

Old home redesigned



Dennis Home

When the Dwight Dennis family of Pampa decided that they wanted to move closer to White Deer, they purchased an old home for \$1,000. Since then they have at-

tended farm sales looking for good buys for their home. They have also put many hours into the tearing down and building up process of their home.

By CHRIS EDWARDS
Pampa News Staff

The house doesn't look like much. It sets back on the left side of the road on the Amarillo Highway 12 miles west of Pampa looking inconspicuous, unpretentious and maybe even lonely. Some windows are cracked and paint on the four gables is peeling. Tires, pipes and piles of wood are stacked in various places in the yard, next to a healthy field of wheat which blows back and forth in ocean-like waves. In the back there's a garden and a small patch of zoysia grass.

Only the windmill, which was painted red, white and blue for the bicentennial, and Melvin Dennis' pickup truck break the general impact of early Depression in the Panhandle. And only a tour and explanation of what the Dennis family has done and is doing to this house brings a slight wave of the future back into the picture.

The time is May 1978 and the house is one the Dennis family of 1933 N. Dwight has spent two years remodeling. Future plans include more remodeling, an addition and possibly even a solar energy generator.

"We plan to make the house as self-sufficient as we can," said Melvin Dennis, an articulate

Cabot mechanical engineer with penetrating blue eyes and a shock of fire-red hair. "That's why the windmill and solar heating. We may not have any gas here twenty years from now."

"We is the Dennis family, consisting of Dennis and his wife, Peggy, a teacher, and the four children who range in ages from 11 to 14. They've spent countless hours tearing down and rebuilding parts of the house, pouring over books and having hot dog roasts prior to tearing out more nails.

The house is older than early Depression. It was built about 1902, and once set on Foster street near Lovett Memorial Library. When the Dennis family decided that they wanted to live closer to White Deer on an easy-access road, they bought it for 1,000 and moved it to the site on the Amarillo Highway for \$1,200. Since then, they've put \$7,000 into what will be their future home.

They've torn about half of the original floor out on both the ground floor and the upstairs, replacing it with a subfloor. They've decided where to put the temporary kitchen, to be used until they build a 1400-square-foot addition. They've made plans for upstairs bedrooms for the children, to be reached by an as-yet-to-be-built

spiral staircase.

Inside, there's a central heating system parked in one corner, and a cast iron bathtub vying for space with a porcelain sink. Not to mention a \$5 commode picked up at one of the garage sales the family frequents. They've also bought an antique medicine cabinet.

"We're going to have the most expensive bathroom around," Dennis joked. "The only thing you have to watch in something like this is it becomes a junk yard," he said, referring to some garage-sale tables and a \$2 vacuum cleaner.

Upstairs, some porch supports from the original 1,700-square-foot house wait for eventual use as patio supporters.

Plans include an addition of a living room complete with a fireplace, a new kitchen and a dining room. "My pickup's parked in the dining room," Dennis said.

Dennis doesn't know when the house will be completed but he hopes it will be "liveable" by the end of the summer. The man who took a sewing machine apart when he was eight to see how it worked is having a good time taking this house apart and putting it back together. The solar heating installation, which will furnish about 80 percent of the heat for the house, will be a

project all its own.

But he likes what the renovation of the house is doing for his family.

The renovation work is fun Dennis said — and his children are learning responsibility. "If the kids have to work for something I think it means more to them," Dennis said.

And the family will have more room for their two ducks, four geese, a chicken, a guinea and horses. In addition, a sewing-music room will give the children a place to play their instruments away from the omnipresent television which the family avoids watching.

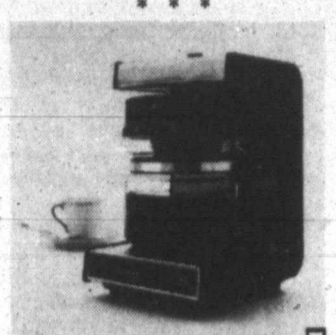
No, the house won't look like early Depression when it's done, and it certainly won't be lonely. But the family inside will return to something that most modern families miss — a slower pace of life.

"We're slowing down," Dennis said, in a summation of the project. "It's the ones that are slowing down that are going to live longer."

Lacquer as it comes out of the container usually must be thinned with lacquer thinner. When used without dilution, lacquer is difficult to spread, especially for a non-professional. Two or three thin coats are better than one thick coat.

