy."

Vikings-Cowboys, State Minnesota 9, 8, 9, 8-0

Dallas	6:18 8:7-23
Dal-Richard 32 pass from Staubach (kick failed)	
Dal-Newhouse 8 run (Herrera kick)	
Mia-FG Cox 37	
Dal-FG Herrera 31	
Dal-Dorsett 11 run (Herrera kick)	
A-64,78	

First downs	Vikings	Cowboys
Rushes-yards	12-38	30-179
Passing yards	20-0	20-179
Net Yards	140	158
Passes	3	67
Penalties	14-31-1	13-23-1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-1
Time of possession	33:00	27:00

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Foreman 31-89, Miller 24, Dallas, Newhouse 15-31, Dorsett 19-77
PASSING—Minnesota, Lee 14-31-1
Dallas, Staubach 12-33-1, 186
RECEIVING—Minnesota, S. White 3-4-6, Miller 2-0, Dallas, D. Pearson 4-62, P. Pearson 3-48

Sports

Lyle arraigned on murder charge

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—Heavyweight boxer Ron Lyle awaits arraignment in connection with the New Year's Eve fatal shooting of his former trainer, Vernon M. Clark, in Lyle's home.

Lyle's lawyer, Walter Gerash, hinted he will seek a self-defense plea for the ex-convict boxer whose career hit its zenith when he fought Muhammad Ali in Las Vegas May 16, 1975 for the heavyweight crown. All stopped Lyle in 12 rounds.

Gerash said there had been hard feelings between Lyle and Clark, 39, since the boxer fired his trainer after defeating Brit-

ish heavyweight champion Joe Bugner in March 1977.

Lyle will be arraigned Tuesday in Jefferson County District Court. Authorities have not said what charge will be brought against Lyle.

Lakewood police booked Lyle on investigation of first-degree murder New Year's Eve after the boxer reported the shooting to a neighbor who is a policeman.

Lyle was pardoned from the Colorado State Penitentiary in 1969 after serving more than seven years for manslaughter in the shooting death of a man during a gang fight.

UT-Notre Dame tops grid menu

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

By the time Barry Switzer leads his Oklahoma football team onto the field of the Orange Bowl tonight, he might know what kind of a season he had.

By then, the results of the Texas-Notre Dame game will be in — and Switzer will either be in or out of the running for a national championship.

Switzer, of course, has been lobbying for the No. 1 ranking ever since the major bowl participants were set up last month. No sooner were his Sooners pitted against No. 6 Arkansas (in a controversial reversal of field over lower-ranked Penn State) than did Switzer establish his goal-line stand on the matter.

The thinking of the Oklahoma coach went along the lines that if No. 5 Notre Dame defeated No. 1 Texas, then Oklahoma should move up to the No. 1 position purely by attrition.

Naturally if Texas wins today in the Cotton Bowl, college football's national championship will be a foregone conclusion.

While Switzer has been doing an aggressive promotional job for Oklahoma, Fred Akers meanwhile has been no shrinking steer for Texas. The Longhorn coach contends that his team deserves the No. 1 ranking, win or lose. This is his logic:

"No one would have a better record than us and a few teams would be tied, so what would you use as a measuring stick? I think defending the No. 1 position week after week has been a very tough thing to do and we're the only ones who have defended it."

"Others had their shot at and didn't hold it. We did."

In all his weeks of rhetoric, Switzer has not mentioned the most salient point in the whole business — that his one defeat this year has been at the hands of Texas. It would be hard for voters to give the Sooners the edge over a team that beat them.

Further, the Sooners are playing against an Arkansas team considered by most not to be up its No. 6 ranking. Four of the Razorbacks' top players will be missing — All-American guard Leotis Harris is out with a knee injury while running backs Ben Cowins and Michael Forrest and wide receiver Donny Bobo were suspended by Coach Lou Holtz for a dormitory incident involving a woman.

Oklahoma started out as a 13-point favorite, but the spread went up to 18 and was even taken off the betting boards in many places when Holtz announced the suspensions late in December. The absence of Harris makes the game even more prohibitive for betting purposes, but even so Holtz is in a good mood.

