

Legislators vote tax cut before adjourning

By LEE JONES
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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lame duck Gov. Dolph Briscoe's special legislative session on tax relief adjourned Tuesday night after voting almost \$1 billion worth of tax cuts.

Briscoe pronounced its output "meaningful" — the code word that told lawmakers they could go home without worrying about a repeat session.

"I called the Legislature into special session to provide meaningful relief to the people of the state. The members of the Legislature have labored dutifully, and I congratulate them on their product," Briscoe said.

Results of the nasty-tempered 30-day session weren't the dramatic, immediate tax cuts Californians got from Proposition 13, which inspired Briscoe to call the session.

But they earmark the state treasury surplus of almost \$1 billion for return to the taxpayers over the next three years, while leaving \$2 billion in growth revenue for new state spending.

The session climaxed Tuesday with submission of a constitutional amendments package that backers said would cut property taxes for homeowners, farmers and ranchers.

Some also said it held promise for future property tax "reform" and slower growth in

state government spending.

House members approved the package (HJR1), 107-33, hours after senators adopted it, 28-2. Some representatives who spoke angrily against the measure rushed to vote for it when Speaker Bill Clayton's vote clearly put it over the top.

The voters will make the final decision at the Nov. 7 general election on whether to put the amendments into the constitution.

Key provisions would:

- Exempt \$5,000 of a homeowner's market value from school property taxes. A future Legislature could provide another \$10,000 exemption to a homeowner who is disabled or 65 and older. If an older person

qualified for the extra exemption, his or her property taxes also would be frozen for life.

- Tax all farm and ranch land on its income-producing capacity, not its potential selling price.
- Abolish the seldom observed constitutional rule that intangible property, such as bank accounts and securities, be taxed. The Legislature, however, could impose property taxes on intangibles if it saw fit.
- Authorize the Legislature to exempt personal automobiles from property taxes.
- Exempt household goods and personal effects, except

those held or used to make money, from taxation.

- Restrict state spending increases to the same percentage as the Texas economy's growth rate. The Legislature would decide how to measure this rate.
- Mandate "truth in taxing" for all political subdivisions. Notice and hearings would be required before tax revenues could rise, even those resulting from revulsion of property.
- Prohibit statewide real estate appraisals and require enforcement of uniform appraisal standards to "originate in the county where the tax is imposed."

Rep. Wayne Peveto, D-Orange, had wanted constitutional language mandating property

tax "reform" — countywide appraisals and statewide appraisal standards in place of the present crazy quilt taxing system.

But he disagreed with opponents such as Rep. Luther Jones, D-El Paso, who said the measure gutted property tax "reform" for the future.

"The opponents of tax reform are having a good laugh now because we have erected insurmountable barriers to that reform in the future," said Jones, who rushed to switch from "no" to "aye" when it became clear the measure would carry.

"The provisions we have in here take the demagoguery out of this issue and pave the way

for property tax reform in the next session," Peveto said.

He referred to the fears of rural landowners and real estate men that unified property appraisals, overseen by an Austin bureaucracy, would mean higher taxes.

Assuming a 1 percent tax rate and a 50 percent assessment ratio, the \$5,000 homeowner \$25 a year on property taxes. If the Legislature later approved a \$10,000 added exemption for the elderly and disabled, they would save another \$50 per year.

No examples or estimates were available to show how much a farmer or rancher might save from the "agricul-

tural use" exemption, which the Legislature still must implement.

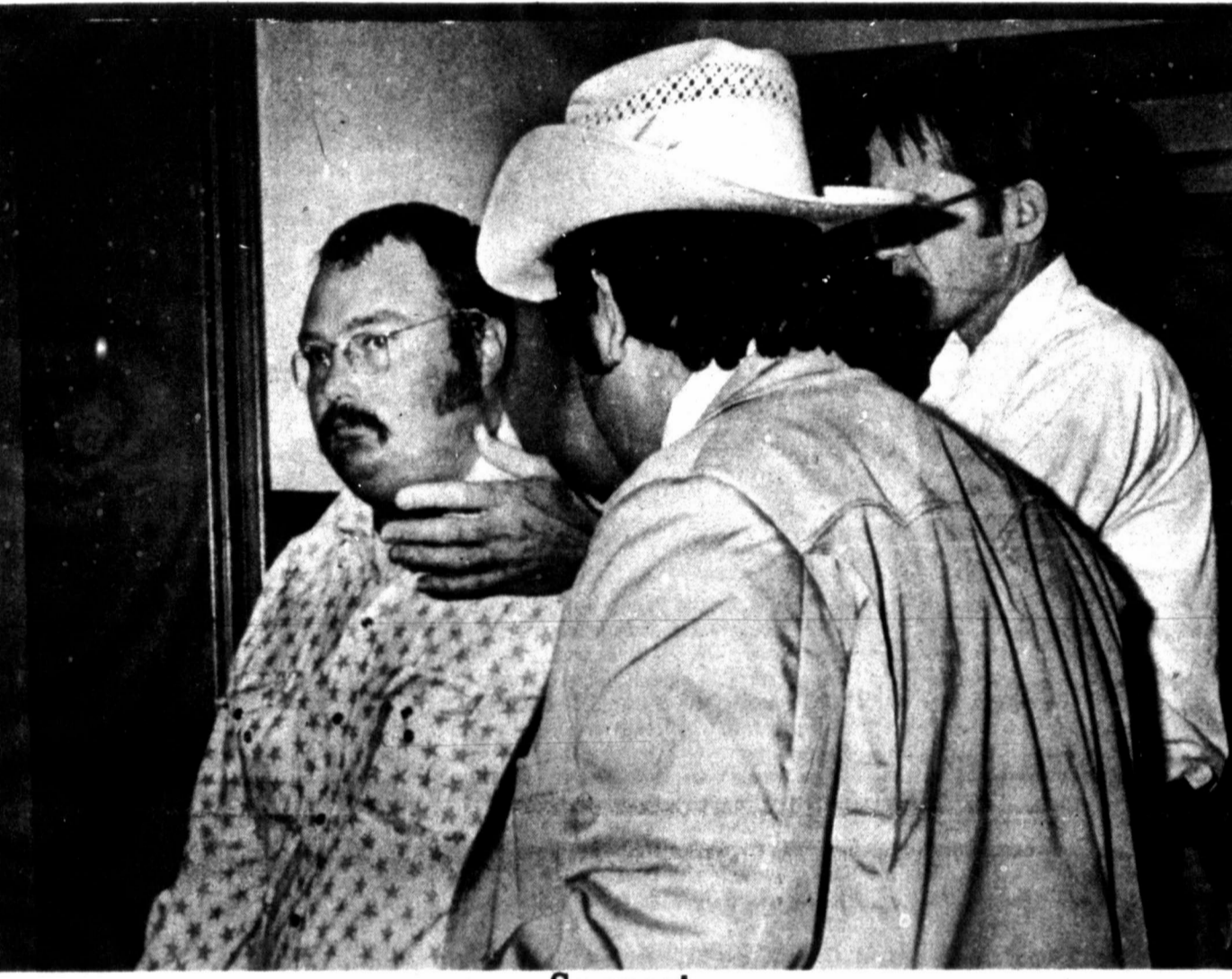
A Senate-passed bill laying out the mechanics of taxing rural land on productivity died in the House with adjournment.