COFFEE Facts & Fancies

Ethiopia and Saudi Arabia were the original homes of coffee, but the practice of drinking it passed through Istanbul to Europe by way of Turkish ambassadors. In 1652, the first coffeehouse was established in London. Others were set up in Paris, where the word cafe (French for coffee) came to mean a "restaurant."



Although Americans drink from 65 to 75 percent of the world's coffee, singles and small families may want only a cup or two a day. Since the beverage is best fresh, a small drip filter coffeemaker, like Norelco's Express, may be used to make from one to four cups. It makes an excellent gift for the bride (and groom) who enjoy romantic, Italian dinners since it brews up to four demitasse cups of espresso as well.

Womens Fellowship to meet

The Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Guest speaker will be Mary Roberts of Shamrock. Best speaker at the Tuesday meeting of the Pampa Sunrises Toastmasters was John Curry

SIoux Falls, S.D. (AP) — A would-be robber at a restaurant here was apparently frightened off by the sound of an ice-making machine turning itself on.

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Military bands changing image

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — With recruiting in mind nowadays, the military bands from Lackland Air Force Base are picking Waylon Jennings tunes and belting out Rolling Stones songs. It's almost enough to make John Phillip Sousa turn cartwheels in his grave.

The innovative Air Force Band of the West has largely abandoned the brassy marches and classical concerts that has been the standard fare of military bands, turning instead to specialized bands playing rock, country and classical music.

"Like most military bands, we were playing music to satisfy ourselves. If we were going to stay in business and support Air Force recruiting, we had to adjust to what our audiences wanted," said Maj. Duane Hoff, band commander and director.

The adjustment was well-calculated, according to Air Force figures from Washington, because the groups are the Air Force's busiest, giving 896 performances last year. Their average of 74.7 performances per month topped the nearest competitor by 16.4 per month.

Hoff said it was the first time specialized bands had been used in military music. "Air Force bands had always used all of their musicians at once to play music that the audience probably wasn't very interested in," he added.

The Country Critters, formed in 1972, was the first such specialized group.

"We're located in the heartland of country music and we had some very talented country musicians in the band," said Hoff. "It was accepted immediately by our audiences. We knew we had hit on the way to increase our productivity and exposure without increasing our costs."

The Country Critters, wearing an authorized Air Force uniform that includes jeans, cowboy boots, hats and colorful shirts, have played with such country and western stars as Freddy Fender, Ferlin Husky, Roy Clark and Johnny Rodriguez.

Traveling in special buses like many other country groups, the Country Critters have played on local and national radio and television shows, at state fairs and at Opryland in Nashville, Tenn. In one year, they played live to 2.5 million persons and on radio and television to an estimated audience of more than 14 million.

Hoff said that type of exposure is vital to recruiting for an all-volunteer force. "I'm not sure how it works," he said. "Maybe it's this simple: When you've been going wild applauding the Air Force's musicians, it's hard to have an unfavorable impression of the service they're in."

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Man wants taxpayers to finance face saving

By CARL DIORIO
Associated Press Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A thick gauze bandage covers the lower portion of what was Gary Hastings' face. He cannot speak and breathes and eats through tubes. He requires heavy doses of pain killers and the attention of a team of paramedics and nurses at a suburban prison.

Hastings, 33, a former bank vice president, killed his wife then tried to take his own life by turning a shotgun on his throat, but he survived.

Now he wants the taxpayers of Chester County to pay for plastic surgery, an operation he hopes would allow him to feed himself and breathe normally, although it could not make him look normal.

Recently, through hand-printed notes, he told a reporter why he wants the county to pay for the plastic surgery.

"I paid over \$1,500 in taxes to Chester County while I lived here five years, in addition to donations to charities," wrote Hastings, who added that all his assets were transferred to his wife's estate after the guilty verdict for her murder.

He also noted he owes the Wilmington Medical Center more than \$65,000 for medical care and surgery following his suicide attempt.

"I feel I have already served enough punishment. It was an accidental shooting, not a crime of passion or an intentional act. I feel that I am guilty of involuntary manslaughter," he said.

But a Chester County jury felt he was guilty of third-degree murder in the slaying of

his wife, Margaret, in her suburban Chadds Ford home. Hastings was convicted last November.

Hastings testified at the trial, again by writing, that the shotgun had gone off accidentally when his wife pushed him. But his 10-year-old twin sons and 12-year-old daughter, who witnessed the shooting, testified they had tried to restrain him.

