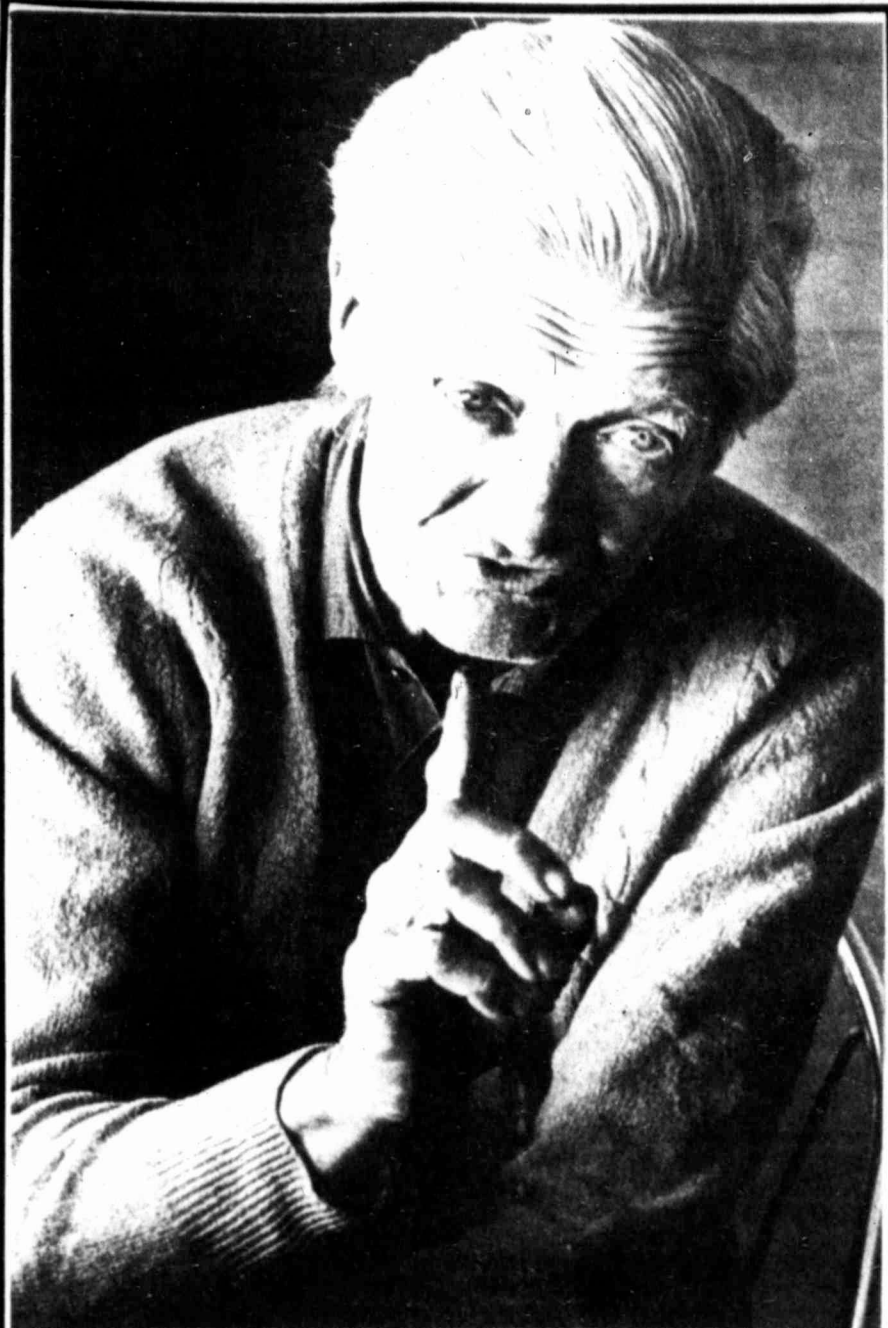


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Henry McKibbie

## Ramblin' man calls his life the finest

By JIM STEINBERG

"I've been in two wars, earned a degree in engineering, worked here and there in every state. I'm related to King Henry and Patrick Henry and had the youngest case of gall stones in the history of Chicago," Henry McKibbie said jokingly in the dining area of the Salvation Army cafeteria.

With long silver hair blowing wildly in a stiff West Texas breeze, the 53-year-old "knight of the road" strolled into the Salvation Army at 119 N. Fort Worth St. wearing green tweed

suit pants over a pair of blue jeans, along with a blue nylon coat and a black cap with furry lining. He had just hitchhiked in from Big Spring.

As he ate a hearty meal with serene seriousness, he paused occasionally to stare out the window with haunting blue eyes as if to absorb a fundamental truth.

After finishing the last morsels from his plate, Henry said, "I worked this summer in Minnesota as a crop hopper. I do seasonal work you see. Then, I

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## U.S.S.R. missile silos believed in Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A top Thai foreign policy expert says intelligence reports show that the Soviet Union has built missile silos in the "high mountain area" of Laos. He says the silos could be used to direct missiles against either China or Thailand.

Thanat Khoman gave few details in his television talk Monday, and he did not indicate if any missiles had been installed in the silos. He cited "some intelligence reports" as also showing that the Soviets have "many military facilities in the highlands of Laos."

Thanat is a former foreign minister and a head of the Thai national assembly's foreign relations committee.

Pentagon and State Department spokesmen in Washington said they knew nothing about any Soviet missile silos in Laos. They said they would have no comment.

Rumors about Soviet missile facilities in Laos have circulated in Bangkok since last December, when Communists took over the landlocked Indochinese country that borders both China and Thailand.

The rumors have been impossible to confirm. Some Western analysts here have been skeptical, saying that large-scale Soviet military involvement in Laos could lead to a confrontation with China.

"Laos is the strategic point which could control Southeast Asia," Thanat said Monday. He noted that the Soviet Union and Vietnam have become heavily involved in the development

of Laos, that the United States has been pulling back its Asian military line to The Philippines, Japan and the Pacific islands, and that China has been more concerned about its volatile northern frontier with the Soviet Union than with its southern flank.

Moscow has been pouring aid and advisers into Laos since last

December, and Laotian Premier Kaysone Phomvihane has met with Soviet leaders in Moscow twice this year. Estimates of Soviet personnel in Laos range from several hundred to several thousand.

Vietnam, which has close ties with the Soviet Union, maintains troops in the southern part of Laos.



Thanat Khoman

## Ford downplays promise to rethink amnesty plan

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — President Ford says he does not really plan to reconsider granting blanket amnesty to Vietnam-era draft evaders and deserters, even though he promised the widow of Michigan Sen. Philip Hart he would look into the possibility.

The issue was raised by Jane Hart when Ford made a condolence telephone call to her after the death of her husband. Hart, often known as "the conscience of the Senate" and a leader of the chamber's liberal forces, died Sunday of cancer. He was 64.

"I called to offer my condolences."

Ford said Monday. "I said was there anything I could do and she said she wanted to ask if I would extend amnesty across the board and I said I'd look into it," Ford told reporters as he started out for a day of skiing.

Mrs. Hart was strongly against the Vietnam war and was arrested during a pray-in protest at the Pentagon. For a time she refused to pay taxes as part of her protest.

She said Monday that when Ford asked her if there was anything he could do she asked the favor on behalf of "Vietnam protesters, deserters and draft dodgers" because it was "the last thing Phil, in his last weeks,

wished he could have gotten through."

But after her request became known, Ford was asked by a reporter if he was serious about reconsidering the amnesty question. Ford replied: "Oh, no. I just said at the request of her (Mrs. Hart) that I would look into it."

"You were just being polite then?" Ford was asked.

"The words speak for themselves," the President answered.

Ford always has opposed any blanket amnesty, and he indicated that his opinion is unchanged.

## Carter likely to request tax cut

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — President-elect Carter said today a tax cut is a "likely prospect" for inclusion in a broad program for economic stimulus that he plans to unveil next week.

Speaking with reporters outside his borrowed resort home here, Carter said he plans an announcement by the end of next week on the outline of his economic package, including a range of likely price tags for the proposal.

While terming a tax cut plan a likely prospect, Carter said it nevertheless represents "a second priority with me after we make moves to put our people back to work." He said he is firmly committed to a "work opportunity program."

Carter flew here Monday for a series of meetings with his new Cabinet. After his arrival, he conferred for nearly four hours with his key economic advisers. Aides said the session was held to consider "alternative approaches to job creation, tax reduction and reductions in government waste."

Before holding an informal meeting with all members of his Cabinet and appointees of Cabinet rank, Carter conferred with Gov. Hugh Carey of New York and Mayor Abraham Beame of New York City. After that session, Carter emerged with his visitors to declare: "Bankruptcy for New York City is not a viable alternative... We have eliminated that as a possibility for

the future."

Earlier, on arriving at this rented island estate from his home in Plains, Ga., Carter said the latest economic indicators had left him "fairly well encouraged" compared to a few weeks ago.

And he reiterated that after Monday's discussion, saying in a statement that he and his advisers also "focused on current economic trends, which seemed slightly more positive, than we had earlier expected."

Previously, Carter voiced concern that the economy was worse than he had thought during his campaign for the White House.

His two upbeat pronouncements about the economy, coupled with a

reference to attacking waste, could be interpreted as indicating Carter hopes to present an economic package to the 1977 Congress that would add less money than expected to the federal budget deficit.

In his Monday night statement, Carter said that "although no final decisions were made, I believe significant progress was made toward an economic package constituting a balanced attack on both unemployment and inflation."

He indicated that the plan he and his cabinet will finally agree on will include both public works jobs to cut unemployment and tax cuts to stimulate the economy. His advisers

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## Chicago's Bilandic nears power

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Bilandic, a little-known lawyer but one with considerable clout at City Hall, edged to within a single step today of becoming temporary mayor to succeed Richard J. Daley.

Black aldermen said just before the City Council meeting at which a successor was to be chosen that they will not nominate a fellow black for the job.

Thus, Bilandic, alderman of Daley's 11th ward, appeared to need only the formality of the council vote after he was nominated by Alderman Edward Vrdolyak as the session started.

The withdrawal of black Alderman Winston Frost from contention and the support for Bilandic was worked out in a furious week of wheeling and dealing after Daley's death of a heart attack.

Under the terms of the deal, Frost, president pro tempore of the council, would succeed Bilandic as chairman of the Finance Committee, considered the second most powerful post in city government.

Bilandic has said he will not be a candidate in a special election to fill the remainder of Daley's term. That election must be held within six months.

A quiet neighbor of the Daley family, Bilandic has said he entered the council only at the late mayor's coaxing and would like to return to his law business as soon as the temporary mayor term expires.

Another vacancy created by Daley's death, Cook County Democratic chairman, is to be decided Wednesday by the county's central committee, and the winner could figure in the special mayoral election.