With the House cracking the whip, the Legislature passed and sent Briscoe a bill Tuesday setting up a \$450 million "School District Reimbursement Fund." The money will compensate districts in the 1979-80 and 1980-81 school years for revenue they would lose to property tax relief if the constitutional amendments pass.

Senators objected to the reimbursement bill, but House conferees told them, "No bill, no constitutional amendments."

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Suspect

Donald Brunson, (Left) suspect in the shooting death of Jess Walker, was escorted from the courtroom Tuesday by Paul Ortega, (back to camera) night jailer, and Deputy Sheriff Ken Minatrea. (right)

After examining hearing shows evidence

Murder suspect to face grand jury probe

By CARLA BARANAUCKAS
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Accused killer Donald Brunson was bound over for a hearing before the Gray County grand jury by Judge Grainger McIlhany, magistrate in the examining trial held yesterday.

Brunson is charged with murder in the shooting death of Jess Walker, 19, in downtown Pampa last Friday night.

Shortly after 1:30 p.m. Brunson was brought into the district courtroom in the Gray County Courthouse by Deputy Sheriff Ken Minatrea and Paul Ortega, night jailer.

The judge asked if the defendant cared to make a statement before proceedings began.

"The defendant waives his right to testify at the examining trial," responded James Bowers, attorney for the defense.

The state presented two witnesses at the hearing. Eddie Scothorn, who was reportedly with Walker at the time of the shooting, and Frank Herring of Metropolitan Ambulance Service.

According to Scothorn's testimony, he was with Walker in a car belonging to Walker's father on the night of the shooting.

Walker and Scothorn were parked in the parking lot of Engine Parts and Supply talking with Terry Pettit and a man identified only as Collins, according to Scothorn's testimony.

A pickup truck pulled up on the street alongside the car and a man got out, came over to the car, "threw them (Pettit and Collins) aside," stuck his arm through the window, hit Jess across the face with a gun and shot Walker as he was

withdrawing his arm from the car, Scothorn said.

The district attorney asked if the man was in the courtroom.

"He's sitting right there," replied Scothorn, indicating Brunson as the man.

Scothorn testified there had been an earlier encounter with Brunson that night.

Walker and Scothorn were driving south on Gray St., according to Scothorn's testimony. At the corner of Atchinson and Gray they stopped at the stop sign, and turned right. When they turned there was a pickup truck approximately one third of a block east of the intersection.

Thinking the driver was a friend wanting to talk to them, Scothorn testified, they pulled over to the curb at the corner of Atchinson and West.

Scothorn suggested they pull into the parking lot of Engine Parts parking lot so they could

pull along side them and not have to get out of the car to talk.

"This man got out and came over to the car," said Scothorn. "He mentioned something about he had kids in the pickup and had to stop too fast."

"I got out and tried to explain we thought it was someone wanting to talk."

There were two children and a woman in the truck, according to Scothorn's testimony. The woman came over to Brunson, "grabbed him" and they left.

"Terry Pettit and Collins drove up just shortly after they left," Scothorn said.

It was approximately 15 minutes later Brunson reportedly returned without the woman or children, and the shooting occurred, Scothorn testified.

Under cross examination from defense attorney Charles Fairweather of Amarillo, Scothorn testified Brunson had

put his hand in the window, hit Walker with the gun and fired the shot as he withdrew his arm from the window.

Fairweather asked if Scothorn knew whether Brunson was withdrawing his arm or bring back the pistol to shoot.

Scothorn replied he did not know what Brunson's intentions were.

"You don't know?" asked Fairweather.

"I'm not God, no," replied Scothorn. "It looked intentional to me."

Fairweather questioned the witness extensively about Scothorn's and Walker's personal use of alcohol and narcotics.

Herring testified he was working for Metropolitan Ambulance Service the night of the shooting and had been called to the scene of the homicide.

Walker was taken to Highland General Hospital and

pronounced dead on arrival, according to Herring's testimony.

The defense did not call any witnesses.

McIlhany ruled the evidence was "sufficient to order the defendant bound over to the Gray County grand jury."

McIlhany ordered the defendant be "remanded to jail unless he has made bond in the amount previously set."

Brunson was being held in Gray County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond Wednesday.

Before the examining trial began there was a minor incident in the hallway of the courthouse involving a newspaper and one of the defense attorneys.

Pampa News staffperson assigned as a photographer was shoved and blocked from taking photographs of the defendant by one of the defense attorneys.

Hospital managers approve payment

BY KATHY BURR
Pampa News Staff

The payment of a \$50,000 note due at the end of August was approved last night by the Board of Managers for Highland and McLean General Hospitals.

Before approving payment of the note Guy Hazlett, hospital administrator, said he asked the departments to "live off their inventory until September." He added, "We can't control the fluctuating factors." He then said, "If we make a payment of \$50,000 plus interest in one lump sum this could cause our cash level to become dangerously low."

A sub-committee of the board reportedly had been studying the cash containment of the hospital, but had no recommendations to make.

Hazlett asked the board if they had any recommendations. R. W. Sidwell, chairman of the board, pointed out this is not the only note that is coming due.

A second note for the amount

of \$130,000 is due at the end of the year.

The note was originally for \$142,000, but \$12,000 has been paid on the note. Sidwell then recommended to "clean out the first note that is due at the end of the month," Sidwell added, "In September if we need more money, let's bring the note (the second one) back up to where it was, or initiate a new note."

Barry Breen, controller, presented the accounts payable and the payroll for approval. Breen said, "There has been a reduction in the overall payroll of \$9,358, there has also been a reduction from the previous month in the accounts payable of approximately \$14,000."

Dr. Joe R. Donaldson, head of the medical staff, asked the board to approve the application of a new doctor. The approval passed unanimously.

Donaldson said an orthopedic surgeon had looked at the hospital, but had gone onto Amarillo because of finances.

"His visit invoked the need for capital improvement. This is something the board will have to realize and face up to," Donaldson said.