In pre-game hoopla, Holtz flashed the best sense of humor in Orange Bowl Land, showing an ability to kid both Switzer and himself. Talking about Switzer as a TV personality, Holtz quipped:

"He's got about three shows. I watch the one on Sunday, then I watch the one on Thursday night. I really enjoy them. As a matter of fact, that's where I get my pre-game talk."

Actually, Holtz won't have to tell his team anything before tonight's game in Miami. The Razorbacks are well aware of the Sooners' ground-consuming power led by a stable of some of the best running backs in the country, including quarterback Tommy Lott, halfbacks Elvis

Peacock and Billy Sims and fullback Kenny King.

The Razorbacks will feature one of the nation's best passers in Ron Calcagni, the all-Southwest Conference quarterback.

The Cotton Bowl duel in Dallas showcases several All-Americans, including running back Earl Campbell of Texas, this year's Heisman Trophy winner, and Notre Dame defensive end Ross Browner.

"It's the No. 1 matchup in the nation," says Akers, with all due modesty, "and I expect it to be one of the best football games ever played."

Two coaching titans will be on hand in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, where third-ranked Alabama, led by Bear Bryant, faces Woody Hayes-led Ohio State, the nation's No. 9 team. Bryant clings to a slim hope for the national title, a circumstance that might come about if both Texas and Oklahoma are beaten.

In the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Cal., No. 4 Michigan has a longshot chance to take the national title in its game with No. 13 Washington, but Bo Schembechler isn't counting on it.

"I don't see the national championship on the line in this game," notes the Michigan coach. "There are too many far-reaching circumstances. If Notre Dame beats Texas, Ohio State beats Alabama, Arkansas beats Oklahoma and we beat Washington, then there are going to be a lot of teams with 11-1 records claiming the national championship."

The four bowls on the second day of 1978 cap the season's biggest weekend of college football. It started Saturday with North Carolina State's 24-14 victory over Iowa State in the Peach Bowl and continued with a 24-14 decision for Stanford over LSU in the Sun Bowl; the West's 23-3 victory over the East in the Shrine All-Star Game in San Francisco and Southern Cal's 47-28 rout of

Texas A&M in the Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston.

Johnny Evans passed for 202 yards and two touchdowns and scored a third himself to lead North Carolina State's victory. Guy Benjamin completed 23 of 36 passes for 289 yards and three touchdowns as Stanford survived 197 yards rushing by LSU's Charles Alexander.

Grambling's Carlos Pennywell caught two TD passes to lead the West past the East in the Shrine Game and Southern Cal whipped Texas A&M behind Rob Hertel's four scoring passes.