Hastings told jurors he became obsessed with retaining custody of the children because his estranged wife was having an affair.

Chester County Common Pleas Judge John Wajert recently ruled Hastings is getting insufficient medical care at Chester County Farm Prison. Warden Thomas Frame estimates care for Hastings, housed in the prison infirmary, "probably takes up 40 percent of our medical staff's time."

The staff includes the prison physician, Dr. Philip Kistler, two registered nurses and two paramedics.

But Wajert declined to rule on the request for plastic surgery pending further testimony. A hearing on the request is expected later this month.

Hastings' attorney, John Lachall, said the request is "basically humanitarian." Hastings' bandages and tubing must be changed daily and both could be eliminated by plastic surgery, although Hastings never will look normal again, Lachall said.

Surgery also might make it possible to do away with Hastings' frequent dosages of antibiotics and painkillers, Lachall said.

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Cattle group sets meeting

The Independent Cattleman's Association of Texas will conduct its fourth annual state convention in Austin June 22-25.

Speakers will include Texas Attorney General John Hill, U.S. Representative Bob Krueger, U.S. Senator John Tower and Texas A&M livestock marketing specialist Dr. Ernie Davis. Austin mayor Carole McClellan will give the welcome address.

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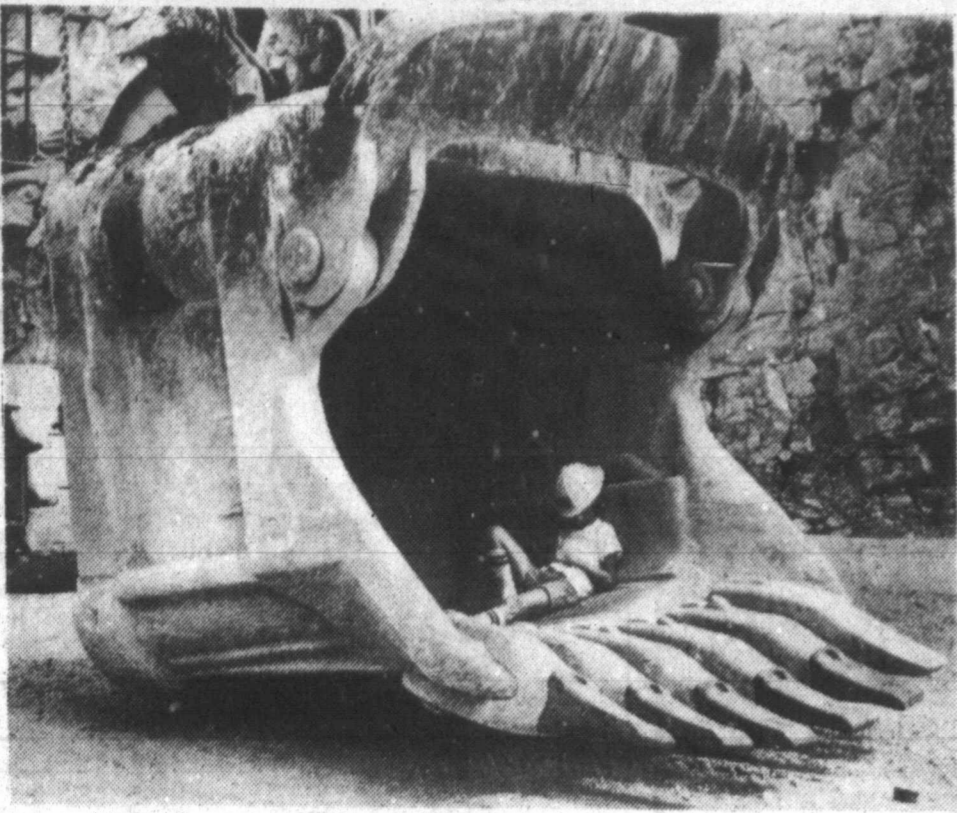
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Radiation patients couldn't board planes

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Hospital patients who receive radioactive iodine treatments sometimes give off such jolts of radioactivity that if they were air cargo, most would be refused space even in a plane's cargo compartment, two Harvard experts warn.

At least 700,000 people a year receive radioactive iodine to treat and diagnose thyroid disorders. The Harvard specialists reviewed a study by the University of Michigan that measured the amounts of radioactivity showered on the families of seven of these patients.