Hazlett presented the administrators report, and said currently the hospital has about a 60 percent occupancy rate, with about 76 patients per day. The hospitals total operating expense for the month of July \$351,401. A total of \$292,488 was budgeted for that purpose. Sidwell pointed out to date the hospital has a total net profit of \$138,902. He added a total net profit of \$92,000 had been budgeted.

Hazlett said they are currently two-thirds of the way through developing the new budget. He recommended a finance committee be appointed to work on the rest of the budget.

Four policies presented to the board were approved with the exception of policy dealing with writing off late charges under \$15.

Sidwell expressed some opposition to this policy. "I think we are setting a precedent for future boards."

Breen replied, "We're getting medical claims up to eight and 10 days late."

Joel Plunk, secretary-treasurer for the board said, "The stress should be put on getting charges in on time."

"The approval of this policy would be nothing more than creating loopholes for themselves," Sidwell added. Another board member said, "I think it's better to try and collect everything that is due us."

The other policies approved dealt with obsterical examinations, standing orders in the emergency room and the dispensing of outpatient prescriptions through the emergency room.

The board also meet in executive session to discuss a medical legal grievance. No action was taken on that item.

Good afternoon

Carter hails loan package

NEW YORK (AP) — President Carter is hailing the \$1.65 billion federal loan guarantee package for New York city as a step in fulfilling "America's national urban policy."

Carter signed the bill at City Hall Plaza on Tuesday amid attempts to publicize his administration's accomplishments more forcefully in the face of declining popularity polls.

"This bill is in the national interest," Carter said. "It is designed to put behind us a danger that would create problems for all our cities and for the financial markets of the nation and the world."

Thomas Andrew Barefoot, named Monday in an arrest warrant charging capital murder, was apprehended as he got off a bus early today. Houston police and Texas Rangers acted after receiving a tip by a Temple Ranger.

Killing suspect jailed

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — A man wanted in the slaying of a Harker Heights police officer was in the Bell County Jail today following his arrest at a Houston bus station.

Bell County authorities issued the warrant for Barefoot, who used the alias Darren Collier, after receiving information from another area law enforcement agency.

No outsiders near test-tube baby

LONDON (AP) — John and Lesley Brown are letting almost no outsiders near their test-tube daughter, disappointing friends and neighbors who want to see the world's youngest celebrity in person.

"We neighbors had clubbed together and we were hoping to

see the baby," said Gladys Johnson, a neighbor who took a bunch of flowers and a small gift to the door of the Brown home in Bristol this week. "It's all very disappointing, being turned away like this. I suppose you can't really blame John and Lesley if they're getting all that money."

By BARRY SCHWEID
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President Carter is putting his personal prestige on the line by sponsoring a new Israeli-Egyptian summit meeting, but Egypt and Israel are both going to the peace table with their old demands that only the other must make the first concessions.

Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, who flew to Israel and Egypt this week to deliver Carter's invitations to the Sept. 5 summit, told a news conference in Alexandria Tuesday the United States will be a "full partner" in the peace effort.

"We will feel free to make our suggestions" at the meeting at Camp David, in the Catoctin

Mountains 65 miles northwest of Washington. He said those suggestions would be in the "framework" of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

Since its passage in November 1967, the Arabs have viewed resolution 242 — calling for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territory captured in the June 1967 Mideast war — as a man-

date for a total Israeli pull out. Israel sees the deliberately vague declaration as permitting it to retain Arab territory it feels necessary for its security.

Asked whether the United States would present an American peace plan, Vance avoided a direct reply. He said it was up to Israel and Egypt to find agreement, but the United

States will be at their sides "when it sees obstacles in the road."

Israel is strongly opposed to any American peace plan, considering it would be an attempt to dictate terms.

"If you impose a peace it is no peace at all," Prime Minister Menachem Begin told a

news conference after the summit announcement. "As far as I know, there is no intention of the United States government to do what is called imposition of any conditions."

Both Begin and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat welcomed Carter's call to resume direct negotiations.

Carter puts prestige on line with summit

Philadelphia mayor calls for death penalty

By LEE LINDER
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mayor Frank Rizzo, reacting angrily after the city's 15-month war with a bedraggled band of self-styled anarchists ended in the death of a police officer in a bloody gunfight, called for return of the death penalty and said he would pull the switch.

The emotional Rizzo, biting his lips and fighting back tears, denounced the mop-haired members of MOVE as "an uncivilized foe that fired the first shot" in the confrontation with police sharpshooters Tuesday.

The battle ended with bulldozers and a crane leveling MOVE's three-story fortress after 12 adults, 11 children, 22 dogs and an unknown number

of rats were flushed from the cellar. Inside, officers said, they found a dozen loaded weapons, 1,600 rounds of ammunition.

All the adults, held without bond, were charged with murder, attempted murder and conspiracy at a heavily guarded hearing that MOVE spokesman Delbert Orr Africa — all members take Africa as a sur-

name — ridiculed as "a legalized lynching."

"Get that death penalty back, and put them in the electric chair and I'll pull the switch," said Rizzo, a former foot patrolman who rose to police commissioner before becoming mayor in 1972.

Pennsylvania has no death penalty law, but a bill is pending in the Legislature.

Six other officers, five firefighters and two MOVE members were injured in the five-minute gunfight.

Afterwards, another 25 people were arrested in rock-and-brick-throwing skirmishes with police near the MOVE compound, in a rundown west Philadelphia neighborhood near Drexel University and the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania.

MOVE claims to be a back-to-nature group with an announced goal to overthrow the government. It had been cited for violating the city's health and fire codes, and rejected court orders to vacate the premises where garbage and human wastes composted in the back yard.

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Security tight for transfer

Pope's remains to be moved

By EDWARD MAGRI
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VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Italian government ordered more than 4,500 police and other security men to guard against terrorists along the 13-mile route the body of Pope Paul VI travels tonight from Castel Gandolfo to St. Peter's Basilica.

With Italy plagued by political kidnapping, kneecapping, murder and bombing, the government was wary of an attempt by the Red Brigades or some other terrorist group to make new headlines. A century ago, during the funeral of Pope Pius IX in February 1878, anti-clerical radicals tried to throw the coffin into the Tiber River. Mounted police dispersed them.

Crowds gathered for the third day at the papal summer palace in Castel Gandolfo to file past the body of the 80-year-old pontiff who reigned over the Roman Catholic Church for the past 15 years. More than 50,000 made the journey Monday and Tuesday to the village in the Alban Hills where he died Sunday night after a heart attack.

The viewing was to end at noon, and the body was to be encased in triple caskets of cypress lined with scarlet silk, lead and oak. In accordance with papal custom, a velvet bag containing each of the Vatican coins and medals struck during Pope Paul's reign was to be placed in the inner casket along with a scroll listing his encyclical letters and other major documents.