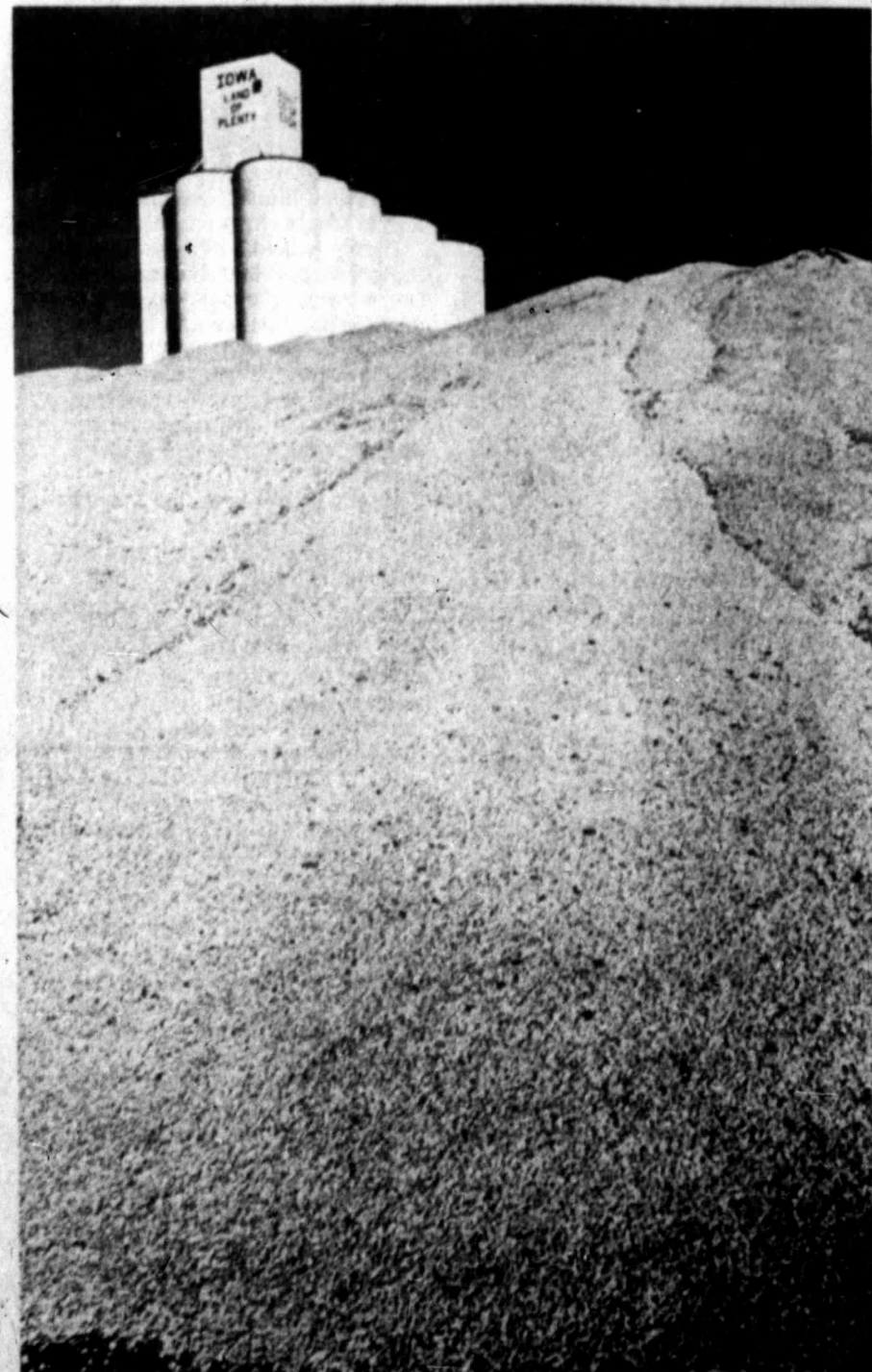
The race is between Cook County Board President George W. Dunne and Gen. Supt. Edmund Kelly of the Chicago Park District. Dunne,

campaigning for the chairmanship Monday night, hinted that he could be a candidate for mayor and added that he sees no problem in the "proper person" holding both jobs.

It had been generally agreed among Democrats that no man after Daley would have both posts.

Daley died Dec. 20 of a heart attack after 21 years in office, setting off the power scramble. The aldermen must name one of their number as temporary mayor until a special election is set up within six months.

Bilandic has pledged not to run in the special election.



—AP Wirephoto

EVEN WHEN THE WEATHER doesn't cooperate, Iowa manages to produce huge crops of corn and soybeans. Many farmers were plagued by drought this year. But there were some grain elevators, including this one in Sully, that couldn't keep up with the demand for storage space.

### LATE NEWS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A big increase in oil imports helped push the United States' trade deficit to \$906 million in November, the largest monthly trade imbalance in the nation's history, the commerce Department reported today.

### WEATHER

Sunny and mild Wednesday. Low tonight, near 32. High Wednesday, mid-60s.

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## Myrtle Hall fights poverty myth

Myrtle Hall hasn't got poverty or ignorance or boredom whipped in neighborhoods on Midland's less-than-affluent east and southeast sides.

Not yet. But she's trying. "We've made tremendous progress in Midland since 1968," said Mrs. Hall, who is acting director of the Midland Community Action Agency (MCAA).

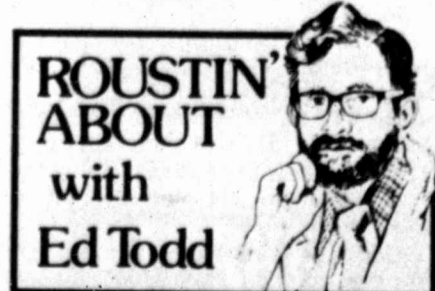
The agency, with the aid of annual government doles and with the help and advice of concerned citizens, is helping the poor and the elderly to pull themselves out of economic and otherwise stifling "ruts."

Mrs. Hall has been a force behind MCAA since it was first rooted in Midland in 1968.

And some dust has been settled since that time. Literally.

What were dirt streets in the neighborhoods back then have been either paved or graveled. Perfection is still far away. There are still dirt roads and streets to be black-topped, ruts to be worked out and chuckholes to be filled.

All that's on the surface. And Mrs.



ROUSTIN ABOUT with Ed Todd

Hall would rather do more than just skim. Mind you, she wants good street lighting, paved and smooth streets and safe sidewalks for her neighborhood people. At the same time, she is searching for the root-cause of economic misery — poverty.

"People, really, are not poor because they want to be poor," she said, as if exploding a myth.

Otherwise, the rich already would have inherited the earth. And the poor would be as extinct as the dinosaur and the dodo bird. Besides, who but a poor masochist or a medieval monk seeks solace, comfort or pleasure in the bleakness and hopelessness of poverty?

Why be poor in this day and age?

Mrs. Hall has some answers. And to directly choose to be poor is not one of them.

"(People are poor) because they didn't have the education," she rationalized. "They're poor because of their (meager) educational background and not being able to handle, to get good jobs."

The MCAA, like many other helping-hand agencies, tries to help the able.

No one human or any earth-bound force can "give" knowledge, wisdom or even a skill to some poor mortal being. There's work in learning.

But first, to help those in want, Mrs. Hall or another MCAA counselor must "define the problems and try to solve them or delegate them out to other agencies that can help them solve their problems."

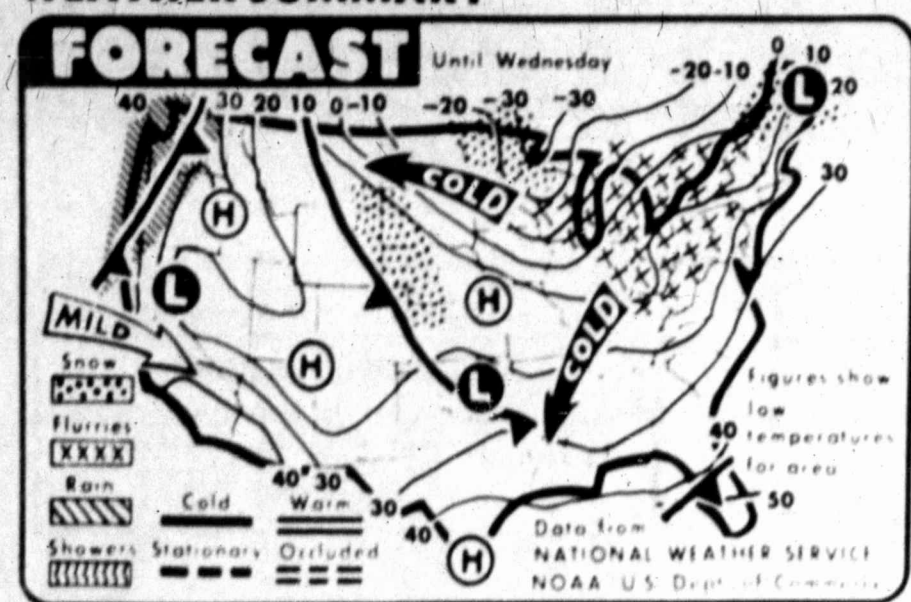
Want a good job? Okay.

But first, somebody has got to do some matching: a trained person to master the job to be done. And if the person is unskilled, the MCAA likely will pinpoint just where and how that

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WEATHER SUMMARY



SNOW IS FORECAST for the northern and central Plains, and snow flurries are expected from the Great Lakes to the Northeast.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for time of day (12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, Noon) and temperature readings.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Ansonia, Anchorage, Andover, Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Brownsville, Buffalo, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Fairbanks, Fort Worth, Green Bay, Helena, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Tampa, and Washington.

Extended Texas forecast

North Texas: Mostly fair for Thursday through Friday becoming partly cloudy Friday night and Saturday.

New Mexico, Oklahoma

Oklahoma: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Cold. Low tonight upper teens north to near 20 south.

Texas area forecasts

North Texas: Clear to partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Cooler tonight. Warmer central and west portions Wednesday.

United Way tells agency allotment

Twelve of 16 United Way agencies will receive this year the full amount they requested from the organization. The United Way board of directors recently approved \$662,832 in allocations for 16 agencies and the United Way's own budget for 1977, Marilyn Van Petten, executive director, said.

The American Red Cross is due to receive \$50,340. The directors lowered that figure from the budget committee recommendation of \$52,540, with the understanding that a separate grant will be made for new roofing. The board moved the roofing cost from the basic allocation because 34.5 per cent of the allocation, but not special grants, will go to the national Red Cross organization.

Springlike weather to continue

Springlike weather in the Midland area should continue through Wednesday, the weatherman said. Clear and cold conditions tonight should be followed Wednesday by sunny and mild weather, said a spokesman at the National Weather Service at the Midland Regional Air Terminal.

The agency received last year. Budget chairman Tom Stovell said the effectiveness of the nursery, which presently cares for 25 to 30 children, is difficult to appraise.

The purpose of including Planned Parenthood among the United Way agencies is to provide a "psychological welcome" to the service in the community, Stovell said.

The budget for the USO was reduced from the requested \$1,750 to \$1,000. Stovell said that agency's allocation has been declining for several years because the service "is not as necessary as it was in wartime."

Aside from those four agencies, the amounts allocated were the amounts requested. The largest allocation, \$163,593, is set to go to the YMCA. Stovell said the Central YMCA will not need \$25,000 originally requested as part of the allocation but the agency requested \$10,000 be kept in reserve funds in case the money is needed. He said this will be the first year the Central YMCA has been self-supporting.

Other allocations are: Boys' Club, \$40,120; Boy Scouts, \$61,648; Casa De Amigos, \$26,600; Council on Alcoholism, \$11,475; Midland Tape Library, \$12,050; Girl Scouts, \$43,016; Midland-Lee Youth Centers, \$14,238; and Camp Fire Girls, \$8,277.

The board voted to maintain a \$25,000 pledge loss reserve fund.



Myrtle Hall

MCAA's Myrtle Hall wants to cure poverty

For the elderly or even the young, MCAA staffers or brought-in teachers will conduct informal classes in sewing, knitting, arts and crafts and "practically anything you could think of," Mrs. Hall said.

The MCAA, in addition to counseling and working with young people, also helps families on welfare, food stamps, and social security. Mrs. Hall, for example, said an MCAA aide may help a person properly to fill out forms in applying for welfare payments. The welfare checks will buy food, and a person has got to have some energy and pep before he or she can get around to being motivated.

