

Top 10 Local Stories Ranked

Unusual News Ranks High During 1976

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Not everyone would view 1976 in the same way, but fact is that it did happen for better or worse. The following article rates the top 10 stories of 1976 as determined by this writer. Naturally, opinions vary from person to person as to what the top stories were, but this listing attempts only to offer one possible viewpoint and stimulate an editorial look at the year which came to an end midnight Friday. Jim Steiert, brand farm editor, will review the top agricultural stories for the year in an article to be published

sometime next week.]

By BOBBY TEMPLETON
Brand News Editor

After all the New Year's eve celebrating Friday night settled down, it became time for reflection on the year which has now passed into history. Only time will tell if 1976 was a good year or one to be forgotten.

In any event, a newspaper records the happenings of the year good or bad. A look back at those pages of the days gone by shows that 1976 was a significantly

newsworthy year for Hereford residents and the surrounding Deaf Smith County.

IF ONE TRIES TO REMEMBER in a capsule form just what did happen, it becomes a confusing picture mixed with previous years. At first, readers may view the preceding year as not very much more important than others, but such is not the case. It just may be the case that general apathy through out the year in reference to news maybe the reason for inaccurate memories.

However, in an effort to set the record

straight and provide a little insight into 1976. The Hereford Brand has rated the following stories in relation to their general importance. Obviously, no two people would likely rate the stories in the exact same order, but this is from the viewpoint of a newsman who covers the news daily.

The following stories were judged the most significant in order of their appearance:

- (1) The effect of high natural gas prices on area farmers.
- (2) The Texas Democratic and

Republican Primaries for president.

(3) The presidential election.
(4) Wayne Woodward, former school teacher, winning a legal suit against the Hereford Independent School District.

(5) The bad farm prices and their effect on the area economy.

(6) Annual total of building permits, which was a new record.

(7) Two plane loads of marijuana which were flown into the county area.

(8) School Superintendent Roy Hartman's departure to Grapevine.

(9) The selection of Harrell Holder and

new school superintendent.

(10) Widespread crime such as the house burnings last summer and the brutal rape last September.

Obviously, numerous other stories of importance occurred but the above were rated heavily toward their unusual nature.

HEREFORD WAS THE CENTER for much discussion concerning the cost of natural gas during the 12 months preceding Friday. During the year, such notables as State Attorney John Hill visited Hereford in search of answers to the problem which has forced farmers here to lose heavily in combination with high production costs and low farm prices.

It began much earlier in 1975 when the Hereford City Commission considered at different times to limit the Pioneer Natural Gas pass-through of costs, but for one reason or another failed to do so. Finally in February, high ranking officials of Pioneer, which serves this area and much of West Texas, came before the commission and voiced their objections to any limitations.

As the year progressed, stories upon stories from different viewpoints appeared concerning the gas issue. The question still remains unsettled, but its outcome could mean the life or death of area agricultural production which undergirds the economy here.

Prime reasons for Hereford's interest in the matter is the city's gutsy

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State May Keep Funds

AUSTIN (AP) - The state can keep \$3,920 that Houston police confiscated in a raid on a dice game in a garage apartment, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The raid was touched off by an undercover agent playing with "marked" money. He testified he had told police, "If for some reason I didn't walk out at 11 o'clock p.m., that meant that I might have needed help."

Seven men in the game argued that the forfeiture law unconstitutionally places the burden of proof on a defendant to show why he should not forfeit his money.



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Prince Charles Now Civilian

LONDON (AP) - Prince Charles, who returns to civilian life after New Year's says he won't give up a life of adventure just because his days of military flying and seamanship are over.

"I enjoy violent exercise of all sorts and relish an outdoor existence," the heir to the British throne said in a magazine interview released Thursday.

City Loses Gas Control

AUSTIN (AP) - San Antonio's city-owned gas and electric system has authority to raise its fuel adjustment costs without city council approval of each increase, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The court also ruled that the portion of city utility charges that goes into the general fund is not an illegal tax on Bexar County, the county hospital district and the 12 independent school districts in the county.