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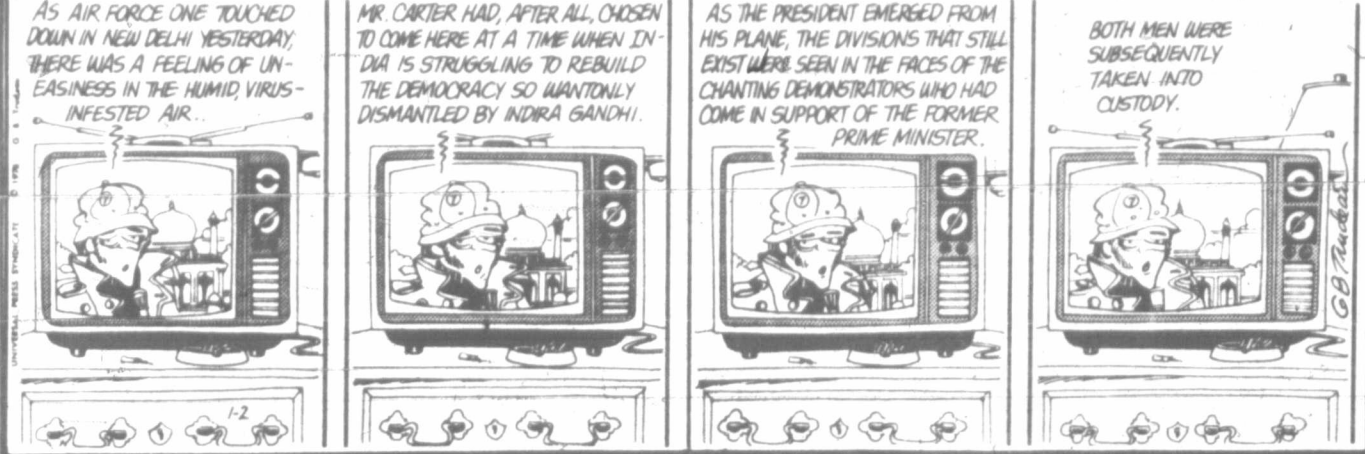
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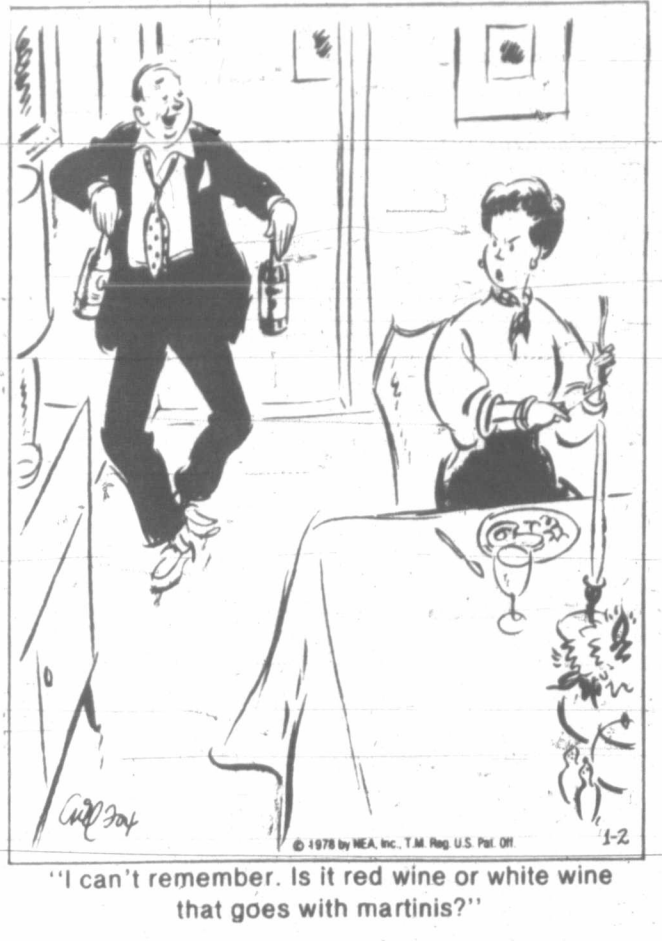