Brasher rites set Wednesday

Harold C. Brasher, a Midland oil operator and a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, died at 7:50 p.m. Monday in a Midland hospital. He lived at 2012 Bedford Dr. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Gene Allen, pastor of the United Methodist Church at Cisco. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

James C. Ash dies in Phoenix

PHOENIX — James Clarke Ash, 61, formerly of Midland, died Saturday in his home in Phoenix. Funeral mass was read at 11 a.m. today at St. Theresa's Catholic Church of Phoenix. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Phoenix.

McDaniel rites set Wednesday

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. Ollie McDaniel, 79, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Mrs. McDaniel died Sunday at her home.

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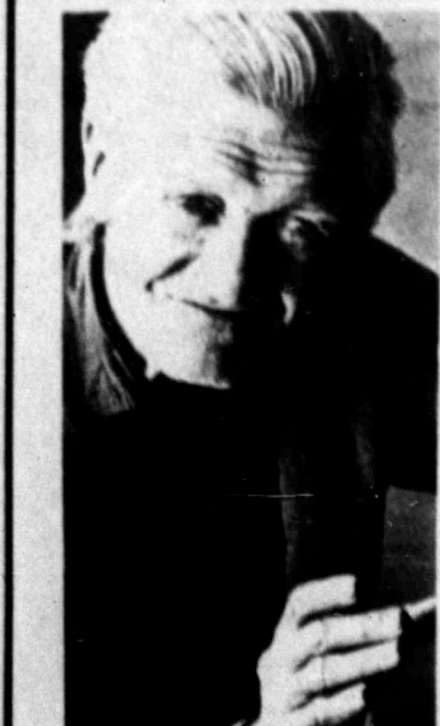
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Ramblin' man calls his life the finest

(Continued from Page 1A) had my winter work in Kentucky blow up on me. It was unfortunate because just after my last day this summer, somebody took all my money.



Henry McKibbie

leaving an industrial engineering job for a major steel manufacturer in the Chicago 18 years ago. "It was so repetitious I just couldn't go on. I had equations coming out of my ears," Henry said of his engineering experience.

Carter, cabinet gathering

(Continued from Page 1A) in past weeks have indicated the project would cost some \$15 billion to \$20 billion. On another subject, Carter was asked on arrival here Monday about the likelihood of a 1979 meeting with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

just the clothes on your back four seasons a year for every year for a decade. Then you reach it," the traveled veteran who has lead a spartan life while journeying to all points in the country big via hopping trains or thumbing rides.

"The first three years were probably meant to kill me. I was in a Colorado mountain pass when a 30-degree-below storm hit me and all I had was a medium-weight jacket. But I made it through," Henry said. Only within the last month has he allowed himself the luxury of a gym bag to carry spare gear.

Henry talked intelligently on topics in political theory, contemporary politics, religion, economics, science and history. He used the vocabulary of a Thesaurus to punctuate his thoughts, perhaps to reinforce his claim to an engineering degree from what is now Auburn University.

"It's funny," Henry said, "somebody on the road can tell me something on a current event that I never heard or read about and before they can finish, I know what happened."

Carter responded that he thought this "a likely prospect for 1977, although we have not made any plans for it." Despite Ford's statement that he would not consider the question, aides who are with Ford on the holiday skiing vacation here said a review of the amnesty issue will be made anyway.

DEATHS

Jack McGuire service today

BIG SPRING — Services for Jack McGuire, 37, will be at 2 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sweetwater Cemetery. McGuire died Sunday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

Langley family service today

Services for five members of the Ronald Langley family were at 11 a.m. today at First Baptist Church. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Ellis Funeral Home.

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Lt. Fred Penix

Lt. Fred Penix dies at age 42

Lt. Fred Penix, 42, a 12-year veteran of the Midland police force, died at Parkview Hospital here about 10 p.m. Monday after suffering a massive heart attack at his home, 4406 Parkdale Dr.

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# Hua claims radical 4 would have caused civil war

TOKYO (AP) — Communist party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng says that if the radicals led by Mao Tse-tung's widow had not been suppressed there would have been "a major civil war" and foreign aggression in China, the official news agency Hsinhua reported today.

Hua told a Christmas Day session of the National Agricultural Conference that 1977 would see the total destruction of the radicals and the restoration of order. Hsinhua said in a broadcast monitored here.

The 56-year-old Chinese leader also said there would be a party cleanup next year because Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, and her supporters recruited new party members in violation of the party constitution, improperly promoted cadres and put "bad elements" into top party positions.

Hua branded the "gang of four" — Chiang Ching and Politburo members Wang Hungwen, Yao Wen-yuan and Chang Chun-chiao — as enemies of the people.

But the chairman said those who supported the radicals "must be treated on the merit of each case" and would be "welcome once they make a clean breast of their part in the conspiracy before the party and the people."

## Admirers praise Hart as 'conscience of Senate'

WASHINGTON (AP) — In public and private ceremonies, relatives, friends and admirers are paying last respects to Sen. Philip A. Hart, who was known as "the conscience of the Senate."

A public mass was scheduled today at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, followed by a private service at Hart's home. Hart, a 64-year-old liberal Democrat from Michigan, died Sunday after a long fight with cancer.

The body will be cremated and the remains taken to Mackinac Island, Mich., on Wednesday for private burial in St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery. The Hart family has maintained a home on the island for years.

Meanwhile, tributes continued to pour in for Hart, who had been a strong advocate of civil rights, consumer protection and antitrust legislation.

Michigan Gov. William Milliken directed Monday that all state flags be flown at half staff for an unprecedented 30 days in Hart's honor. State flags generally are flown at half staff until the funeral of a Michigan state official.

"Phil himself was a precedent," Milliken aide George Weeks quoted the governor as saying in ordering the unusually long memorial for Hart.

AFL-CIO President George Meany described Hart as "one of the great senators" in U.S. history.

Meany said in a telegram to Hart's widow, "We knew him as an inspiring leader and a faithful ally in the fight for human justice and as a dear friend. Certainly there can be no higher standard of compassion, leadership and integrity in public service than the standard set by Phil Hart."

Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller said Hart "leaves behind a legacy of law which has enlarged human rights for millions of Americans and benefitted the wellbeing of every American through his championship of consumers."

Rep. Donald W. Riegel Jr., a Democrat who will succeed to Hart's seat, said, "No man ever gave more or asked less in return. He was a senator of the people."

## Federal budget deficit higher than Ford group predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal budget deficit for fiscal 1977 is running at a \$60 billion per year pace, substantially higher than the Ford administration had predicted.

The government said Monday that the deficit for October and November was slightly more than \$20 billion, which nearly matched the deficit for the same period in fiscal 1976. The ultimate deficit that year was \$65 billion.

The 1977 fiscal year started Oct. 1, 1976 and ends Sept. 30, 1977. Deficits are not constant from month to month because federal receipts and expenses vary from month to month.

The Ford administration had anticipated a deficit for the year of between \$32 billion and \$56 billion when Congress adopted the current budget last summer.

The rapid growth of this year's deficit could prove a problem to President-elect Carter, who is considering some form of tax cut to stimulate the economy shortly after he takes office. Carter has also promised to balance the federal budget by 1980.

Carter has refused to specify a figure for his stimulus, which is ex-

pected to include both a tax cut and a jobs program. But the amount his advisors have spoken of is \$15 billion, raising the possibility of a \$75 billion deficit.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve Board reported that the money supply has been allowed to grow slightly faster than it had previously planned. It said it has allowed a 3 per cent to 7 per cent growth in the

## Labor issues pension rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department has issued detailed rules to govern the private pension plans that cover approximately 33 million American workers.

The government increased its control over the pension area when Congress passed the Employee Retirement Income Security Act in 1974. The act directed the Labor Department to draw up the regulations it issued Monday.

The regulations define hours of service, years of service and interruptions in service for purposes of determining eligibility for inclusion in private pension plans.

For example, they state that an individual worker must be credited with a year of service for pension plan purpose if the worker has received credit for 1,000 hours on the job in 12-month period, an average of less than 20 hours per week.

William J. Chadwick, administrator of the Labor Department's pension and welfare benefit programs, said the new regulations will enable pension plan sponsors to adopt new plans and redesign existing plans to make them in compliance with federal law.

He said the regulations complete the second of three basic sets of regulations required for private pension plans to be brought into full compliance with the law.

Those regulations now complete are for reporting and disclosure and minimum standards. Chadwick said the third group of regulations, covering plan descriptions, should be ready early next year.

The income security act requires that pension plan administrators maintain a description of the pension plan that will be periodically distributed to participants and beneficiaries.

## Longshoreman found guilty

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A longshoreman has become the 22nd person to plead guilty in connection with embezzlement of \$923,780 from a waterfront union's welfare fund.

Daniel Thompson, 42, of New Orleans entered the plea Monday. He was one of 31 persons accused of defrauding the International Longshoremen's Association fund.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Schwartz delayed sentencing on one count of conspiracy and three counts of embezzlement. Thompson was indicted on 15 counts, but the others were dismissed.

Thompson told the court that when he needed money he would ask two co-conspirators to fill out false claims for him. Then, he said, he would split the payment with them.

## Center buys old carving

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Elvehjem Art Center has recently acquired a carved Egyptian head which has been dated to the second half of the Twenty-Sixth Dynasty (about 600-530 B.C.). The piece, carved in black granite, is the head and shoulders of a nobleman and its purchase was made possible through funds provided by the Fairchild Foundation of Milwaukee.

## Glassware to be shown

CORNING, N.Y. (AP) — The Corning Museum of Glass is preparing an exhibit of the glasswares of 80 companies and home shops in the city of Corning from 1868 to 1977. The comprehensive glass show will open May 2, 1977. Corning is one of America's first major engraving centers.

next year. Hua said nothing about a national people's congress session, but one would presumably follow the lower level meetings. Hsinhua first reported excerpts from Hua's speech Monday and followed today with a broadcast in great detail. Hua disclosed that besides suffering devastating earthquakes, China had been stricken in 1976 by drought in some areas, too much rain in others, early frost "and other adversities," Hsinhua said. The July quake in

northeast China "inflicted a loss of lives and property that is rarely seen in history," he said, but he did not give any figures. Some unofficial reports from outside observers have said casualties may have been in the tens of thousands. It was in these trying times, Hua said, that the radicals tried to usurp party and state leader-

imperialism, relying on the aggressor's bayonet "Should their scheme to prop up their throne have succeeded," he and there would have been both internal strife led to a great and foreign aggression." Referring to the arrest our party and country on charges of treason of and touched off a major the four radicals in Oc-

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## Ours is a good system

During the height of the general election the differences between President Ford and Jimmy Carter were so pronounced that reconciliation seemed out of the question.

Today, as the transition of administrations progresses, the harmony and philosophy of President Ford, who is indeed a "good guy" who puts the welfare of his country ahead of his own. In part it also is a tradition in American politics. New leaders must be given the benefit of doubt and, as historian Charles Beard put it, "a golden glow emanates from the press" during the honeymoon period.

Nevertheless, Jimmy Carter is impressive, even when the honeymoon factor is discounted, as well as the euphoria of the Democrats, who now will have one of their own in the White House.

In less time than it takes to prepare a speech or empty the fish pond in Plains, Ga., Mr. Carter has:

- Grasped firmly the leadership of the Democratic Party to which he was an institutional stranger six months ago.
- Achieved public accord with the redoubtable Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, over economic matters on which they appeared to be far apart.
- Opened the lines of communications for rapport with

Congress, including a meeting of minds with some doctory old-timers who are set in their ways.