In the evening, the coffin was to be placed in a hearse for the drive to Rome. The motorcade was to include the pope's relatives, high-ranking church officials and representatives of the Italian government. A strong motorcycle escort was assigned to escort the motorcade.

En route to the Vatican and St. Peter's, the motorcade was to stop for a prayer service in front of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. It is the pope's cathedral as bishop of Rome, and it was there that Pope Paul went three months ago to pray for his close friend Aldo Moro after the Italian political leader was murdered by the Red Brigades.

Members of the College of Cardinals who have arrived for the funeral and election of the

new pope will be in St. Peter's when the coffin is carried in. It will be placed beneath Michelangelo's great dome, near the main altar, and will lie in state there until the funeral Mass and burial Saturday.

The public will be admitted to the basilica Thursday and Friday to file past the bier, but the coffin will not be opened. Religious and political leaders from around the world will come to Rome for the funeral. President Carter's wife, Rosalynn, will head the delegation from the United States.

Pope Paul will be buried in the grottoes of St. Peter's, the traditional burial place of popes since the Renaissance and the site of what is believed to be the grave of the Apostle Peter, the first pope.

Pope Paul will be buried near the marble tombs of his immediate predecessors, Pius XII and John XXIII. But his coffin will be placed underground, covered by a marble slab bearing his name. A small altar will be behind the grave.

The burial will be followed by nine days of mourning with a cardinal or other high-ranking

prelate saying a special Mass in St. Peter's each day.

Members of the College of Cardinals were pouring into Rome, coming from 54 nations, and most of the 115 cardinals eligible to participate in the election of the new pope were expected to be present for the funeral Saturday.

The cardinals meet daily to oversee the funeral preparations and make plans for the electoral conclave, which is to begin during the week of Aug. 20. More than 50 were present at the meeting Tuesday, but no date was announced for the start of the conclave.

There was an atmosphere of uncertainty about who might be the next pope. The cardinals' discussions were wrapped in secrecy, but it was taken for granted that they were talking about the prospective candidates. Pope Paul wrote in his 1970 decree on the conclave that "the exchange of views concerning the election during the period in which the See is vacant" is not forbidden.

Family income climbs inflation nulls gain

By ANN BLACKMAN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The median family income in 1977 was \$10,010, about 7 percent higher than the 1976 median of \$9,400, a new government report shows. But inflation of 6.5 percent wiped out most of the gain.

The Census Bureau report, obtained by The Associated Press before its official release, shows also that there were 1.2 million fewer poor people in the United States in 1977 than in 1975.

New figures show there were 24.7 million persons below the poverty level in 1977, compared with 25.9 million in 1975. The poverty line for 1977 was \$6,191 for a non-farm family of four.

The change from 1976 to 1977 was minimal.

The report coincided with a Census Bureau report released Tuesday showing that the number of poor people in the United States decreased 3.5 percent in 1976 from the previous year — dropping from 25.9 million to 25 million.

The decrease was in sharp contrast to two previous years when the number of poor people in America was on the rise. The number increased by 1.3 million in 1974 and 2.5 million in 1975.

A section on median income in the latest report shows that families in which the household head worked full time all year had a median income of \$20,080 in 1977, an increase from \$18,444 in 1976 — up 2 percent after adjusting for inflation.

Median income means that half the families earn more and half earn less.

Statistics show that white families had a median income of \$16,740 in 1977, up from \$15,537 the previous year — a 1 percent increase after taking inflation into account. The 1977 median income for black fami-

lies was \$9,560, and it was \$11,420 for Latin American families in the United States. Neither was significantly different from their respective 1976 median incomes after adjusting for inflation.

Families in the Northeast enjoyed a slight recovery from 1976, the report says. The 1977 median income of families in the Northeast, \$16,800, represented an increase of 2.5 percent over the 1976 median of \$15,405, figures show.

It was the only region that did not experience an increase in adjusted median family income between 1975 and 1976, the report says.

After being adjusted for inflation, the 1977 median income of families in the North Central region was \$16,850. In the West, it was \$16,510. Neither changed significantly from 1976 to 1977, the report says.

The median income of families in the South was \$14,570 — an increase from \$13,419, the figures show.

The report shows that of the 57.2 million families in the United States in March 1978, about 12.8 million or 22.4 percent received incomes of \$25,000 or more in 1977. There were 18.1 million families or 31.7 percent with incomes between \$15,000 and \$25,000; 10.6 million families or 18.4 percent with incomes between \$10,000 and \$15,000; 10.4 million or 18.1 percent with incomes between \$5,000 and \$10,000; and 5.3 million or 9.3 percent of families with incomes below \$5,000.

The section on poverty shows that of almost 25 million poor people in the United States in 1977, 31 percent were black; 11 percent were Latin American; 13 percent were 65 or older; 41 percent were children under 18; and 37 percent were in families headed by a woman with no husband present.

Although 66 percent of all the

nation's families lived in metropolitan areas in 1977, only 59 percent of poor families lived in these areas.

About 50 percent of low-income white families living in metropolitan areas were residents of the central city, compared with 80 percent of poor black families living in the inner city.

Highest award

Mrs. Vella M. Hamilton of 2131 N. Russell, Pampa, has attained Life Master rank, the highest award given by the American Contract Bridge League. The rank, established in 1935, has been awarded to only 27,000 among the millions who play bridge, according to Richard L. Goldberg, ACBL executive secretary.

The ACBL establishes rules of play and ethical standards for bridge, and sponsors bridge tournaments and club play throughout North America.

Victims receive award

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) — A state court jury has awarded almost \$900,000 to 15 persons injured or related to those killed in a 1973 munitions plant blast here.

Tuesday's \$899,821.14 judgment, the largest in Johnson County history, went against Penguin Industries, Inc. of Pennsylvania, maker of a grenade fuse crimping machine used at the former Gearhart-Owen plant at the time.

Four persons died in the July 10, 1973 explosion and 30 others were injured. The suit originally asked for damages totaling \$3.5 million.

The plaintiffs' attorney, John Murphrey of Houston, said he was "disappointed" in the amount awarded by the jury "particularly for Ola Mae Thomas, because of the fact that she is legally blind and deaf in one ear." She received \$261,651.40.

The largest single award went to former plant foreman Glenn Junge, who lost practical use of his right arm when his elbow was shattered by the blast. Junge received \$326,686.14.

Fort Worth attorney Rufus Garrett Jr., who represented the munitions company, said he would consult Penguin officials concerning an appeal.

The munitions plant, now called GOEX, was the site of another fatal blast last April 20 when four persons died.