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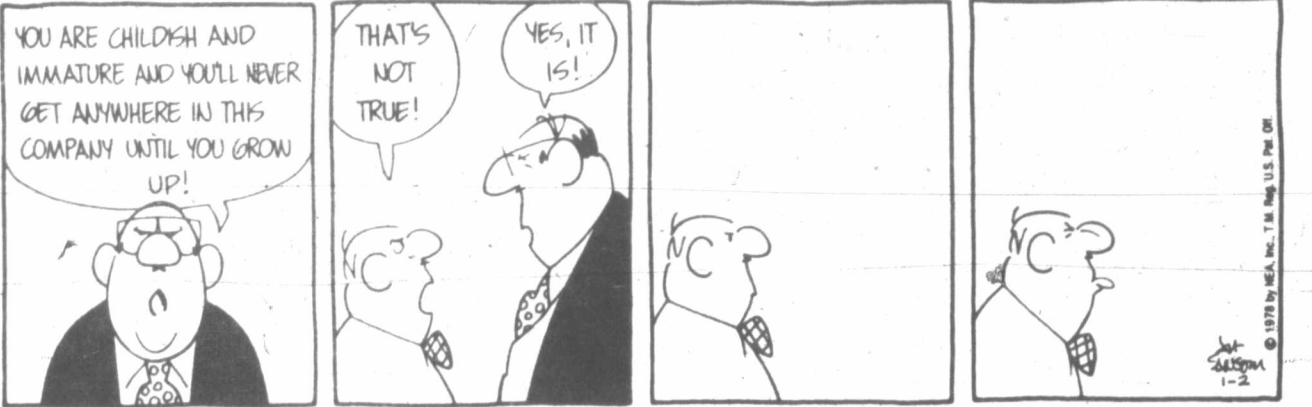
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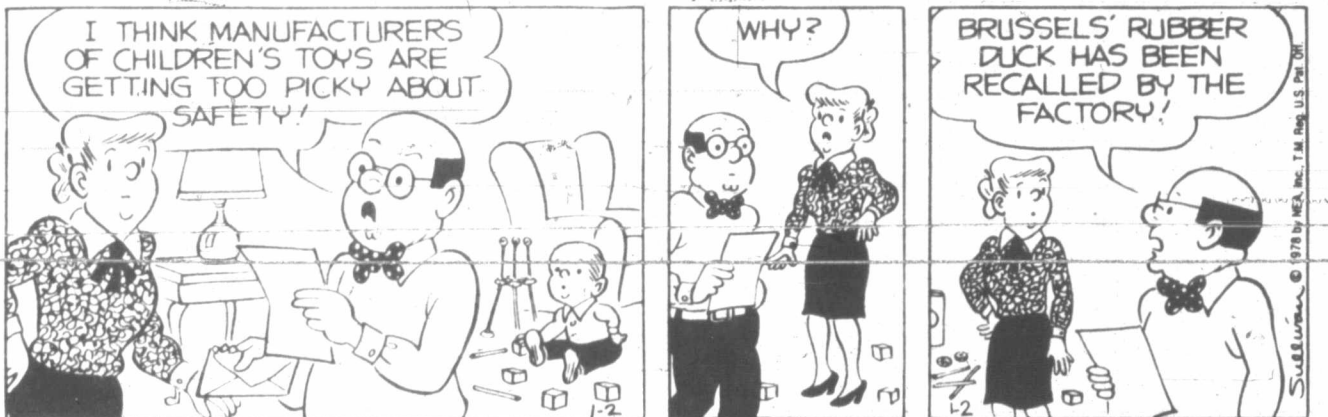
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