Business Battling Not Good

CLEVELAND (AP) - Industry and government must stop thinking themselves as antagonists if U.S. productivity is to improve, Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller told Industry Week Magazine.

Rockefeller said productivity doesn't simply mean "work faster" but consists of making the most efficient use of resources.

Accomplishing this, the outgoing vice president continued, involves the cooperation of labor, management, science, technology and government. Rockefeller said in an interview which appears in the magazine this week.

School Contracts Limited

AUSTIN (AP) - A school district should not contract with a company which employs a member of the district's board of trustees in a managerial position, Atty. Gen. John Hill said Friday.

Hill said it makes no difference whether the trustee derives "direct financial benefit from the contract."

The question was posed by County Atty. John Fitzgibbon of Webb County.

Hill said Fitzgibbon informed him that the situation involved a paper company, and the trustee had agreed with his employer that he would not receive any remuneration based on sales from the company to the district.

weather

West Texas: Fair to partly cloudy throughout today and tomorrow. Temperatures to range from the teens to the mid 50s. Colder weather expected throughout the rest of the week. Possibility of snow.

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The Panhandle sunset is the most magnificent like the one shown above. It was shot on an evening when numerous clouds were able to reflect the fused rays of the Sun. It brings to might peaceful

feelings which will hopefully prevail as we enter in 1977. (Photo by Bob Nigh)

Social Security Tax To Increase In 1977

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Millions of Americans will pay as much as \$70.00 more in Social Security taxes in the new year.

By law, the maximum annual tax payment increases from \$895.25 in 1977. Forty years ago, in 1937, the maximum tax was \$30 a year.

But only the 19 million or so Americans earning more than \$15,300 will pay a higher tax in 1977. The tax rate on a worker's income will remain at 5.85 percent, so persons who earn less than \$15,300 will not pay any more than they paid on the same amount of earnings last year.

In 1976, a worker had paid all Social Security tax obligations by the time he reached the \$15,300 salary level, and income over this was not subject to additional tax. Persons for whom tax deductions stopped in 1976 after they reached the cutoff point will find the tax is being deducted from their checks longer.

The cutoff for wages and salaries in 1977 has been raised to \$16,500, above which no additional Social Security tax will be collected. About 1.6 million workers earn more than \$16,500.

The increase in the tax is automatic in the year after which there has been an increase in Social Security benefits, which rose 6.4 percent in 1976.

The maximum Social Security tax on self-employed persons will rise from \$1,208.70 to \$1,303.50 in 1976.

The increases, which have to be matched by employers, will produce an estimated \$2.3 billion for the Social Security system. However, this will not close the gap of benefit payments over income which amounted to about \$4.3 billion last year.

Although the Social Security tax bite has been rising sharply since the early 1960s, it still has not kept pace with the flow of benefits. There is concern that the system's reserves will be eroded and that it may have to turn to general tax

revenues to keep going.

The maximum tax was just \$30 a year between 1937 and 1949. Then it rose slowly to \$174 in 1963. Additional benefits for Medicare for the aged and disabled pushed the maximum tax to \$277.20 by 1966.

Increases became even steeper in subsequent years, rising to a maximum \$290.40 in 1967, \$343.20 in 1968, \$374.40 in 1974, \$405.60 in 1971, \$468 in 1972, \$631.80 in 1973, \$772.20 in 1974, \$824.85 in 1975 and \$895.05 in 1976.

Also in 1977, out-of-pocket payments for Medicare hospital insurance are to increase 19 percent on Jan. 1, meaning that elderly or disabled persons entering a hospital will be responsible for the first \$124 of their initial bill for a two-month period, up from \$104 in 1976.

Monthly premiums for supplementary medical insurance will be increased by 50 cents for 25.4 million Medicare beneficiaries beginning in July. The increase will raise the monthly premium to \$7.70.