— Received the blessings of such key persons as Rep. Al Ullman for his determination to reorganize the administration.

— Heard applause and good wishes from Republicans as philosophically far apart as Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee and Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois, who exclaimed that "the honeymoon is on. I'm looking forward to a long, long honeymoon."

Sen. Percy was not precisely right. The courtship is on — the honeymoon will begin with inauguration on Jan. 20.

Much national history remains to be written by President Ford during the remaining weeks of courtship. While the history may not include major new initiatives, such as a strategic arms agreement, it could very well encompass significant new chapters on the Middle East, Vietnam, China, Rhodesia, energy, and so forth.

None of this should mar the courtship or honeymoon. Both are in themselves valuable manifestations that the American constitutional system is functional and healthy.

And on a lower and equally important plane, the current period of courtliness and amity in Washington is a blissful respite from Vietnam, Watergate, the FBI scandals, the CIA illegalities, congressional peccadilloes, Lockheed, Korean agents and the bitterness of two national election cycles.

Aren't honeymoons sweet, even if reality eventually follows?

## Mideast impasse

The vote was 122 to 2, with the United States and Israel voting no, when the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution on the Middle East recently.

The vote was overwhelming to resume the Geneva peace conference by March, with Palestinian delegates participating.

The United States and Israel took the position that Palestinians should not participate.

It is essential, however, that the Palestinians participate in any negotiations aimed at establishing a permanent peace agreement. They obviously must be a party to such an agreement if

it is to have any chance of success.

But Israel understandably refuses to negotiate directly with the Palestinians as long as they refuse to recognize Israel's right to existence as an independent state.

The Palestinians won't acknowledge Israel's right to exist as long as Israel refuses to negotiate with them.

The impasse stands in the way of progress in the Middle East. It could be broken if the Israelis felt confident enough in their own position to be forthcoming on this issue. They should take the initiative toward peace by agreeing in advance to negotiate whenever the Palestinians recognize Israel.



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Kissinger keeping transcripts

By JACK ANDERSON and LES WHITTEN

WASHINGTON — Not all of Henry Kissinger's papers will be donated to the Library of Congress. He will withhold from history the transcripts of his telephone conversations.

They are now locked in a CIA-style safe on Vice President Nelson Rockefeller's estate.

A spokesman explained that Kissinger obtained an opinion from the State Department legal office last January that the "secretarial notes" of his telephone conversations are personal. The spokesman didn't mention that the notes, for the most part, consisted of verbatim transcripts.

During the Nixon years, Kissinger's White House office contained two tiers of tape recorders, according to sources familiar with the layout. In each tier were three recorders armed with half-hour cylinders. Thus Kissinger could tape three hours of telephone talk without changing cylinders.

All telephone calls, including his conversations with presidents and girlfriends alike, were recorded. Two of the four secretaries in the anteroom adjoining his office spent most of their time transcribing the conversations.

Kissinger told us that only official calls were transcribed. He kept the transcripts, he explained, so he would know exactly what was said. This is important in diplomacy, he said, in order to prevent inaccuracies and misunderstandings. All the tapes were destroyed, he added.

When Kissinger moved to the State Department, the use of tapes had become sensitive. So he relied on his secretaries, listening on an extension,

to take down the conversations in shorthand.

Kissinger told us he intended to use the transcripts merely to revive his recollections when he writes his memoirs. He will not quote directly from the transcripts, he said.

He has hired his personal assistant, Peter Rodman, to help him assemble the documentation for his memoirs. Kissinger has received several offers from publishers, but he will wait until after his departure from government next month before he makes any decisions, he told us.

**DESERT SONG:** The desert lands of southern California hold many fragile secrets. It is a geologic country, rugged and scrubby, a spectrum of browns and purples. Underfoot, the soil is tawny and arid; footprints from hundreds, even thousands of years ago can still be identified. They remain unmolested on the empty desert, preserved by the dry, still air. They can be found among the stunted, woody shrubs, which themselves are some of the oldest living plants on earth.

Yet federal officials have allowed motorcycles, jeeps and dune buggies to invade the desert. Permits have been issued for at least two desert races — one a free-for-all motorcycle race; the other a hare-and-hound race.

Under the law, an environmental analysis is supposed to be made before such events are authorized. Yet both races had been held before the environmental analyses had been completed.

Other desert events have been authorized, including a treasure hunt for a case of Canadian Club whiskey in the foothills of the Avawatz Mountains. A caravan of jeeps and

## ART BUCHWALD There's a proper way to serve festive meal

WASHINGTON — Holiday eating can be divided between large festive lunches and dinners, and meals served during football games. The football fare has been largely ignored as the food pages of newspapers and magazines devote all their space to how to stuff a goose, how to baste a turkey or how to roast a rib.

And yet football eating is far more important to the welfare of the family, and has much greater significance for most people during this merriest time of year.

Here is the perfect football TV menu, one that has been handed down in my family through the generations.

For appetizers we always have a selection of potato chips, in a low glass bowl. (We disdain Pringles which come in a tube with each one the same size. We want a potato chip assortment so our guests will be surprised every time they put one in their mouths.)

Next to the potato chips should be placed a large deep dish (four inches) of salted peanuts. The peanuts should be shelled, otherwise there will be a mess all over the living room as people in their excitement toss the shells all around.

Another hors d'oeuvre which we traditionally serve is M and M's, a colorful candy that looks like medicine pills. The beauty of M and M's during a football game is the surprise factor. You never know whether you're going to get one with chocolate inside or one with a nut.



Art Buchwald

Also, you can hold at least 40 in your hand at one time while watching the tube.

All right, that should take care of the appetizers. In some families the lady of the house adds a guacamole or an onion dip for the potato chips, but very few football watchers have time to dip, and usually get furious at their wives and girlfriends for serving something they can't grab with their fingers without taking their eyes from the set.

The main course of a football dinner is always the traditional can of beer. In order to prepare the beer, you place it in the icebox for six hours so it will be properly chilled. The beer is then put on a tray and brought into the living room. The lady serving the beer must be very careful in carrying it into the living room or den, as the slightest shaking of it will cause the beer to foam when opened.

The serving of beer during a football game can either make or break the traditional football dinner. If the lady of the house walks in front of the set when placing the tray on the coffee table she can ruin the holiday spirit she has worked so hard to achieve. ALWAYS serve the beer BEHIND the viewers and make yourself as unobtrusive as possible. Never say, as you place the beer on the table, "What's the score?" or "Who are the men in the white jerseys?"

After the main course of beer is served — we prefer cans in our house as we find pouring bottled beer into a glass messy — you can serve the traditional condiments that go with it such as buttered popcorn, Fritos and bacon-flavored chips. This should be followed by pistachio nuts, hard candy and Hershey kisses.

For dessert I recommend Poppycock, a unique popcorn covered with molasses and mixed with walnuts. It is absolutely perfect for a third down situation when the ball is on the 15-yard line and it's four yards to go for a first down. Poppycock comes in a can so you can keep it on your lap and not have to reach for it during a crucial play.

The thing to remember while serving the traditional TV football dinner is that, while beer is served as the main course, it can also be drunk with appetizers, dessert and as an after-dinner drink. The lady of the house must always make sure the empty cans are removed and replaced with full ones while the game is in progress. The best way to spoil this nutritious festive occasion is to make one of the TV spectators go to the icebox and get his own beer.

When it's done right, the TV football dinner can be the highlight of the holiday season and one every man and male child will remember for years to come.

## Mark Russell says

Proposed Attorney General Griffin Bell belongs to a private club in Atlanta that excluded blacks and Jews. Picture Plains Baptist Church with oak paneling and hors d'oeuvres.

The law is clear: churches and clubs may be segregated unless a member becomes a President or Cabinet official.

I'd feel better if the attorney general were Billy Carter. He'll wipe your windshield no matter what color you are.

Protocol chief Shirley Temple Black told Treasury chief William Simon he couldn't keep the gifts given him by foreign officials. Simon now refers to Black as the Grinch Who Stole Christmas.

Because of the two OPEC oil prices, gas station attendants will be asking, "Do you want Saudi Arabian or high test?"

## BIBLE VERSE

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground. — Psalm 147:6.

## the small society

by Brickman

HOO-BOY! ONE THING ABOUT BEING A RUSSIAN...



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## NICK THIMMESCH

### The Saudi petrodollars: problems created by new prosperity

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA — Spending \$142 billion in five years is almost too much for this booming kingdom to swallow. But Saudi Arabia and the rest of the world must make the most of the Gold Rush fever here, because it's too late to shut off the flow of petrodollars into Saudi development.

The Saudi government has a web of development agencies, but it understandably lacks the bureaucratic experience of already industrialized nations. Hence, there is a fair amount of chaos in the main cities, particularly the seaports where millions of dollars in goods pile up in a monumental jam.

And as Saudi villages and towns become urbanized, there are instant traffic jams, light poles knocked down, the carcasses of badly driven cars and a prevalence of rubbish and litter. Dusty streets, gargantuan machinery everywhere and banged-up fenders — that's a quick impression of Riyadh.

The Saudis are determined to spend those petrodollars as fast as possible on schools, roads, airports, hospitals and other public facilities. Such ambition creates confusion in the best equipped societies, but here, with a great gap between a small corps of able planners and technocrats and larger cadres of less prepared middle and supervisory level personnel, the confusion is compounded. There is serious doubt whether the

Saudis will meet their five-year-plan goals. If they did, inflation and mistakes would push the bill to \$200 billion. But as sights lower, the \$142 billion will probably be spent anyway, because of inflation and confusion.

"Yes, we are in a crash program," says Dr. Farouk Akh-Dar, who is in charge of developing two large industrial areas: Jubail in the eastern oil fields, and Yanbu on the Red Sea. "But the West pushes us for more oil, and more oil is money, and we must use this money to build. What else can we do?"

Jubail will be an industrial place housing 170,000 people. First, the Saudis are building the roads, buildings and facilities. Then, they will decide on which industrial plants are suitable for their economy — steel, aluminum, fertilizer, plastics. Bechtel Corp. of the U.S. is the prime contractor for this \$9 billion project.

The Yanbu project, still on the drawing boards, will be Jubail on a smaller scale. Again, a U.S. firm, Ralph M. Parsons, has the design contract.

"There is no doubt," says Dr. Akh-Dar, "that there is a price for any endeavor you undertake in life, and ours will be confusion and some culture clash."

importation of Yemenites, Pakistanis, Indians, Filipinos and Koreans. There are no labor unions, naturally, but eventually there will be friction and complaints, and the mining camp atmosphere could produce trouble.

Meanwhile, non-U.S. firms, aware of the way Congress is establishing roadblocks to U.S. business, take advantage of the relentless Saudi demand.

"The Koreans are more competitive than you Americans," says Abdullah S. Daba'an, a large-scale builder of office buildings. "U.S. business is good at home, and feels regulated here by your political considerations."

South Korean construction firms won nearly \$3 billion in contracts in the first nine months of 1976. The Swedes, West Germans and British are also gaining fast on Americans. One current plum is a contract to restructure the entire Saudi telephone and telegraph system. ITT is one of the three firms competing for this one.

"Saudi contractors fly to Europe and the United States, and come home with three price quotations," explains Sheikh Abdulaziz A. Al Zamil, deputy director of the Industrial Studies and Development Center. "Even if the U.S. bid is a little higher, the Saudi is inclined to go for it. But if there is trouble now, he is going to forget it."