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Kickapoos seeking funds

SAF ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A small group of Kickapoo Indians, who have lived for decades in cardboard huts under the Eagle Pass International Bridge, are seeking federal funds for new housing, according to federal officials here.

The Kickapoos' preliminary application for \$1.5 million to purchase land and finance water and sewer facilities was approved last week. Frank Bowie, manager of the Department of Housing and Urban Development grant program, said Monday.

The Indians must submit a full application by Aug. 25.

"The application is for funds to purchase land and construct water, sewer and neighborhood facilities. No housing would be included in this. If this grant is approved, the housing would be financed by the Indian Self Help Program," said Bowie.

The Kickapoos, who hold dual residency in the United States and Mexico, won official recognition as Texas Indians last year from the Texas Legislature, making them eligible for federal and state Indian aid.

Until then, the Texas Commission on Indian Affairs, which must apply for such grants, had only been authorized to deal with the Alabama-Coushatta and Tigua tribes.

The Kickapoos live most of each year in the small huts along the Rio Grande, leaving only to join migrant labor crews or to return to Mexico for religious ceremonies.

There are no sanitary facilities, water or utilities at the campsite.

The Kickapoos here, whose home base is a ceremonial religious reservation near Nacimiento in Coahuila, Mexico, are part of the Kickapoo tribe driven from its homelands in the north central United States nearly 150 years ago.

They were issued a safe conduct pass at Ft. Dearborn, Ill., in 1832 as they began their southward trek. Most stopped at reservations in Oklahoma, but the deeply religious "traditional" Kickapoos crossed the Rio Grande at Eagle Pass and went into Mexico.

They were given a reservation there by the Mexican government, which allowed them to continue their religious practices.

The Indians still have their safe conduct pass in the United States, however, and are considered native Americans. They cross the border freely, but their citizenship status has never been clearly established by Congress.

The Texas Legislature voted last year to expand the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Indian Affairs to include all Indians in Texas.

Each spring, about 100 Kickapoo families make the 150-mile trip from Nacimiento to the campsite on the grassy banks of the Rio Grande. Most join migrant labor crews and head north for the summer. In the fall, they return to Eagle Pass and journey back to Mexico for religious ceremonies.

But several Kickapoo families always remain in the huts on the U.S. side to protect the grounds.

Shield law for agents proposed

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is considering a bill that would shield from damage suits federal agents who unconstitutionally break and enter or install wiretaps on telephones.

The House Judiciary Committee scheduled a meeting today on the measure, backed by the Carter administration but opposed by the American Bar Association and American Civil Liberties Union.

The Supreme Court, rejecting Justice Department arguments, ruled on June 29 that federal officials do not enjoy absolute immunity from damages for unconstitutional acts.

Despite that setback, the department has continued efforts to have such immunity written into federal law by Congress.

"We just simply cannot have all of the law enforcement people tied up in damage suits all over the country," Attorney General Griffin Bell said recently.

On the other hand, the ACLU, in a recent memorandum, calling for the bill's defeat, denounced it as "an invitation to official lawlessness."

The board of governors of the ABA has also gone on record against the legislation.

Huff's war is not over yet

By Tom Tiede

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (NEA) — In September of 1942 a sad telegram was delivered to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Huff: "Deeply regret to inform you that your son, Private First Class Robert B. Huff, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country."

The lad was 18 years old. He had dreamed of being a doctor. Instead, eight months after enlisting in World War II, he waded ashore at Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands where he was killed while trying to defend a strategic allied airfield. Even today, says his father, "it still hurts to re-

member the boy's death." Something else also still hurts. When Pfc. Huff was killed the government said he had not applied, and therefore was not eligible, for GI life insurance benefits. The father insists his son was covered, or at least should have been, and he says it stings to have to fight the U.S. year after year to prove a point.

The point, says Huff, now 83, is that his son "thought" he was covered by GI insurance. The father does not know if Robert believed he was automatically protected, or if he had indeed taken out proper papers that were later lost. In any event, Clayton Huff has spent the last 35 years arguing with the disputed money.

He has not argued continuously for all this time. He says he tried for quite a while after the war to straighten out the matter, "but I didn't get anywhere." He wrote to Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, who didn't reply. The Veterans Administration also refused to help. So, says Huff, "I gave it up."

Then, earlier this year, something happened to put Huff back in the battle again. President Jimmy Carter announced he supported a congressional measure (HR 914) to grant life insurance benefits to the widow of Pvt. Eddie Slovik. Slovik was the only soldier in World War II to be executed for cowardice in combat.

Huff says the Slovik thing "boiled me." He says he feels sorry for Slovik's widow, who lives on the edge of poverty in nearby Detroit,

"but even so I wonder about the justice of it." If a deserter can suddenly be considered for GI insurance benefits, Huff asks, "then what about my son Bob who died a hero?"

The father is presently repeating this question, though letters, to the Carter administration and to members of Congress. He keeps copies of the correspondence in the same boxes that contain the yellowed effects of his long dead son. "I am fighting in Robert's memory," he says, "the war is not yet over for me."

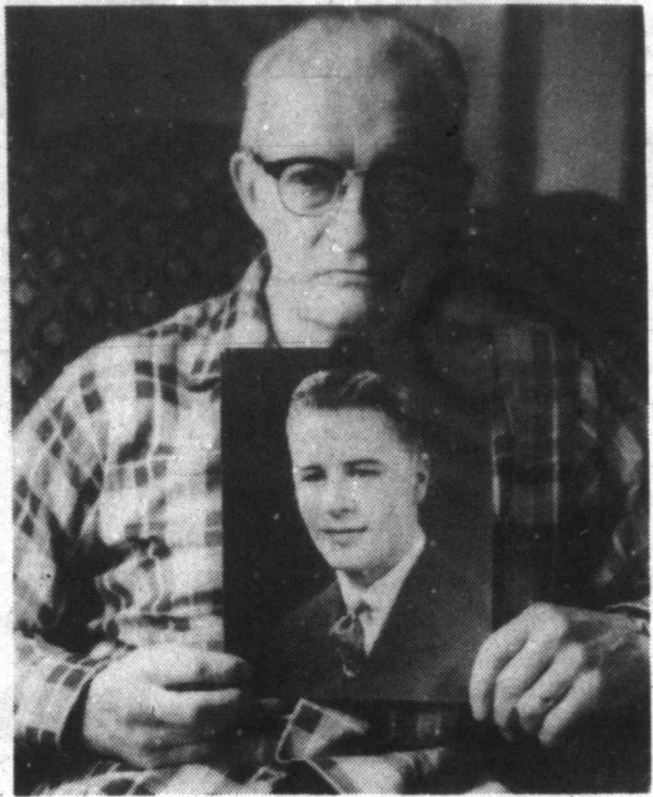
Huff's war is against the federal bureaucracy. He says it is run by machines instead of people. "They say they have no record of my son's insurance policy. And that's it. They won't consider anything else. They won't look any deeper for the truth. They base everything on a piece of paper they can't find."