They found the radioactivity given off was sometimes more powerful than the limits set for industry.

American Journal of Public Health.

Doctors say iodine radiation can both cause thyroid cancer, a relatively rare disease, and be used to treat this form of cancer and hyperthyroidism, as well as to diagnose other thyroid disorders.

In an interview, Shapiro said the danger to people who have contact with these radiation patients is small. The main problem, he said, is that doctors give them more radiation than they need.

Currently, 10 new cases of thyroid cancer occur each year

for every 1 million people under age 40 in the United States. The Michigan researchers said the odds of getting the disease were double that among people who had close contact with the patient who had taken the highest dose of radiation.

The potency of the radioactivity wears off quickly, but low levels of radiation persist for several weeks, the study said.

The Harvard experts said patients excrete about half their radiation while still in the hospital, within a day of receiving it. "As a result, the quan-

tity of radioiodine discharged in body wastes from patients treated at a major medical center can substantially exceed that released from a large commercial nuclear power plant."

Patients are sometimes allowed to go home with large amounts of radioactive material still in their bodies, they said.

Shapiro said the editorial was meant to raise questions about whether control of industrial radiation is too stringent but too lax for medical uses.

"Medical radiation exposure is higher than it has to be,"

Shapiro said. "The risk is low. The issue is not whether the risk is high or low but whether this radiation exposure is necessary."

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Court says cities may be sued for rights violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, overturning a decision it reached 17 years ago, ruled Tuesday that persons may sue cities over alleged civil rights violations.

The justices, voting 7-2, said cities do not enjoy total immunity from federal laws passed to protect citizens' individual rights.

The ruling could have major ramifications for all cities and municipal officials.

The test case decided by the court came from New York City, where in 1971 welfare caseworker Jane Monell and a number of city school teachers were forced to take maternity leave in their seventh month of pregnancy. Their doctors had advised them that they could have worked another month without physical harm.

The women sued the city for back pay, but two lower federal courts dismissed the lawsuit on grounds the city was immune from such challenges.

In urging the high court to keep intact those rulings, city lawyer L. Kevin Sheridan told the justices last November that New York faced financial ruin if it were forced to reimburse all women placed on forced maternity leave before the city's policy was changed.

"This could open up litigation that would be ruinously expensive," Sheridan argued.

Today's decision, written by Justice William J. Brennan Jr., flatly rejected the city's arguments while turning its back on a 1961 Supreme Court ruling that cities are immune from such suits.

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by Bernice Bede Osol



June 8, 1978

Some things you've always wanted, but couldn't afford, could be within reach this coming year. Others might have a hand in bringing this about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The ways and means to acquire something nice you've been wanting look like they can be worked out today. Focus your smarts on your desire. Having trouble selecting a career? Send for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter by mailing 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 birth sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your assertiveness will be tuned to a higher pitch than usual today, but it would be wise to mask your motives with charm. Smiles and thank yous assure success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually you're not one to hide your light under a bushel. Today, you may be reticent to let someone you secretly admire know exactly how you feel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends will react to your warmly today because they'll sense you're eager to place their wishes above your own. No wonder you're popular.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Surprisingly, that which offers the

greatest challenge and appears to be the most difficult will prove to be the easiest for you today. Don't duck responsibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It pays to be observant today. You could profit from studying the experiences of another. The lessons learned could be applicable to your own life at a later date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your greatest benefits today are likely to come from situations inaugurated by others rather than from your own spade work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Finding willing and compatible companions to pal around with should be easy for you today. You ingratiate yourself with charm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Tackle tasks that involve beautification, as you have a knack for harmony and order today. The unsightly will take on a new look under your hands.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Any flirtation on your part may be taken seriously by the object of your intentions today, so be sure you really desire what you're going after.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should derive considerable enjoyment today expressing yourself domestically. Try your hand at the culinary arts or decorating your abode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't hesitate to use terms of endearment in meaningful relationships today. Persons who care for you are equally anxious to know you care, too.

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STEVE CANYON

By Milton Caniff

COMRADE, YOU ARE RIGHT! THE RED CHINESE GUNBOATS HAVE BEEN MOVING ABOUT HERE RECENTLY!

DO YOU THINK THEY SUSPECT THAT WE ARE NOT REALLY A SOVIET TRADE COMMISSION?

ALAS, COMRADE, I CANNOT!