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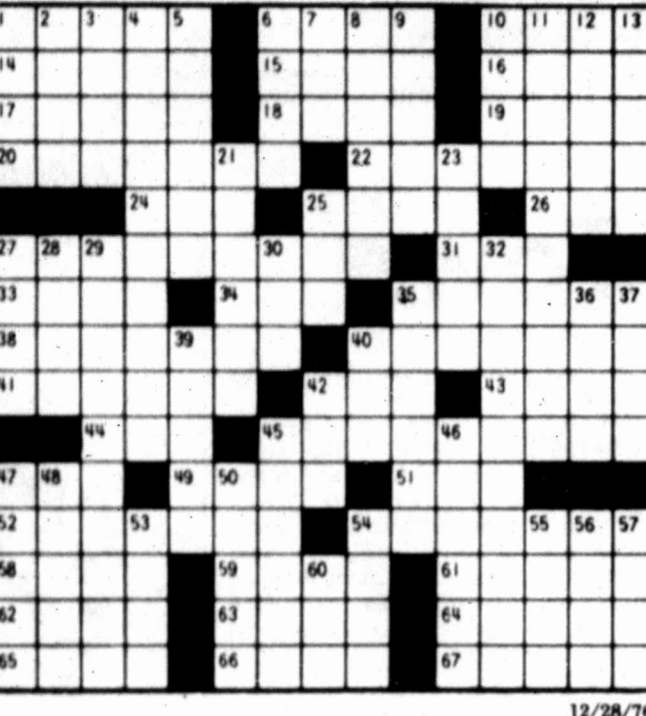
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- 1 Strength
  - 6 Pot-au-feu
  - 10 Newspaper
  - 14 Superior
  - 15 Rustic road
  - 16 Unique thing
  - 17 Pertaining to birth
  - 18 City of SE Turkey
  - 19 Lake, in Spain
  - 20 Elderly lady
  - 22 Band instrument
  - 24 Achieve
  - 25 Ravel out
  - 28 Roguish
  - 27 Frankincense
  - 31 Un — (a little), Fr.
  - 33 E. Indian woody vine
  - 34 There: Lat.
  - 35 Clever remark: Fr.
  - 38 Famous Garbo role
  - 40 Like summer weather
  - 41 Song book
  - 42 — and games
  - 43 Within: Prefix
  - 44 Money in Kyoto
  - 45 Drive in favorite
- DOWN**
- 1 Shouted with joy
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  - 3 Part of N.B.
  - 4 Poem of 1847
  - 5 Skilled workman
  - 6 City neighbor-hood
  - 7 Seaman
  - 8 Child of Paris
  - 9 Region of SE England
  - 10 Traveler Marco
  - 11 Humble
  - 12 Within the law
  - 18 Power of attorney
  - 21 When one wishes
  - 23 Go — (deteriorate)
  - 25 William Tell's home
  - 27 Katrina
  - 28 Call it —
  - 29 Popular entertainer
  - 30 British honor: Abbr.
  - 32 "Star Trek" space ship
  - 35 Sweetmeat
  - 36 Bone: Prefix
  - 37 Norse god
  - 39 Weapon
  - 40 Buzz
  - 42 Advanced
  - 43 Supremely noble
  - 44 Capable of an assigned task: Phrase
  - 47 Pay
  - 48 "Our Town" role
  - 50 Mounds
  - 53 Audition
  - 54 Moslem country
  - 55 Furze genus
  - 56 Evening, in Italy
  - 57 Very: Fr.
  - 60 Tuber plant



## FUNKY WINKERBEAN

I REALLY THINK YOU CAN BE MORE CONFIDENT IF YOU TRY, LES!

I KNOW, FUNKY! I'M STARTING TO REALIZE THAT I'M UNIQUE AND THAT THERE'S NO ONE ELSE IN THE WORLD QUITE LIKE ME!

TRUE, BUT I THINK THAT YOU CAN OVERCOME IT AND...

## BLONDIE

AND DEAR... WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP AT TUDSBURY'S AND PICK UP A PAIR OF PANTYHOSE FOR ME?

8222-2

PLEASE SIR—SPEAK UP—I CAN'T HEAR YOU

LINGERIE!! THIS MAN WANTS A PAIR OF PANTYHOSE!

WHAT SIZE, PLEASE?

## MARY WORTH

I SUPPOSE YOU AND FRANK EAT HERE OFTEN, ANNE?

NO, DON'T... AN EDUCATOR'S SALARY MAKES HOME COOKING A MUST!

TOO BAD!... LOOK! IT'S CROWDED AND NOISY HERE! WHY DON'T WE GO UP TO MY SUITE... AND ORDER FROM A ROOM SERVICE MENU?

THANKS!... I'D LIKE IT BETTER DOWN HERE

OSCAR! A QUIET TABLE FOR TWO!

## JUDGE PARKER

SET US ALL UP WITH ANOTHER ONE, JOE... AND KEEP THE CHANGE!

OKAY.

THANKS! I REALLY DIDN'T HIT THAT MAN LAST NIGHT!

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE KINDA GUY WHO'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT! WHAT YOU DO FOR A LIVIN'?

I'M SORT OF IN INVESTMENTS!

YOUR NAME'S GARY, ISN'T IT? MEET MY FRIEND GENE!

## STEVE ROPER

FOUR EYES ARE BETTER THAN TWO, NOMAD! LET'S HAVE A GO AT FINDING THE PASSBOOKS TOGETHER!

ON ONE CONDITION, JOE: THE WHOLE SHOOTIN' MATCH GOES TO STAN'S WIDOW!

WELL... SINCE THE BOOKS AIN'T HERE, MAYBE WE OUGHTA LOOK FOR A CLUB... LIKE, Y'KNOW, A MAP!

RIGHTO! HERE'S ME HAND ON IT... WHERE SHALL WE BEGIN?

## NUBBIN

WELL, AT LEAST THERE'S NOTHIN' WRONG WITH YOUR REFLEXES!

THWACK!

DOCTOR KIT

## STEVE CANYON

WINTER QUARTER REGISTRANTS PAY STUDENT FEES OVER HERE!

LOOK! THERE'S STALKY SCHWEISENBERGER—COMING BACK TO SCHOOL!

STALKY WHO?

YOU REMEMBER! SHE DROPPED OUT AND TURNED PRO TO AVOID BEING ELECTED FOOTBALL CAPTAIN!

I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN RETAIN ALL THAT OLD STUFF!

I CAN'T RECALL WHAT I SAW ON TV LAST NIGHT!

BLESSED ARE THOSE WITH SNORKELS IN THE HEAD!

I DON'T GET IT!

## DENNIS THE MENACE

"HANG IN THERE!"

"BOY! NEEDLE CITY!"

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AT WIT'S END

# Set calendar back to stay ahead of time

By ERMA BOMBECK

When I made out a check this morning, a salesman handed it back to me and said, "You have the wrong date. You're a week behind time." "I may have the wrong date," I smiled, "but I am no longer a week behind time. Two years ago, I got sick and tired of missing things so I set my calendar back." "I don't understand," he said. "Every time I'd go on vacation, someone would say, 'You should have been here last week. The weather was fantastic.'" "Or when I went to buy something, they'd always say, 'Oh, too bad you weren't here last week. Everything in the store was marked down 50 per cent.' And I got a lot of 'Too bad you couldn't come last week when we were home.'" "So you set your calendar back?" he asked numbly. "Not only my calendar, but my wristwatch. Do you know how maddening it was to hear, 'You should have been here five minutes ago. Paul Newman, Burt Reynolds, Robert Redford, Gregory Peck (pick one) was sitting at the very next table!'" "Or to trudge up a mountainside panting like a racehorse only to be told, 'You missed a fantastic sunset by that much.'"

Well, I just got sick of missing sunsets. "Doesn't it drive you crazy operating with two calendars and two watches?" "Doesn't drive me crazy. It does bother a lot of people though. Drove the three major television networks crazy. I cast my vote a week before the computer could project how I was going to vote." "That would be a little sticky."

## WOMEN'S NEWS

"And it's a great shock for people who say, 'I'll call you the minute you get home,' and you answer, 'You're LATE!'" "I see what you mean." "I really love it when you get a bill that says if you've paid this bill last week, please ignore, because I'm just getting the notice to ignore it and my bill isn't due yet for a week. Incidentally, could I have this package wrapped for a birthday?" "Gee, I'm sorry, but our boxes are on order. They won't be in until next week." "I'm two weeks and ten minutes early. Mind if I wait?"



Mrs. John Brooks Campbell

## Woman picked as coordinator

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mrs. John Brooks Campbell of Midland, Tex., has been named Epsilon Area coordinator for Phi Mu National Collegiate Fraternity. Epsilon Area is the Western area of the United States. Mrs. Campbell has served as national alumnae development director and social services director, president of the Oklahoma City, Lafayette, La., and Tulsa alumnae chapters. Mrs. Campbell is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, member of the American Association of University Women and the Republican Women's Club.

## Wedding date set

GARLAND — Mr. and Mrs. Wallace G. Thomas of Garland announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Kay, to Alan Randolph Isenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory L. Isenberg of 2700-B N. Pecos St., Midland.

The couple will be married at 6 p.m. Jan. 15 in the home of the bride-elect's parents. Miss Thomas is a graduate of Texas Woman's University. Her fiancé is manager of Air Park Lanes in Midland.

## National treasurer honored

Mrs. Lucille Dunn entertained in her home at 4509 Andrews Highway with a Christmas coffee honoring Mrs. Gertrude Ryer of Dallas, treasurer of the National Federation of Grandmothers Clubs of America, Inc.

Mrs. Ryer is visiting her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Fletcher of 2106 N. 1st. Mrs. Grace M. Hendricks of Odessa, national organizer and a house guest of the Duns for the holiday season, was co-hostess for the coffee.

Refreshments were served on a hand-embroidered banquet cloth decorated with a tall, blue candle in holder surrounded by Red Buds of American holly. Guests were served on China service and gold place-setting from Thailand. To complement the setting, a small green Christmas tree with blue lights was added. The next meeting of the Tall City Grandmothers Club No. 901 will be Jan. 10, with the meeting place to be announced at a later date.

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## DEAR ABBY

# Law would cover women in pants

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: There ought to be a law prohibiting women who are under 5 feet 10 and weigh over 165 pounds from wearing tight pants. From the rear they look like they're carrying around a couple of watermelons. It wouldn't be so bad if they stuck to dark colors, but these klutzes always wear shocking pink or bright orange. And the pants are usually made of a stretch material, which is stretched to the point of straining at the seams.

Please, Abby, use your influence to get some legislation going to outlaw such unsightly sights. They mar the beauty of our streets and shopping centers.—DISGUSTED IN BOSTON

DEAR DISGUSTED: The law you suggest would be as hard to pass as would another making it a misdemeanor to watch such "klutzes." Sorry, but there's no law that says you have to look.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl who love both her parents tremendously. Every night I make my Dad a lunch for him to carry to work the next day. This evening I found a note in his lunch box that read: "Honey, meet me after work tonight. I love you. (Signed) Nora."

Abby, my Dad "worked" two hours late last night, so now I'm putting 2 and 2 together. I always thought my

Mom and Dad had a good marriage, but I'm beginning to wonder. One thing I'm sure of: My Mom loves my Dad and trusts him.

Should I tell my Mom? I'm afraid she might leave him, and I don't want that. Please help me. I've got to tell somebody, and you're the only one I can trust.—THEIR OLDEST CHILD

DEAR CHILD: Don't tell your Mom. It's possible that someone played a joke on your father. (Or maybe someone was trying to get him into trouble.) Tell your Dad you found the note and give him a chance to explain.