Persons receiving Social Security

Vendetta Denied

AUSTIN (AP) - President Gibson Gayle Jr. of the State Bar of Texas denies that the bar is "on any vendetta" against Don Yarbrough, who was to be sworn in Sunday as a Texas Supreme Court justice.

A reporter on the weekly television panel show, "Capital Eye," asked Gayle to respond to Yarbrough's charges that the bar was trying to keep him off the high court.

The show was taped at midweek for Sunday viewing.

Gayle refused to comment on the bar's suit to disbar Yarbrough, because the suit is pending in Houston, but he said:

"I would point out that these complaints against Mr. Yarbrough were not initially lodged by the State Bar.

benefits can gain from another change this year. The limit on earnings they can make without losing the retirement

benefits has been increased from \$2,760 to \$3,000.

After earning \$3,000, a person loses \$1

in Social Security benefits for every \$2 outside income.

Ford To Recommend Statehood Status For Puerto Rico Island

VAIL, Colo. (AP) - President Ford said Friday that he will recommend legislation to grant statehood to Puerto Rico, a move that would make the island commonwealth the 51st state.

The "common bonds of friendship, tradition, dignity and individual freedom" that link Puerto Rico and the United States should be cemented "through statehood," Ford said in a statement.

If Congress should pass legislation granting statehood to Puerto Rico, the island's residents would have to vote approval of the commonwealth's entry into the Union, a move that would be opposed by some Puerto Ricans who seek independence.

Deputy Press Secretary John Carlson said Ford believes that Puerto Ricans, who are citizens of the United States, "should have all the rights and benefits that other American citizens have."

As a commonwealth, Puerto Rico has more autonomy than a mainland state, but it still subject to most U.S. legislation. Puerto Ricans do not pay income taxes, but the Caribbean island receives a large share of federal aid.

Puerto Ricans cannot vote in presidential elections, but possess most other rights and obligations of U.S. citizens.

If Congress acted swiftly, Carlson said, Puerto Rico could become a state within a year.

If granted statehood, Puerto Rico would become the first state admitted to the Union since Hawaii became the 50th state on Aug. 21, 1959.

The Caribbean island was ceded to the United States by Spain in 1888 and

became a U.S. territory. It gained commonwealth status in 1952.

A White House spokesman said Ford's action "might be interpreted as an indication to Cuba's Fidel Castro that we value Puerto Rico and won't allow any tampering there."

Ford said he had reviewed recommendations from a Puerto Rican advisory group and the Cabinet that recommended "a new Compact of Permanent Union" aimed at giving the

commonwealth maximum self-government and self-determination.

But the chief executive said the proposed compact would not "advance as rapidly as it might freedom and opportunity for the American citizens of Puerto Rico."

Ford's proposed statehood legislation would have to be approved by the new Congress, which convenes Tuesday. It could not complete action on the legislation before Ford leaves office.

Measles Breakout Here In Next Several Weeks

A possible outbreak of measles is still being warned by local health officers. It is rubeola measles.

Both Dr. D.E. McBryer, county health officer, and Dr. H.R. Johnson, city health officer, have expressed concern that a significant number of measles cases will occur in the next several weeks. They explained that is not the commonly known "German Measles."

In a written statement, the officers stated that the disease will affect people who have had immunizations as well as those who have not. It "also may affect those who received their immunizations prior to the age of one year," the statement said.

It further stated that all efforts are being made to insure that an adequate supply of vaccine is made available to the community. However, all residents are asked to contact personal physicians or

the Deaf Smith County Public Health Clinic if any questions or concern exists.

The Texas Department of Health Resources recommends the following steps be taken:

(1) Immunization of all children over one-year-old.

(2) Anyone who received the vaccine before the one-year-old level should be re-immunized.

(3) Women who are or maybe pregnant should neither receive the vaccine nor have their children immunized.

Anyone in the above categories who is exposed to measles, or a measles contact may receive protection from the vaccine if the vaccine is given within 72 hours of exposure. If more than 72 hours exists from the time of exposure, a physician's advice should be sought.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor, The Unit 30 Foster Parent Organization would like this time to thank the following merchants for making some child happy this Christmas. May God bless you always!