The father believes the piece of paper may well have existed at one time. He doubts his son would have gone into combat without insurance. The \$10,000 GI policy only cost \$6.40 a month in those days; besides, Huff says the boy

knew he was going into rough places and had told relatives he was covered by insurance.

What happened to the records, then? The father says they were probably lost. In 1942, he points out, the nation was brawling for its survival, the military was expanding rapidly, and paper work was not always reliable. "It's possible a company clerk misplaced the form, or a ship bringing it home was sunk. Who knows?"

Or perhaps the policy fell victim to bureaucratic bungling. Huff says that kind of thing was not unknown during the war. He recalls that



Fights for dead son

Clayton Huff's son Robert was killed in action at Guadalcanal in 1942. Although the father insists the 18-year-old Marine was covered by GI life insurance benefits, he has spent the last 35 years arguing with the government for the disputed money.

Firestone may offer settlement for 500

WASHINGTON (AP) — Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. may offer to negotiate a settlement in an effort to limit a possible recall of its model 500 steel-belted radial tire, which the government says is unsafe.

Joan Claybrook, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said Monday that the company has discussed a possible settlement but has not come forward with details. "I don't know what they will come up with," she said.

Firestone public relations director Bernard W. Frazier said the company would have no comment on the possibility.

Claybrook spoke with reporters after the first of two days of hearings her agency is holding on whether Firestone

Names placed for aide to Carter

WASHINGTON (AP) — National women's groups circulated names Monday of several candidates to succeed Midge Costanza as President Carter's chief aide on women's issues.

But the White House remained tight-lipped on who it is considering for the job, and when a decision will be made.

Nor was it known whether the duties of the job will change.

Among the names being circulated were those of Arvonne Fraser, a State Department official and wife of Rep. Donald M. Fraser, D-Minn.; Ann Saunier of Dayton, Ohio, human resources executive for the Mead Corp.; Connie Plunkett, a friend of the Carters from Carrollton, Ga.; and Jefflyn Johnson, who runs a management consultant firm here.

Rosalynn Carter has been discussing possible candidates with her husband and his staff, according to Mary Hoyt, Mrs. Carter's press secretary.

Ms. Costanza resigned the \$56,000-a-year position as assistant to the president last week, citing differences of style and approach with the Carter administration.

should recall about 13 million of the tires.

An attorney was to present Firestone's case today. Frazier said the company again is contending that it does not believe a recall is necessary and that the problems reported by consumers are due largely to improper inflation of the tire.

"The safety agency has never defined what defect the 500 tire has," Frazier said. "We say a recall should not be based on incidents that are really not subject to reliable analysis."

The agency on July 7 said the 500 has safety defects and should be recalled by Firestone. It acted after federal engineers said they analyzed more than 6,000 reports from consumers alleging "more than 14,000 individual tire failures, 29 deaths, more than 50 injuries and hundreds of property-damage accidents."

Complaints included blow-outs, tread separation, blisters, bubbles, splits and cracks.

A recall would cost Firestone hundreds of millions of dollars because, under federal regulations, every tire sold within the last three years would have to be replaced free by the company. Those sold more than three years ago would be replaced with the owner paying a prorated replacement fee.

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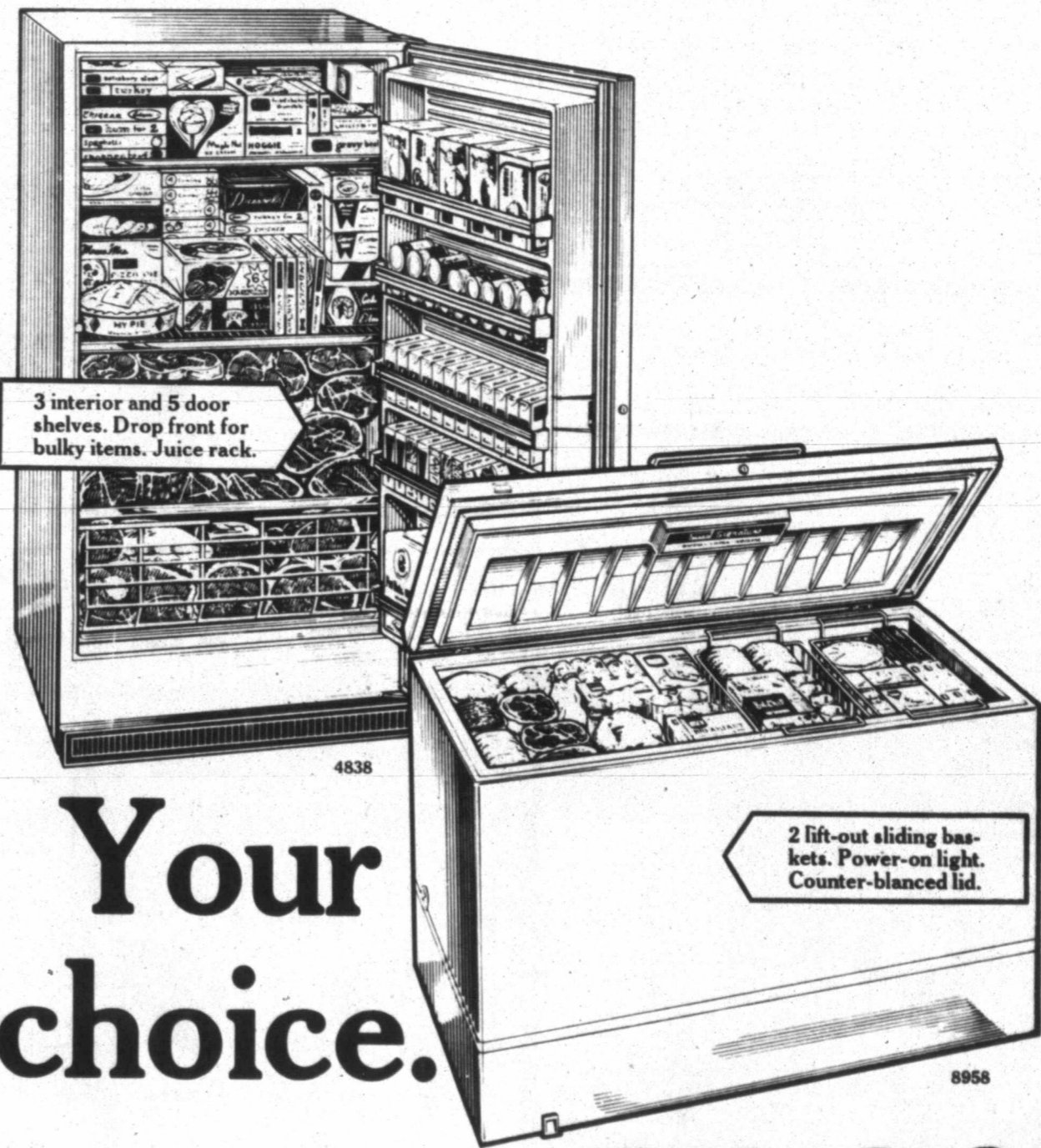
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By Bernice B. G. Ool