DEAR ABBY: Once again you advised: "If you go, you owe." I write to disagree.

Forty years ago, an elderly man (whose age I am now) did a favor for me. When I promised to repay him, he said, "I GAVE that to you. If you repay me, that makes it a LOAN."

Since then, I've tried to live that creed. Now you tell my guests that I have merely "loaned" them my hospitality, and they must pay it back, thereby denying me the joy of giving. I protest.—LOU ROSEN: SANTA ROSA

DEAR LOU: Your protest is noted. But if someone accepted my hospitality repeatedly without reciprocating, I'd wonder why.

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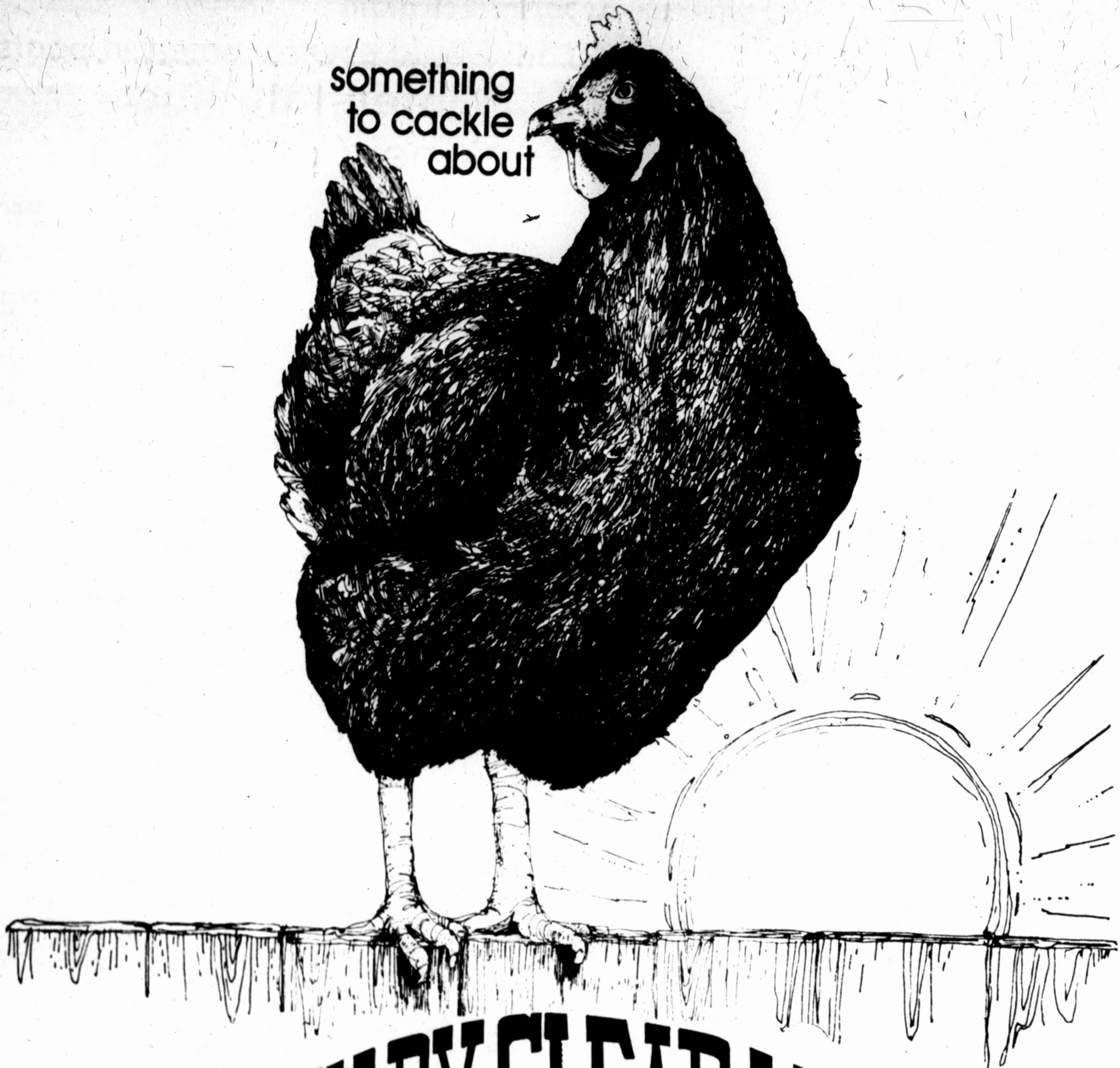
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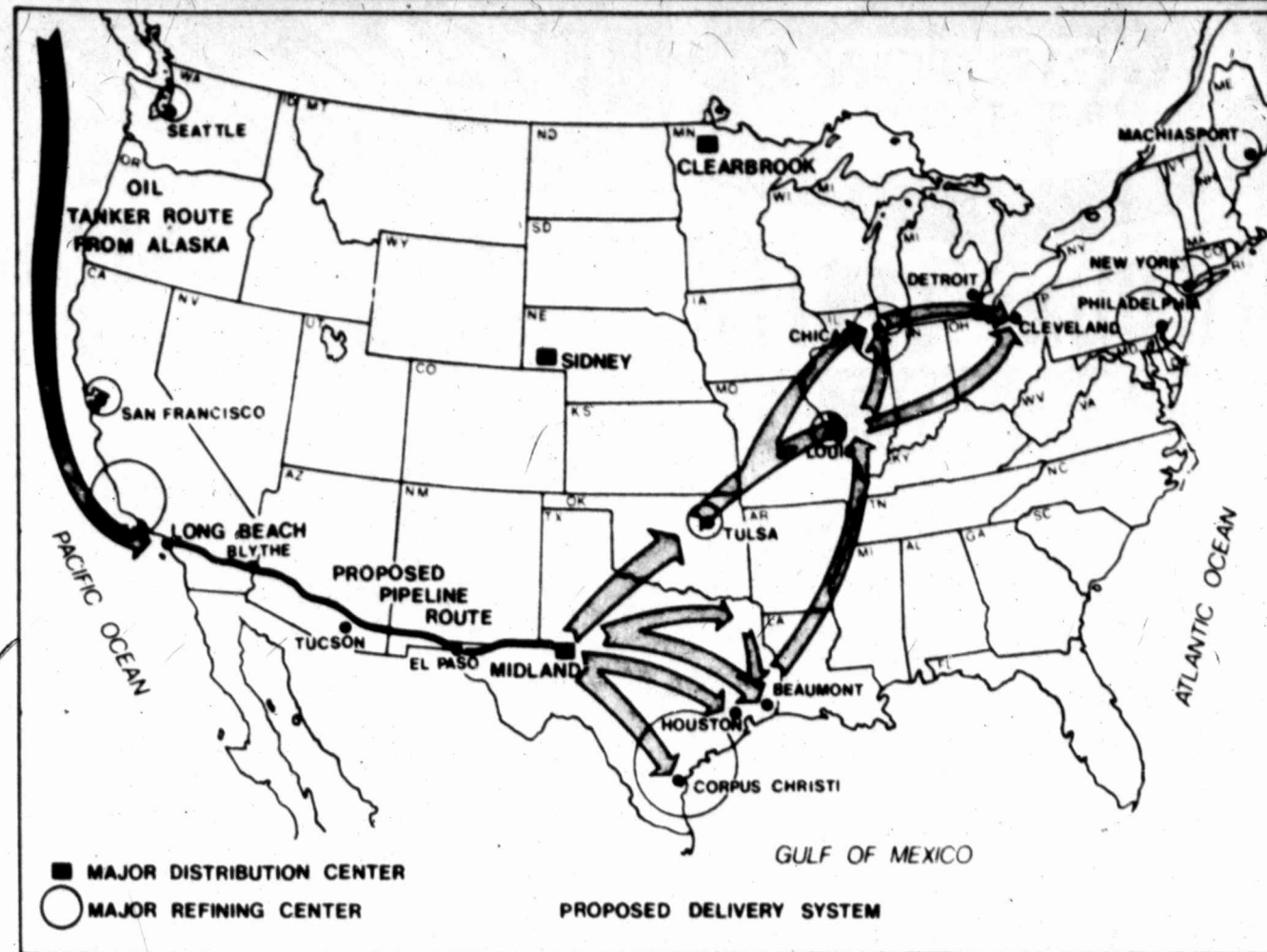
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Proposed Delivery System

## Hearings on pipeline route set for Midland, El Paso in January

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Public hearings will be held in Midland and El Paso on a draft environmental impact statement for a proposed crude oil pipeline between Long Beach, Calif., and Midland, the Department of Interior has announced.

The Midland meeting will be held in the city council chambers Jan. 6, and the El Paso meeting will be in the Civic Center Jan. 7.

A system proposed by the Sohio Transportation Co. to move Prudhoe Bay crude oil from Valdez, Alaska, to the port of Long Beach via tankers would require a 1,026-mile pipeline to Midland.

The project would involve tanker shipment of 700,000 barrels of oil per day from Valdez to Long Beach, construction of 234 miles of new pipeline in California and Texas, and conversion of existing natural gas pipelines to crude oil transportation.

From Midland, the oil would be distributed to Midwest refineries through existing pipeline systems. Sohio says it would have capacity to transport 456,000 barrels of crude per day from Texas eastward by 1978. By 1985, the capacity would be increased to 1.4 million barrels per day.

Whether Sohio's proposal ever becomes a reality now depends on approval by the California Public Service Commission, the Federal

Power Commission and the Interior Department.

The need to transport the Alaskan oil eastward comes from the fact that there will be a growing surplus of Alaskan oil on the West Coast during the late 1970s. That oil will be pumped from Alaska, beginning in July 1977.

Sohio's proposal is one of a group of options for getting the oil across the continent to the oil-short East Coast. Other proposals would take oil by tanker to the Gulf Coast around Cape Horn or through the Panama Canal, shipping it by rail across the continent or building an all-new pipeline across the continent.

The U. S. Department of Transportation estimates it would cost \$3.01 a barrel to ship oil by tanker to the Gulf Coast around Cape Horn, \$2.14 to ship it by tanker through the Panama Canal, and \$1.07 a barrel to use the existing pipeline.

Oral and written testimony on the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Statement is being solicited from interested citizens, environmental groups, and governmental agencies by the Bureau of Land Management.

Persons wishing to testify at the hearings should contact: Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Box 660, Los Alamitos, Calif., 90720, by Dec. 30. The phone number is 213 431-2592. Written statements will be received at the project manager's office through Jan. 10.

Information developed from the written and oral comments will be used in preparing the Final Environmental Statement on the Sohio proposal, which is scheduled for publication in April 1977.

Publication of a draft environmental statement and the public hearing process do not constitute a decision to adopt action proposed to or by the federal government.

The final environmental statement is submitted to the President's Council on Environmental Quality for 30 days and, during this time, is available to the public and governmental agencies. After the 30-day period, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to decide if the Sohio project will be granted the necessary permits for crossing federal lands.

To complete the proposed project, Sohio Transportation Co. must acquire from federal, state and local governments and regulatory agencies approximately 500 permits relating to the use of public lands and for meeting standards of air and water quality.

Rep. Robert C. Krueger, D-Tex., said: "We're going to pick up the ball and run with it the first chance we get." Krueger sponsored the unsuccessful deregulation bill defeated by his House colleagues last February.

Krueger has predicted Congress will pass a deregulation bill before next summer. He expects the Senate to initiate action because members there are more sympathetic to deregulation than their counterparts in the House.