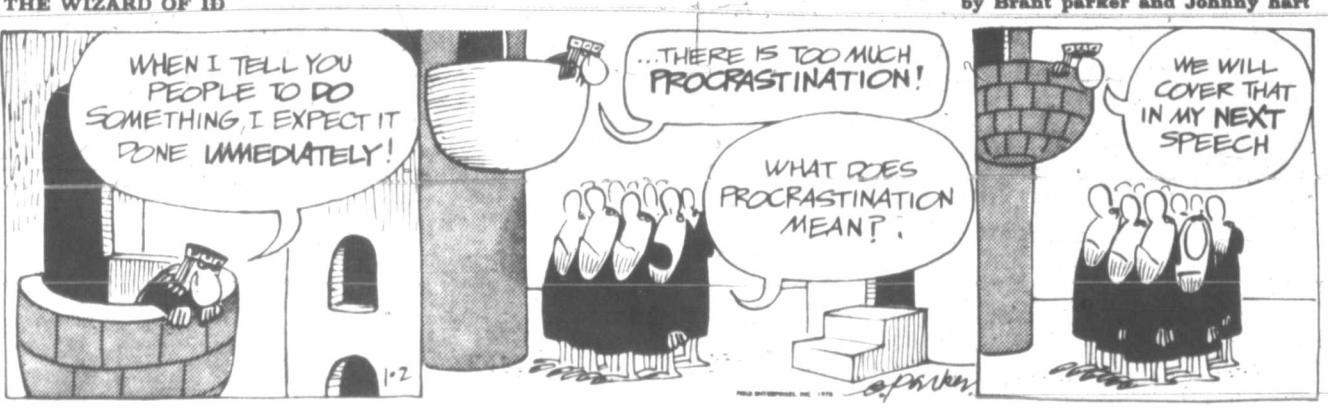
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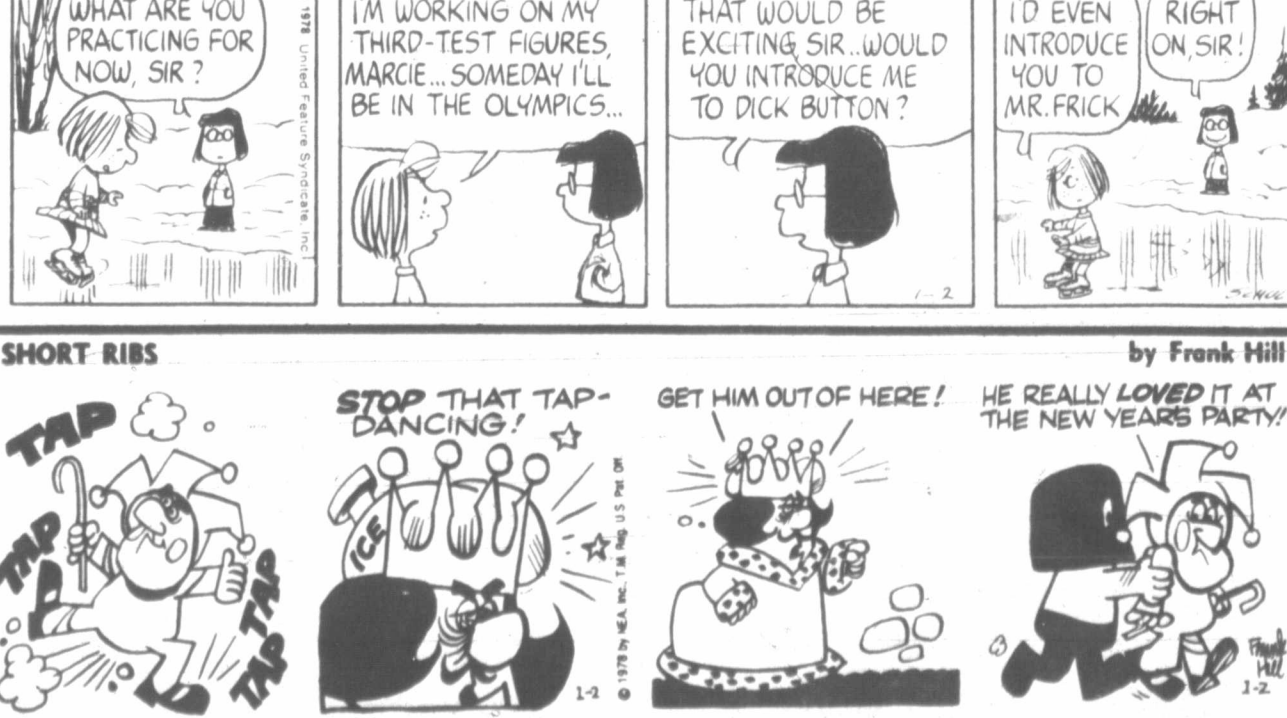
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US has fewer farms by 26,000