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A perplexing issue can be resolved today because of your fine head for business and your practical approach. You'll solve the puzzle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though you dare to dream for a brighter tomorrow, you'll still view things realistically by anticipating any obstacles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An inner resolve to achieve what others might consider an arduous goal may be your purpose today. You have the strength to obtain it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is really nothing new that will rattle you today. You'll draw upon experience to gain a toehold and climb the ladder of success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use your fine leadership qualities today. You can clearly see things that another can't and easily sort out complex deadlines.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A difficult decision might be yours today. Because another person is involved you may be hesitant. Don't be. Your judgment will be correct.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Expect payment in proportion to effort expended today. If you are industrious and purposeful, the returns will automatically be there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Serious talks with people you know socially could lead to helping one another. Lay yours cards on the table. Chances are, they'll do the same.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Nothing is too tough for you to accomplish today once you set your mind to it. It's a day when both your physical and mental assets work in harmony.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be afraid to take over and manage situations if others falter. You have the ability today to carefully plan and direct activities.

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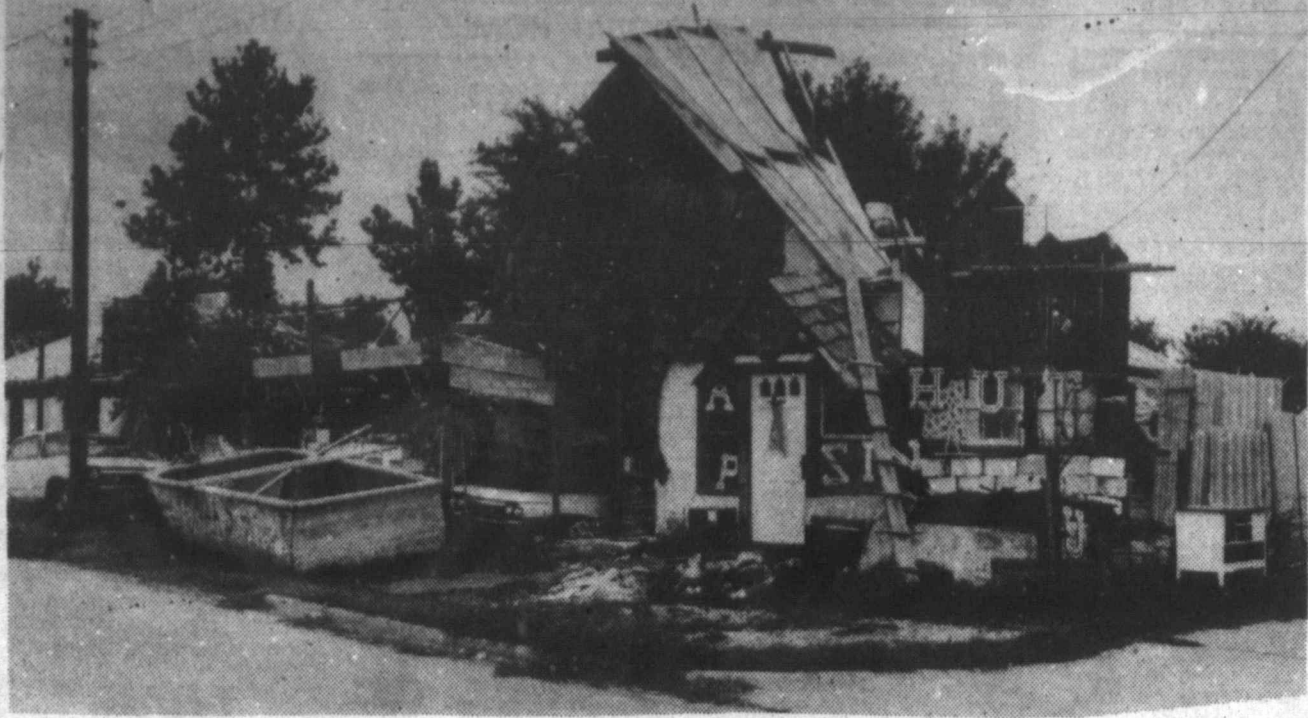
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His home

Some might call Reginald Minnick's ramshackle house a junk heap. But he prefers to think of it as an un-

finished work of art and soul.

A man's home is his pyramid

By Carolyn Ondrejas

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (NEA) - A man's home is his castle, his tabernacle, his pyramid.

Tabernacle? Pyramid? It might look to some like a rambling heap of shag shingles, tires, brooms, bottles, junked cars, cast-off couches and chairs, light posts and chicken wire.

But the home at 2715 Lebanon in Wichita Falls, Tex., is a tabernacle — just read the signs. It's a pyramid — just ask the owner.

"I've been working on it nine years, but it'll never be finished as long as I live," says Reginald Minnick of the "sculpture" in which he lives with his wife, son and daughter-in-law.

"I'm building a pyramid," he explains simply. "You know what the pyramids were for. They were burial places. This is where I want to be buried someday ..."

"Oh, I know there are city ordinances, and I can't just be buried here. But my body will be cremated and my ashes kept here. It's a very spiritual thing to me."

And, it's a very arresting sight to passersby. Joggers stop in their tracks. Cars slow to a crawl. Many people park and get out for a better look.

Minnick says he doesn't mind at all. Owner-operator of a barber shop for many years before retiring, Minnick says he had written poetry and dabbled in art before. But the pyramid is his first major work.

"All Pisces are artistic, and I'm a Pisces," he explains. There's much symbolism in the structure, which stretches half a block and was formed by joining four structures.

For example, there's an old wooden wagon, which Minnick found wrapped in tinsel under his family's tree on Christmas morning more than 50 years ago. His children played with the antique when they were younger, and now it's perched on the roof of the house, right next to a discarded bicycle.

An old barber chair from his shop also sits on the roof. Then there are the posters

from a recent rodeo and county elections. One poster admonishes, "Vote for the sake of justice." The eclectic structure also includes two oil paintings by a friend of Minnick. And the head of a large catfish, symbolic of Minnick's favorite pastime.