HE WAS BEING TORTURED—AND I GAVE HIM AN ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLE TO KILL THE PAIN!

NOW I CAN'T FIND IT!

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, GIFE... YOU HAVE THE 24-HOUR VIRUS

WHAT DID I SAY WRONG!

HE'S BEEN SICK FOR TWO DAYS

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Roger Bollen

YES... I SUPPOSE I COULD LOWER MY FEE TO \$40.00 AN HOUR... SIGH... IT'S YOUR NOBBIN...

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"The membership standards at this club certainly are low!"

SIDE GLANCES

By Gill Fox

"All I can tell you is an in-the-ground pool means an in-the-hole budget!"

EEK & MEK

By Roger Bollen

WE SEEM TO BE HAVING A GOOD DEAL OF DIFFICULTY PLACING YOU, SIR

THE DEPARTMENT IS, I MEAN

PERSONALLY I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I'D PUT YOU

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

I NEED HELP!... THE ANTS IN MY CAVE ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY!

YOU WANT THE INSECTICIDE OR THE HIT MAN?

PRISCILLA'S POP

By Al Vermeer

REVEREND WEEMS SAYS SOME PEOPLE WORSHIP IN CHURCHES, SOME ON MOUNTAINS, SOME IN PEDAGOGUES.

SYNAGOGUES, STUART, NOT PEDAGOGUES!

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! THEY STILL WORSHIP ON MOUNTAINTOPS!

WHERE?

IN SOUTH AMERICA, HIGH IN THE UNDIES!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

THIS CONCLUDES CHANNEL SIX'S BROADCASTING DAY... GOOD NIGHT.

CHANNEL SIX BIDS YOU A CHEERY GOOD MORNING!

I WONDER WHAT EVER BECAME OF TEST PATTERNS?

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graus

I'M AFRAID YOUR NEW MACHINE CAME UP WITH A GOOSE EGG, DOC!

WHAT?? LET ME SEE THAT!

SUBJECTS' LOCATION UNKNOWN! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

...THEY'VE GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN HERE AND MOO!

EASY, DOC! WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT AGAIN!

CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK

BUGS BUNNY

By Steffel & Heimdel

OH, THE TEDIOSITY OF IT ALL!

FIDDLE FIDDLE FIDDLE... AND FRUMP FRUMPS

SYLVESTER, WHERE ARE YA AN' WHAT ARE YA DOIN'?

I'M OUT HERE...

ARRRGH!

...MOPPING THE FLOOR LIKE YOU ORDERED!

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

COPY MACHINES... WHAT'S YOUR LINE?

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

LOANS

A LOAN WITHOUT COLLATERAL? CERTAINLY, SIR! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?... 25... 50... 75... OR MORE THAN A DOLLAR?

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

WOODSTOCK YOU'D HAVE MADE A GREAT CARRIER PIGEON! YOU COULD HAVE CARRIED MESSAGES BACK TO HEADQUARTERS...

IF YOU WERE CAPTURED YOU WOULD REFUSE TO TALK EVEN IF YOU WERE TORTURED!

KLUNK!

WELL, MAYBE YOU COULD TALK A LITTLE...

SHORT RIBS

By Frank Hill

CARE TO BUY A FINE HIGH-SPIRITED HORSE?



Luck of the draw

Don Braswell, left, the 15-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy F. Braswell, 2701 Beech, had the winning ticket for a brand new color television. The TV was a prize in a raffle sponsored by the Pampa High School band to help fund the band's trip to Pasadena, Calif., in January to participate in the Rose Bowl parade. The color television was provided at cost by Mr. Scot's TV and Appliance of Pampa.

Dinner goes to the dogs

BY ARTY KAY
Associated Press Writer
HYGIENE, Colo. (AP) — When Lewis and Clark crossed the American West in 1805 they sat down one evening to a meal of prairie dog. Since then, prairie dog epicures have been rare. But the cult appears to be growing. Lee Robertson, a training specialist with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, says he has eaten prairie dogs several times on survival expeditions and finds them "a fine meal." And Jay Warburton of Sterling, Colo., says the more succulent prairie dogs are taken in late summer, fall and winter months. The name is misleading. The prairie dog is not a dog at all, but a member of the squirrel family. An adult seldom weighs more than three pounds and is about a foot long, not counting the three-to four-inch tail. He lives in colonies burrowed into the prairie and his coat is a dun color, blending well with the upturned earth. At one time