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States will begin the New Year with an estimated 2.66 million farms, 26,000 fewer than last Jan. 1 and about the number that existed more than a century ago, according to the Agriculture Department.

But today's farms are much larger, an average of 400 acres each, against about 150 acres in 1870. Last Jan. 1, the average farm size was 397 acres, the department said Thursday in an annual report.

Even so, the amount of land actually in farms continues to shrink because of urban sprawl, highways, recreational facilities and other non-farm uses which gobble up the countryside.

The department said that as of Jan. 1, 1978, there will be an estimated 1,072,341,000 acres in U.S. farms. That represents a decline of almost 2.7 million acres — one quarter of 1 percent — from 1,075,011,000 acres in farms last Jan. 1.

Although department experts say that there is little danger that the United States will run out of farmland, there is serious concern that city sprawl and other encroachment threatens the existence of substantial amounts of prime land, the most productive acres needed to grow crops.

The decline in the number of farms has been going on generally since the mid 1930s. Much of the shrink in the amount of land actually in farms has occurred since 1950.

farm count was down to about 3.3 million.
The report Thursday showed that the number of farms declined since last Jan. 1 in 23 states and held steady in the remainder. Texas continues to lead with 197,000 farms, down from 199,000 last Jan. 1.

Other leaders in numbers of farms included: Missouri 133,000 farms unchanged from last Jan. 1; Iowa 128,000 and 131,000; Illinois 117,000 and 118,000; Kentucky 117,000 and 118,000; North Carolina 115,000 and 117,000; and Minnesota 114,000 and 116,000.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Looking at from purely a statistical point of view, the U.S. farm trade balance with the Soviet Union is awe-inspiring in favor of the American farmer, according to the latest government figures.

The Agriculture Department says that in the 1976-77 fiscal year which ended on Sept. 30, the Soviet Union imported more than \$1.06 billion worth of U.S. farm products, mainly wheat and corn.

In return, the United States imported only about \$10.3 million worth of Soviet agricultural products. Thus, the United States enjoyed a farm trade advantage of more than a hundredfold.

The figures were included in a new "Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States" report issued this week by the department's Economic Research Service.

Farm exports to the Soviet Union last fiscal year, in terms of value, included: wheat, \$446.2 million; corn, \$344.8 million, and soybeans, \$218.7 million.

Imports of Soviet agricultural products included nearly \$6.8 million worth of fur skins and about \$1.2 million worth of castor and castor glue, the report said.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prices of farm commodities overall probably will end the year higher than they were at the end of 1976, barring an unexpected decline this month.

The Agriculture Department's index of prices farmers get for commodities stood at 180 percent of its 1967 base on Nov. 15. That was about 4 percent above the Nov. 15, 1976, index of 173 percent.

Farm prices over-all rose in October and November and there is a good chance of another small increase this month.

A new report showing how farm prices stood as of Dec. 15 was being prepared today by the department's Crop Reporting Board.

The farm price index a year ago for Dec. 15 was 178 percent, two points below last month's average. Thus, a slight decline in the index for this month could occur and still enable the price average to match or exceed the level at the end of 1976.

In the 14th century, returning Crusaders brought trained cheetahs to Europe, where the animals were used in hunting and kept as palace pets.

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Farm report

In 1870 when there were about as many farms as there are today, only 400 million acres were involved in them.

But by 1910, according to department records, the number of farms had grown to nearly 6.4 million. The land they covered also grew to 879 million acres in the 40 years after 1870.

During and following World War I, farm numbers held fairly steady. By 1920, there were 956 million acres in more than 6.4 million farms.

The mid 1920s brought some decline in farm numbers and in the land used by farmers. But by 1935, as the nation's worst economic depression still gripped the country, farm numbers rose to a record peak of 6.8 million and involved nearly 1.06 billion acres.

After 1935, farms continued to grow larger and their numbers gradually declined. In 1940, there were 6.1 million farms involving more than 1.06 billion acres — slightly less than the land used today.

The years following World War II saw another era of expansion in farm size as thousands of rural families left the countryside for cities and towns.

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Vintners debate virtues of blending



AT THE MONT LA SALLE vineyards of The Christian Brothers, the oenologists have been steadfastly in favor of consistency of product rather than the "elitism" of vintage-labelled wines.

By Murray Olderman

NAPA, Calif. —(NEA)— On a rustic fall day, with the leaves changing to different hues almost before one's eyes, Redwood Road winding into the Mayacamas Range east of Napa leads to the sedately nestled Christian Brothers winery.

The hillside vines have been stripped of their grapes. The work to be done is inside. Dave Cofran, resident oenologist, is conducting a laboratory seminar on the blending of wines.

Blending is now a contentious subject in the wine country of California, which produces 270 million gallons annually. The vintners are conscious of the fact that even in their perfect climate for growing the grape, there are variations in the bottled crop from year to year. So many of the leading producers have begun to label their products with the year — vintage wines and appropriate cocktail talk ("Wasn't '73 a beautiful year?") being the result.

Christian Brothers, however, has been steadfast in its resolve not to succumb to this elitist movement. It prefers consistency of product, mixing (or blending) the wines from different vintage years so that the Zinfandel, for instance, will not vary much over a decade in taste, color or smoothness.