Dominating one side of the property is a large wooden ark — not Noah's Ark, but Jonah's, according to Minnick. "I was raised to be a Church of Christ preacher like my father," he explains. "I'm still very heavy on spirituality, but have no particular denomination."

There's a slowly rusting Coke machine offering pops at 15 cents each.

And several large dogs pace the roof. The dogs aren't protecting anything, says Minnick. "They're just up there because it's cool up there at night and early in the day. When it gets really hot, they'll go under the house."

The dogs, who seem friendly, reach the roof by a runway that Minnick built. He, too, often sleeps on the roof.

And there are hidden ladders by which Minnick can climb to the highest point of his pyramid. He often goes there to watch the sunset.

"It's sturdy as it can be," Minnick says of what looks like a very loosely put-together structure. "I was up there once in 70 mile an hour wind and didn't get a sway."

"It's all wired together from within — like a spider forms its web. There's no way you can consider it dangerous."

However, Wichita Falls building inspector Raymond Van Loh disagrees. Minnick claims he has received notices from the city "every week for a year."

Van Loh says the structure fails to meet city building codes and is being constructed without any building permits, though he concedes Minnick took out a permit in 1969 to build a lean-to carport.

Minnick says he's been building on that permit ever since. The offices of building inspection, city attorney, health and fire marshal have all sent Minnick no-

tices of one sort or another in the last year. Some of the problems have been correct-

ed. Only building inspection is continuing its case against the artist.

Prison location will have to wait

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Location of a prison in West or South Texas will have to wait for the 1979 Legislature following action by a single senator.

Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, used a Senate practice of "tagging" a bill Monday to kill it for the special session. The legislation would have allowed use of sale proceeds from the Blue Ridge Prison Farm in Fort Bend County for purchase of a site more than 75 miles from Huntsville.

By tagging a bill, a senator can require a 48-hour written notice before any committee action on it. Time will run out since the special session will

adjourn no later than midnight tonight.

"I think it would be a very unwise expenditure of state funds," Doggett said. "It could run up to \$60 million in construction and a new prison may not be needed."

"I don't think we need another new unit constructed at this time until we've studied the needs of the system more than we have," he added.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Bill Moore, D-Bryan, could ask for a two-thirds vote to suspend the 48-hour rule, but he did not do so Monday.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe added the

prison matter as a session agenda item on Friday.

Moore's bill would have amended a 1955 law that requires farm sale proceeds to be used toward purchase of land within 75 miles of the state penitentiary at Huntsville.

The Texas Board of Correc-

tions discussed selling the prison farm in April in connection with purchase of a controversial \$8 million site in Hidalgo County.

Attorney General John Hill, however, said in a legal opinion that the Hidalgo site would violate the 75-mile rule.

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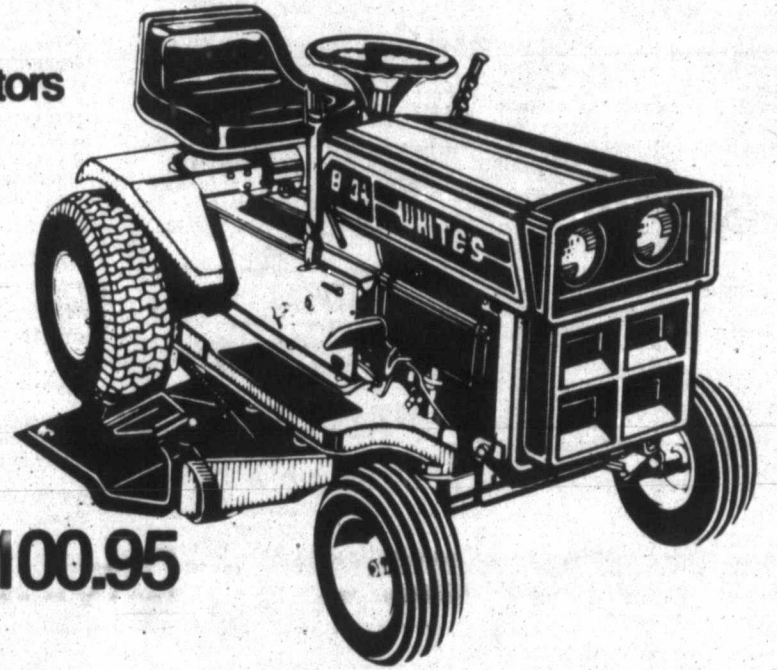


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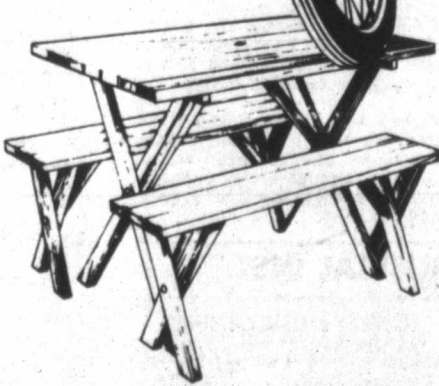
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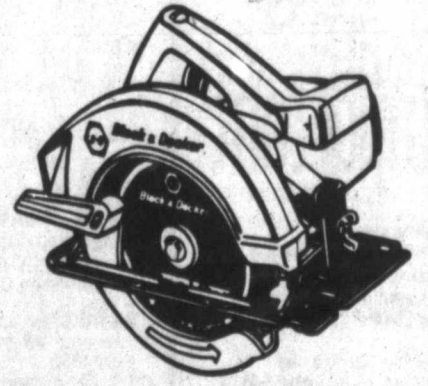
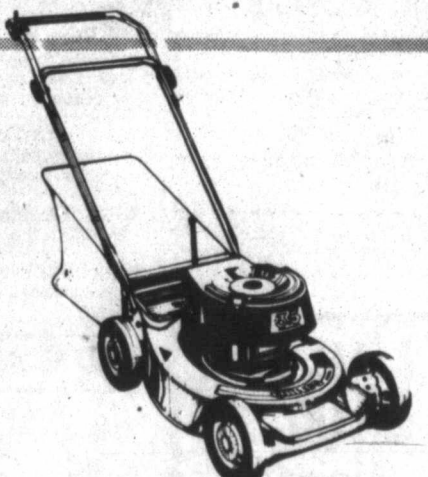


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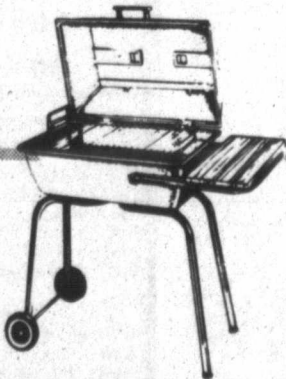
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