Property Tax-Based School Fund Program Outlawed In California

By TIM REITERMAN Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - California must scrap its present property tax-based school financing system and replace it by 1980 with one providing equal educational opportunities for students in both rich and poor districts, the state Supreme Court has ruled.

The court's 4 to 3 decision on Thursday declared that the present system violates the rights of the state's 4.5 million public elementary and high school pupils to equal protection guarantees in the state Constitution.

The decision made California the second state to declare illegal its method of paying for public education since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1973

that property tax financing did not violate the federal constitution and should be left to individual states. In January, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled against property-tax financing there.

Sid Wolinsky, attorney for the plaintiffs in the case, hailed the California ruling as "a total victory for the poor school districts and school children."

The governor has adopted essentially a do-nothing stance, and the ball is now in his court and the legislature's.

In wealthy Beverly Hills, school Supt. Kenneth Peters said the decision "must be held responsible for the eventual chaotic destruction of public education in California."

Dr. Wilson Riles, state superintendent of public instruction, praised the decision, but he cautioned, "We must make sure that any solution provides adequate resources. I will not support a plan which merely spreads poverty equally among our schools."

In its ruling, the court said, "The poor district cannot freely choose to tax itself into an excellence which its tax rolls cannot provide."

"So long as assessed valuation within a district's boundaries is a major determinant of how much it can spend for its schools, only a district with a large tax base will truly be able to decide how much it really cares about education," the court said in its second ruling in the historic Serrano vs. Priest case which began eight years ago.

Despite legislation passed after the first Supreme Court decision, in 1975 wealthy districts were spending more than \$2,000 per pupil while

poorer districts were spending \$1,000 or less.

State officials estimate that half the \$3 billion spent annually on public schools comes from property taxes. State aid provides 41 per cent and federal aid 6 per cent. The balance comes from such things as donations and adult education fees.

Man Killed Based On Sheriff's Choice Of One Life Or Eight

HAYSVILLE, Kan. (AP) - Undersheriff Sam Davidson said it was "the choice of one life or eight" that made him order sharpshooters to kill a former mental patient who threatened seven hostages with death in a home in this Wichita suburb.

Larry Leer, 30, was killed Wednesday night by two shots in the chest eight hours after he took Bonnie Horinek and her four children captive and held them with a pistol, rifle and six other weapons he gathered in their home. As the drama progressed, the Horineks were released and he took seven other hostages.

Leer's initial demand was to see his former girlfriend, Lonnie Beam, Mrs. Horinek's sister. But after she arrived, the demands grew to include cigarettes, protection upon surrender, protection from bankruptcy, and commitment at a mental hospital of his choice.

As police and sheriff's deputies gathered outside the dwelling, Leer told his hostages, "They the officers have signed our death warrants."

Two hours before the

shooting, an Associated Press reporter telephoned Leer, who identified himself by saying, "You're talking to the man holding the gun."

He told the reporter he refused to end his life in a gutter somewhere, adding, "A man has to have something to live for and without the things that he lives for he must die. These things I must live for or I must die."

Before Leer could elaborate, his attorney, Warner Eisenbise of Wichita, who was one of the hostages, cut into the conversation.

Another hostage, Sedgewick County Sheriff Johnnie Darr, said, "When I went into the house, all the people were in control. They were very calm and very cool."

"If any one of them had made a bad move while Mrs. Horinek and her four kids were there, I'm afraid we'd have all been shot."

Other hostages -- who came to the home at various times at Leer's request or in exchange for the Horinek family -- were Miss Beam, Police Lt. Harry Minor, Police Det. Bernie



On Wall Street

By BOB HILL

Last March Congress passed a law extending the U.S. boundaries from 12 miles offshore to 200 miles in order to protect our domestic fishing industry from the huge foreign

fishing fleets of the Russians, Japanese, and others. Other countries have done this also. Iceland has had a running feud with the British because Iceland tried to enforce the 200 mile limit with gunboats and the British had to begin escorting fishing vessels.