But most congressional observers agree that attitudes have changed even in the House since last February, so natural gas deregulation has a good chance of passage.

And if this winter is more severe than recent winters — resulting in industrial curtailments causing plant shutdowns — a natural catalyst toward deregulation will be provided.

## U.S. interstate lines seek new gas supplies

TULSA — U.S. interstate pipelines are increasing their efforts to find and develop new natural gas supplies, the Dec. 27 issue of The Oil and Gas Journal reports.

The weekly business magazine says the interstate distributors, who can only buy gas at federally regulated prices, can't compete for supplies with the unregulated intrastate market.

Interstate lines not only are seeking the gas to meet demand, but also to establish profit centers to support

their transmission operations, the Journal reports.

A Journal survey of six major pipelines shows they are spending an estimated \$302 million in 1976 for lease acquisition, drilling, and development compared to \$170.5 million spent in 1975. Five of the companies have budgeted an estimated \$358 million for exploration and production in 1977.

Most of the money has been spent for drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, the Journal says. Other funds were spent last summer in the Baltimore Canyon lease sale off the Atlantic Coast.

Some of the companies also are investing their exploration dollars in the Rocky Mountains because that region has large tracts of undrilled acreage and no strong intrastate

market. Although the drilling projects are beginning to alleviate some supply problems, pipelines warn in-house exploration isn't a cure for their supply ailments. They told the Journal they never will be able to find enough gas on their own to satisfy the entire interstate market.

Higher prices recently set by the Federal Power Commission for new gas might reopen traditional supply markets for the interstate lines in some cases.

But deregulation of gas prices, the pipeline officials told the Journal, is the ultimate key to unlocking major new reserves for the interstate market. The purchase of gas by interstate pipelines has been under federal control since 1954.

## Wildcats scheduled

Exploration has been scheduled in Jeff Davis, Pecos and Reeves County sectors.

Highland Resources, Houston, will drill a 14,000-foot rank wildcat in East Jeff Davis, about one mile west of the Pecos-Reeves County line. It is No. 1 Ewell McKnight.

Drill site is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 78, block 11, GH&SA survey, abstract 3299, 20 miles northeast of Fort Davis.

PECOS SITE  
I. W. Lovelady, Midland, has announced intention to drill a 5,000-foot prospector in North Pecos, about one mile west of the Apco (Clear Fork) gas field. It is No. 1 Chalkley.

It spots 4,646 feet from south and 467 feet from west lines of section 4, block 110, Mrs. L. Merchant survey, abstract 5880, 11 miles south of Imperial.

REEVES WORKOVER  
Forest Oil Corp. intends to reenter and plug back from 17,499 feet to wildcat depth of 16,800 feet for tests of the Montoya, at No. 1 J. W. Bush, former Ellenburger gas producer in the Waha, West field of Reeves.

It is 990 feet from north and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 2, block C-3, PSL survey, 21 miles east and slightly south of Pecos townsite.

## Rhodes says degree offered by university

WASHINGTON (AP) — A South Korean university offered an honorary doctorate degree to House Republican Leader John Rhodes and planned to pay his way to accept the degree any time he desired, Rhodes said.

Rhodes initially accepted the invitation but then postponed the trip, scheduled for October 1975. Ultimately, last February he declined both the degree and any subsidized trip to South Korea.

In an interview, Rhodes also said a South Korean lawmaker gave him an Oriental vase which he returned after consulting with the State Department. He said South Korean parliamentarians were beginning to visit him frequently.

"For the last two years every time a parliamentarian from South Korea would come here, it seemed they'd like to meet with me — each of them," Rhodes said. "I finally got pretty tired of that."

He said the South Koreans wanted "assurance that we wouldn't pull the rug out from under them as far as the presence of our military forces was concerned. Some would talk about the economy but mainly it was the military."

Rhodes said he favors reducing U.S. forces in South Korea, probably withdrawing ground troops but keeping air power there.

## Occidental names veep

LOS ANGELES — Occidental Petroleum Corp. has announced the appointment of Robert A. Loucks as vice president and manager of Occidental Oil Shale, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary. He will be stationed at the subsidiary's headquarters in Grand Junction, Colo.

## Nolan gets offset test

Frank W. Burger of Abilene has scheduled No. 1 J. M. Rice, a west offset to the one-well J.M.R. (Strawn) oil field in Nolan County, three miles south of Sweetwater.

Drill site is 467 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 75, block 22, T&P survey. Planned depth is 6,150 feet.

The pool opener, Alvin C. Hope No. 1 Rice, finished March 16, 1957, for 140 barrels of oil daily, through perforations at 6,047-6,108 feet.

## Testimony reveals tanker off course

NEW YORK (AP) — Far off course and sailing without its gyrocompass, the Argo Merchant ran aground while the captain and three of his top officers were on the bridge, according to court testimony.

Capt. George Papadopoulos testified Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that the Liberian tanker was 24.5 miles off course when she foundered on shoals, eventually split in two and spilled 7.5 million gallons of heavy oil into the sea.

A skipper for nine years, the 43-year-old Papadopoulos said the ship's gyrocompass was not working when the accident occurred and the ship was being steered by a less reliable magnetic compass.

Meanwhile, spills from two other Liberian tankers were being contained, and the explosion that wrecked another was blamed on a spark of unknown origin.

At Marcus Hook, Pa., at least 134,000 gallons of oil spewed into the Delaware River Monday from the tanker Olympic Games, but a work crew had the slick surrounded with a 2,000-foot boom.

The tanker — which reportedly was carrying 17 million gallons of crude oil — had run aground during a docking maneuver at a refinery 15 miles downriver from Philadelphia.

On the Thames River in Connecticut, the Coast Guard managed to contain 1,900 of the 2,000 gallons that spilled from the Oswego-Peace. But the remaining oil in the Thames had

coated as many as 100 waterfowl, and globs of oil reached rocks along the eastern bank of the river.

The oil, used to fuel the ship itself, apparently leaked from a crack in the hull Friday as the ship unloaded 250,000 barrels of heating oil at Amerada Hess Co. yard near Groton.

A Coast Guard board heard evidence Monday in Long Beach, Calif., that the explosion that destroyed the Samsinena and killed at least four crewmen was caused by a spark that ignited a cloud of gases from the ship's cargo tanks.

## Pecos test has shows

Monsanto Co. No. 3 Bernice, 1/4 mile southeast of Ellenburger oil production in the Yucca Butte, West field of Pecos County, recovered 371 feet of gas-cut mud and one foot of oil on a drillstem test in an unidentified wildcat zone.

Tool was open an unreported time on the test taken from 8,502-8,660 feet. The sample chamber returned 700 cubic centimeters of water and 1,200 cubic centimeters of gas-cut drilling fluid.

Drilling continued on an 11,000-foot Ellenburger contract. Location is 850 feet from north and 1,750 feet from west lines of section 34, block A-2, TCR survey, 11 miles west of Sheffield.

## DRILLING REPORT

CHAVES — Champion No. 1-D Conoco-State; id 4,474 feet, shut in. It swabbed 29 barrels of water with a trace of oil and gas in four hours through San Andres perforations at 1,384-4,443 feet.

COKE — Campans No. 1 Rusk; drilling 5,270 feet in shale and lime.

CROCKETT — Texas O&G No. 1-A Parker; id 8,900 feet, moving off rotary.

CRUGO No. 1-BQ University; drilling 1,200 feet.

CULBERSON — Exxon No. 1 Elcor Chemical Corp; drilling below 786 feet.

DAWSON — Cox No. 1 Wasson; id 8,130 feet, preparing to drill ahead.

Gulf No. 1 Littleton; drilling 2,564 feet in anhydrite and shale.

EDDY — Beico No. 1-17 Federal; id 8,991 feet in lime. A drillstem test from 8,100-8,342 feet in the Bone Springs, lime unreported, recovered 125 feet of drilling fluid.

Beico No. 1-4 Federal; drilling 9,465 feet in lime shale.

Monsanto No. 1 Lone Tree; swabbed 10 barrels of water with a show of gas in an unreported time through perforations at 10,694-10,702 feet. Operator was preparing to acidize and resume testing.

GAINES — Cleary Petroleum No. 1-74-A Cunningham-Davis; drilling 4,430 feet in lime and dolomite.

Texas Crude No. 1-9 Norman; id 12,319 feet, preparing to take a drillstem test.

GLASSCOCK — Beico No. 1-24 Currie; id 8,020 feet in lime, waiting on cement.

HOCKLEY — Cobb and Crain No. 1 Palmer; drilling 4,450 feet.

HOWARD — Great Western No. 1 Myers; drilling 9,963 feet in lime and shale.

IRION — Union Texas No. 1-32 Parmar; drilling 8,670 feet in shale.

Union Texas No. 1-26 Sugg; id 8,425 feet, moving off rotary.

Union Texas No. 1-3072 Sugg; 12,105 feet.

Snyder, Tucker & Heath No. 1 Meriwether; drilling 14,085 feet in chert.

STERLING — Mitchell No. 1-11 Barrera; drilling ph 8,500 feet; swabbed 36 barrels of fluid (30 per cent oil and 70 per cent water) in 10 hours, through perforations at 8,581-8,584 feet.

TERRELL — Texas Crude No. 1-9 Allison; drilling 10,497 feet in shale and lime.

UPTON — Texas O&G No. 1 Tunstall; drilling 7,610 feet in lime.

Gulf No. 11-M McElroy; id 9,900 feet, flowing no gauges, through perforations at 8,597-8,683 feet, after an acid treatment of 3,000 gallons.

WARD — Gulf No. 995 Hutchings Stock Association; drilling 355 feet in redbeds.

American Quasar No. 1-27 Dunagan; drilling 16,382 feet in shale and sand.

Baxter No. 1 Edwards; drilling 10,655 feet in sand and chert.

Leede O&G No. 1-30 University; drilling 10,197 feet in lime and shale.

IRBY No. 1-128 Lee; drilling 15,066 feet in sand and shale.

Monsanto No. 1 Monroe; drilling 4,844 feet in lime.

Gulf No. 1 Pruett; drilling 17,870 feet in shale.

Gulf No. 1-17-21 University; drilling 7,645 feet in lime and shale.

Cities Service No. 1-21-18 University; id 11,015 feet; preparing to retrieve bridge plug; acidized, perforations 11,324-11,381 feet, with 3,000 gallons; then flowed 10 barrels of oil and 75 barrels of load water in 24 hours.

WINKLER — Monsanto No. 1-21-34 University; drilling 17,379 feet in lime.

Monsanto No. 2 Wink Airport; drilling 10,995 feet in lime and shale.

Skelly No. 1-41-21 University; drilling 7,775 feet.

Petroleum Exploration No. 1 ARCO; drilling 10,330 feet in lime and shale.

## Carter may receive deregulation help

By G.M. PRATHER  
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — President-elect Jimmy Carter and Capitol Hill Democrats are expected to join forces to enact legislation deregulating the price of newly discovered natural gas.

The last Congress failed to pass a deregulation bill because Democrats were unwilling to go along with a Republican president in supporting a measure that would increase their constituents' fuel bills.

But with Jimmy Carter in the White House, Democrats feel they can share the heat of increasing gas prices with their own administration.

Mr. Carter wrote the governors of the nation's top three energy-producing states late in the campaign to assure them he supports deregulating the price of new natural gas as part of a three-step plan "to increase our domestic (energy) production."