The responsibility for this comes down to Cofran, a snub-nosed young man of 32 who emigrated from Illinois more than a decade ago and knows that the end product of his sensitive palate will find its way to the shelves of the liquor store in Peoria or Memphis.

Cofran, a graduate of oenology and viticulture at the University of California at Davis acknowledges his own prejudices in the wine field as he spends his days swishing the liquid around his mouth.

"I like a heavier wine, with more guts, more tannin," he says. "Too often, wines are almost the same."

This could be interpreted as heresy by Brother Timothy, the famed cellarmaster of Christian Brothers, who once vowed that no vintage

wine would come out of his domain while he snorted a breath. He has had to swallow those words because this year a Gewurtztraminer was issued with a vintage (1976) label by the winery. There were only 1,200 cases, though — among the 1.5 million cases of wine produced annually by the Brothers — this being the first crop of Gewurtztraminer.

Actually, it's simpler for a wine maker to produce vintage wines. They're either good or bad, depending on that year's harvest. By

blending several vintages, he hedges his bet.

Christian Brothers holds 50 or 60 blendings a year of its various varietal wines. What if, on the crucial day, Dave Cofran comes up with a cold in his nose? They'll wait a week or two.

On this day, his taste buds are in good shape. Lined up on a long bar are 15 different bottles, representing samples from 15 different casks. With each is a card detailing the history of that particular sample. They're all Zinfandel, a native California varietal, for this blending.

Dave pours, holds the glass up to the light to examine the color, swirls it around a couple of times, sniffs it for aroma, takes a swig, rotates his jaw and spits — into a cardboard

bucket he carries.

"The occupational hazard," he says, "is getting it on your shirt."

In the course of a busy day of blending, he could also get looped because even with the spitting, a couple of drops of each sample invariably remain in the mouth, and the drops add up.

How does it affect him, to know that what he ultimately tastes and blends will result in 5.4 million gallons of wine annually to be marketed nationally?

"It scares hell out of you. There's a lot of money at stake."

Brother Timothy, glowed in his 70s, is also on hand for this Zinfandel blending of 1973-74-75 vintages and says defensively, "We'd lose the complexity of

our wines if we went into a vintage dating program. You lose the balance between younger and older wines. You also lose reliability and credibility."

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Editor's Note — Doris Hays doesn't care if you laugh at her or make fun. She's got a mission — introducing modern classical music to an audience that doesn't relate to Chopin but is unfamiliar with new sounds. Light bulbs, pedals and orange humanoid are helping her get the message across.

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — If people think she's a nut, Doris Hays can take it in stride. "As someone wrote in a book review I read, the extraordinary or unusual has become breakfast cereal. We eat it every day."

If people think her SemEvents, with its lightbulb-encrusted orange styrofoam figures and avant-garde music is funny, she's delighted. "I'm quite happy if people laugh at it. I certainly had fun making it."
Doris Hays is an artist, a composer of

classical music, working in the most modern styles, but with an artist's ancient problem of more work than income.

She created SemEvents because modern music like she writes is unfamiliar to listeners' ears and she reasoned it might be easier to listen to if something pleasurable, visually, also is going on.

She asked friends for money, gleaned \$400. She bought orange marine styrofoam, used to make things float, and sculpted six humanoid figures. Each has light bulbs sticking out for arms and head and each has a pedal. Step on a pedal and the lightbulbs light. Two of the figures — Miss Hays calls them sets — also move.

In a performance, three strings players, a horn player, an oboist and a flutist is assigned to his own set. When the flutist's set lights up, he plays, when the lights go out, he stops. He ignores what is going on with

the other five players.

Miss Hays wrote an hourlong, 12-part suite, so the musicians play the notes she told them to. But it's the audience, stepping on pedals, which decides the timing.

SemEvents was a popular offering of this year's Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors in New York, an Exxon-sponsored arts festival. Some 3,000 persons showed up at an Atlanta shopping center when it was done there last year. Children sat down on the pedals so the lights stayed on and the musicians never rested.

"The way I set up the music, each performer is a soloist. Because of the looseness of structure, it is going to be possible not to have things precise and still have them work out," she says.

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