prairie dog "towns" covered most of the rolling plains. Francis Parkman, an early visitor to the West whose trip was preserved for future generations in "The Oregon Trail," was fascinated by the prairie dog. "The number of prairie dogs was astounding," Parkman said of his visit to the eastern plains of Colorado. "Frequently the hard and dry plain was thickly covered, for miles together, with the little mounds which they make at the mouth of their burrows, and small squeaking voices yelled at us, as we passed along." The prairie dog has been hunted by wolves, coyotes, foxes, birds of prey and man. He's done well against all but man's chemical warfare. Poison has been used to clear out the clusters of burrows to stop damage to pastures and cropland and to land destined for development. The prairie dog continues to adapt, however, and in nearby Boulder one small "town" thrives on a vacant lot adjacent to a supermarket. These citi-

fied dogs have learned to clown for potato chips, sunflower seeds and other goodies. Hunters still pursue the prairie dog and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, noting that modern rifles have made the animal more available to tables, recently published some suggestions for preparation. Survival expert Robertson advocates the simple approach. "To cook: skin, clean and wash. Place green stick lengthwise through animal and cook over campfire. Alternate method: cook in front of aluminum foil reflector oven. Baste with butter until light brown." When the chips are down, Robertson said the prairie dog can be wrapped whole in mud and placed in hot coals. But he cautions: "Don't undercook." Warburton, noting that the prairie dog's diet consists mainly of grasses and roots, can be "cooked in much the same manner as squirrel and rabbit." He calls them a delicacy.

Advisers want a smaller tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's advisers want another \$4.5 billion lopped off the administration's tax cut plan as the price Americans must pay for further trimming of the planned budget deficit. Administration sources, who asked not to be identified, said the advisers want the proposed 1979 tax cut held to about \$15 billion, down from a compromise \$19.4 billion. Carter originally wanted a nearly \$24 billion reduction.

The sources said some of Carter's advisers want to cut an additional \$3 billion to \$5 billion from the 1979 deficit to demonstrate the administration's commitment to curbing inflation. The deficit now is projected at between \$4 billion and \$5 billion. The action is in response to widespread criticism from Congress and elsewhere that huge federal budget deficits are a major cause of the nation's inflation, which has been worsening in recent months.

A cut in the deficit of \$3 billion to \$5 billion is considered important for psychological reasons because it would reduce the 1979 deficit below that of 1978, which is now projected at \$53 billion. With the economy in its fourth year of recovery after the 1974 recession, economists term as worrisome a deficit larger in 1979 than in 1978. "They want it to be smaller. I wouldn't be surprised if the administration did not oppose another reduction in the tax cut to get it there," said one administration source, who did not want to be identified. Chairman G. William Miller of the Federal Reserve Board has repeatedly urged the ad-

ministration to reduce the 1979 deficit to below \$50 billion. He has said the administration needs to reduce the deficit to help control inflation. Miller also said last week that even though the administration has trimmed the proposed tax cut once, from \$25 billion to \$19.4 billion, any tax cut at all may be inappropriate in the current situation. Price statistics last week showed inflation has been running at above 10 percent in the past few months. Economists are beginning to worry that a new recession may be inevitable as early as next year if

inflation isn't brought under better control. The administration source, who predicted Carter may agree to yet a smaller tax reduction, said that may be the only way to reduce the deficit because it will be difficult to reduce actual spending for the 1979 fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1. Rather than formally announcing another reduction in the proposed cut, this source predicted that the administration may quietly tell Congress that it would agree to the new cut and let Congress do the actual cutting.

It is unclear how Congress would react to that approach, but it is evident there is general sympathy on Capitol Hill for holding down the deficit and reducing tax cuts. But the source said Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and James T. McIntyre, director of the Office of Management and Budget, are looking for ways to reduce 1979 spending without additional trimming of the tax cut. He said Carter has told them to go ahead "if it can be done." But he also said that Carter will make a major push to hold spending to the bone in fiscal

1980, the year for which budget planning is now under way. He said Carter had set a tentative goal for budget deficit of between \$35 billion and \$40 billion in 1980, with spending hitting about \$540 billion, up \$40 billion, or about 8 percent, above projected 1979 spending. One veteran budget planner was quoted as saying the budget may be the "tightest ever seen," pointing out that most of the \$40 billion increase would go for things over which the administration has little or no control, such as Social Security, welfare and defense spending.

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