Mr. Carter told Govs. Dolph Briscoe

of Texas, David Boren of Oklahoma and Edwin W. Edwards of Louisiana:

"I will work with the Congress, as the Ford administration has been unable to do, to deregulate new natural gas. Decontrol of producers' prices for new natural gas would provide an incentive for new exploration and would help our nation's oil and gas operators attract new capital," Mr. Carter said.

He wrote to the governors on Oct. 16, two weeks before the general election.

All three states were considered crucial for a Carter victory: Texas and Louisiana went for the Democrat and Oklahoma went only narrowly to Mr. Ford.

Mr. Carter's position on natural gas pricing, stated in the letters, did not come to light publicly, however, until early December, when United Press International dusted off a Nov. 15 news release issued by the Interstate Oil Compact Commission to announce details of its Dec. 5 annual meeting. The news release mentioned only parenthetically Mr. Carter's letter to the three governors.

But for a public scratching for information on what to expect from their just chosen new president, the news spread like a bullet.

Rep. Robert C. Krueger, D-Tex., said: "We're going to pick up the ball and run with it the first chance we get." Krueger sponsored the unsuccessful deregulation bill defeated by his House colleagues last February.

Krueger has predicted Congress will pass a deregulation bill before next summer. He expects the Senate to initiate action because members there are more sympathetic to deregulation than their counterparts in the House.

But most congressional observers agree that attitudes have changed even in the House since last February, so natural gas deregulation has a good chance of passage.

And if this winter is more severe than recent winters — resulting in industrial curtailments causing plant shutdowns — a natural catalyst toward deregulation will be provided.

## Gorilla has first baby

CINCINNATI (AP) — Megera the gorilla had her first baby, and her admirers at the Cincinnati Zoo couldn't be happier.

The baby, a male, was born Christmas morning, and zookeepers were alerted to the birth by a member of the "gorilla watch," a group of volunteers who had been stationed as observers outside the gorilla's cage for almost two months.

Zoo officials had asked for volunteers since it was the 13-year-old mother's first baby and there was some concern about how Megera would react to the event.

The baby, which weighed about 3 pounds, 6 ounces at birth, is doing well, according to zoo officials, and is being cared for in the zoo nursery.

The baby was taken away from his mother when she became rough with him after the birth.

The Cincinnati Zoo claims the record for gorilla births, with Saturday's birth the ninth recorded at the facility.

## DRY HOLES

CROCKETT — Durham, Inc. No. 1 Allied-Union Corporation; wildcat, 1,880 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 38, block 1, I&GN survey, six miles northwest of Frisco, id 4,812 feet.

DAWSON — James P. Douglas No. 1 Bryotes Farm; wildcat, 880 feet from north and east lines of labor 15, league 3, Taylor CSL survey, 15 miles northwest of Lamesa, id 4,730 feet.

GAINES — D. L. Dorland No. 1-C Dasher, in the Texas (San Andres) field, 660 feet from north and 1,360 feet from west lines of section 1, block 4-28, PSL survey, 35 miles west of Frankfort City, abandoned location.

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# What if Custer hadn't?

By PHIL THOMAS

NEW YORK (AP) — Everybody knows that General Custer was killed in the fighting at the Little Bighorn. But suppose, just suppose, that Custer hadn't died in that bloody fight with the Indians in 1876. That there was no "Custer's Last Stand."

Douglas C. Jones supposed and the result was his first novel, "The Court-Martial of George Armstrong Custer." "I guess," says Jones, "it's an old, old idea — what if Custer had lived. But as far as I know no one else has tried to build a novel around the supposition."

"Actually," says Jones, who has spent many of his 53 years researching the role played by the U.S. Army in the days of the frontier as well as that played by the Indians, "I didn't much want to do a book about Custer. But a couple of people, including an agent, got after me so I started working on it. I found as I went along that I was fascinated."

He continues, "Not that I was all that crazy about Custer, but what got me was the problem of trying to see if I could create an atmosphere in which he would have been given a fair trial, assuming he had lived and he had been brought up on court-martial charges. That was my challenge."

"In the book I tried to give both sides of Custer. The prosecution, which presents the nonhero side of the Custer coin. And the defense, which was particularly challenging, since the defense lawyer, Jacobson, doesn't think Custer is all that great but despite this he is determined that Custer must get a fair trial."

Jones got into novel writing in a rather roundabout way. He grew up in Fort Smith, Ark., "not too long before that was Indian territory" — and served in the Army during World War II. After discharge, he entered college and took his degree as well as a commission in the ROTC. He promptly re-entered the Army and served, usually as a press officer, until 1968 when he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"I went to a lot of places with the Army — Germany, the Pacific, Korea," Jones recalls, "but I also served at a lot of places in this country that had been old Army frontier posts — places like Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth in Kansas."

After leaving the Army, Jones, who had taken his master's degree while in service, joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, where he taught journalism. "But I also did quite a lot of research on the frontier army, Indians and newspapermen who served on the frontier," he says. "I guess I've been fascinated by the West ever since I was a kid — first as a buff, then as a formal scholar."

Jones, a large, amiable man, says the research done by him and his students eventually led to the writing of his first book, the nonfiction "The Treaty of Medicine Lodge."

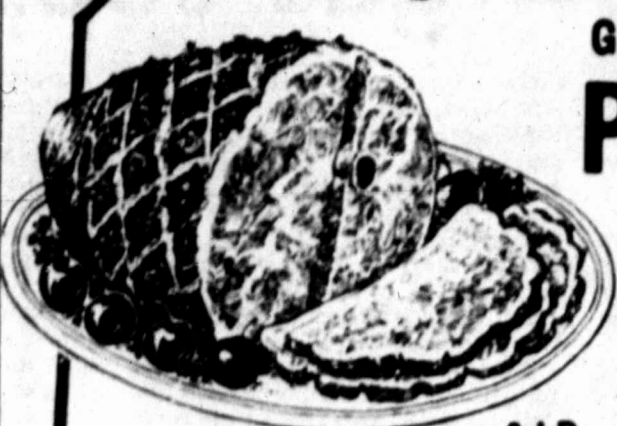
"That book's about the treaty between the U.S. government and the five major hostile Indian tribes in the Great Plains that was drawn up in 1867 and set the pattern for the reservation system."

"But the primary purpose of the book was to take a look at the newspaper correspondents who went along with the treaty commission and to see how good a job they did covering the story. They did a pretty creditable job. The good ones among them really tried to tell it like it was."

Further research resulted in the Custer novel. Jones says he wrote the book in 90 days "but that was at the typewriter, the research for it involved a good 12 years."

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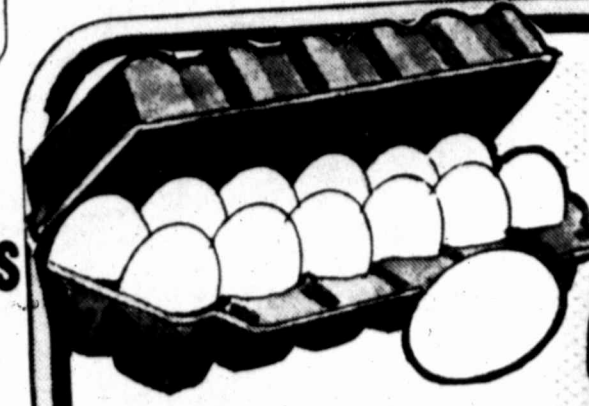
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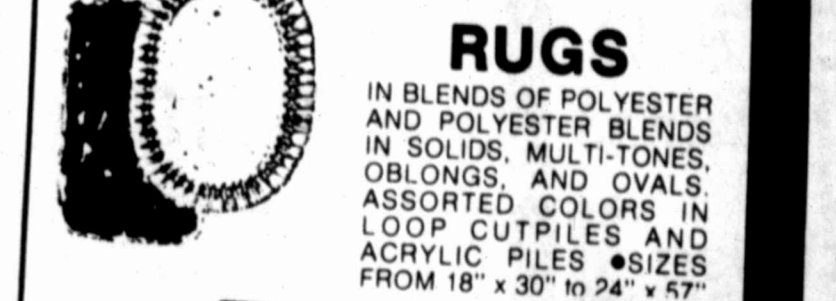
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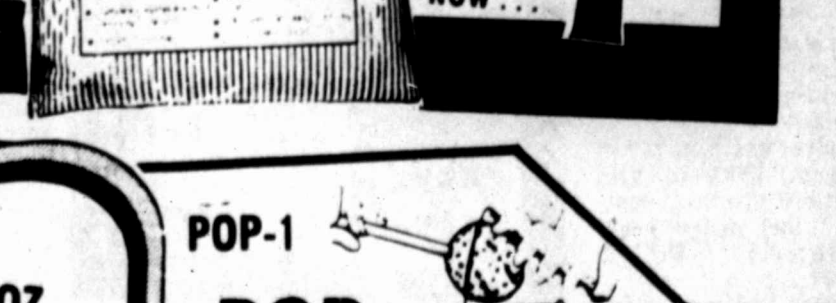
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### Labor hails choice

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Gov. Dolph Briscoe's "odd couple" friendship with the AFL-CIO has grown warmer with his appointment of black lawyer Nolan Ward to the Texas Employment Commission.

Hundreds of split decisions by the TEC had denied benefits to jobless workers, and labor leaders urged Briscoe to replace then-commissioner Harold Dudley as soon as his term ran out.

"We did tell him. Dudley was unacceptable to us as a public commissioner," said Sherman Fricks, secretary-treasurer of the Texas AFL-CIO.

Briscoe appointed Ward, then a member of his staff, on Nov. 23, two days after Dudley's term expired.

Ward, 31, holds the seat designated for an "impartial" representative of the general public, who also serves as chairman. Joe Gunn, a member of the Communications Workers of America, represents labor. Sam Lane, 72, a former assistant attorney general, is the employers' representative.

Fricks and Gunn deny that labor asked Briscoe to do more than simply get rid of Dudley. But Fricks adds that Ward, who once worked in an AFL-CIO voter registration drive, "is certainly acceptable to us."

One union man said, "We used all our chips to get Dudley off." He reconsidered and added, "I hope we have some chips left."

Unlike other conservative Texas governors, Briscoe has tried to stay on friendly terms with labor. The AFL-CIO has reciprocated. Most recently, it fought alongside Briscoe for Calvin Guest's re-election as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

The three commissioners make about 150 decisions a week on disputes over individual rights to jobless benefits. Employers sometimes challenge ex-employees' eligibility because benefits are "charged back" against their unemployment tax rate.

Gunn has been on the short end of 530 decisions since joining the TEC 2 1/2 years ago and tries hard not to sound too ecstatic over Ward's appointment.

"Since he has been here, I have won some but I've also lost some. In my opinion, the man is working very hard to follow the law. . . . This new chairman can make a whole new world out of the TEC," he said.

Ward downplays any change in direction that might have followed his appointment. But he tells of one decision that Gunn was "particularly happy about."

He and Gunn voted to award benefits to a woman who had been fired for refusing to work overtime. She wanted to be home to care for her injured husband.

She appealed to the full commission after lower echelons ruled her refusal was "misconduct" and disqualified her for benefits for six weeks.

"Equity demanded a different result," Ward said.

He acknowledged that prior TEC rulings set precedents that might have led agency lawyers to conclude it was proper to disqualify the woman.

Gunn also hopes for different treatment of claims in which employers allege misconduct but workers claim they were fired for union activity—something that is prohibited by the National Labor Relations Act.

"Normally, if you mentioned 'union' in the old commission, you were damn near penalized," Gunn said.

He said a commission majority generally refused to delay a ruling until the National Labor Relations Board had decided whether a dismissal was, in fact, because of union activity.