The 200 mile limit for the U.S. began March of this year. But a problem has developed. Canada has imposed a 200 mile limit beginning January 1st.

This has created an era of dispute between the U.S. and Canada involving some of the richest fishing grounds in the world. The disputed fishing grounds, off the coast of Nova Scotia, covers over 10,000 sq. nautical miles. On the west coast, both countries claim sovereignty off the coast of Washington and British Columbia. The boundaries between Alaska and Canada are also in dispute. Negotiations over the disputed areas is proceeding amicably but very slowly.

Fish in the disputes areas include cod, haddock, hake, and herring. Scallops account for a third of the fish caught by Canadians off the coast of Nova Scotia. Some sort of interim agreement will be reached to permit both U.S. and Canadian fishing fleets to continue operations. The big question is which country will license foreign fishing vessels. Fishermen of both countries fear a settlement which would involve a swap of East Coast claims for those of the West Coast. This could be detrimental to one side or the other. But both countries have told the fishermen that there will be no "trade-offs."

The long term issues are even more important. Who controls the minerals in the disputed area and which country has the right to lease oil-drilling tracts in the disputed area? Canada has already begun leasing off shore acreage in the "disputed area." The whole issue needs a quick settlement because the discovery of oil or natural gas in the disputed area will make settlement just that



JESSE JACKSON is among black leaders who have been criticizing the new administration's talent searchers for not living up to President-elect Carter's promise to seek their views in filling top posts. The Chicago activist and others object that blacks are being considered primarily for highly visible posts and overlooked for lower-level positions which provide the great bulk of federal jobs and where day-to-day government is carried out.



JACK WATSON has lost ground in the Carter inner circle, according to some Washington reports. The Atlanta lawyer originally had responsibility for searching out candidates for jobs up to cabinet level but is reported now relegated to seeking applicants for middle- and low-level posts.

much harder. Possibly, the whole question will wind up in the International Court of Justice.

1977 CARS WILL USE MORE FIBER GLASS

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) - Detroit is using fiber glass reinforced plastic for front ends on 34 of its 1977 model cars, according to a fiber glass industry executive.

This represents an increase of more than 30 per cent over the previous year's total of 26, says Bert E. Elliott, vice president of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Equipment and Transportation Reinforcements Division.

"Both automobile and truck manufacturers are turning to fiber glass reinforced plastic to reduce weight, provide corrosion resistance and simplify assembly," said Elliott.

FIRE SALE

NEW YORK (AP) - Sally Marr, mother of Lewis and Clark, will appear in Alan Arkin's new comedy "Fire Sale." Twentieth Century-Fox announced recently. The film stars Arkin, Rob Reiner, Vincent Gardenia, Anjanette Comer, Kay Medford and Sid Caesar.

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Top Stories

willingness not to go along with status quo of other cities and accept the high prices and the fact that Hereford attorney John Aikin, counsel for the Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association, has taken the fight for gas control all the way to Austin. There the Texas Railroad Commission has the authority over the industry.

The last development was a trek of over three charter bus loads of area residents to appear before a hearing to argue for pass-through elimination and Texas Public Utilities Commission control of gas.

SECOND ON THE LIST were the presidential primaries in May, which were the first for Texans. In it, Jimmy Carter upset challengers to win here and more dramatically, Ronald Reagan won Texas against almost impossible odds. It turned the tide toward an equal race with incumbent Gerald Ford, who went on to win the Republican nomination by a close margin.

Texans made a big difference in the outcome of both party selections. Carter won his as the gobs of other Demo challengers slowly fell to the wayside including Lloyd Bentsen, who visited Hereford in his re-election to the U.S. Senate.

Of course, several local races were on the same primary ballots. The most significant were the two races for precinct one and precinct three county commissioners seats. Bruce Coleman was re-elected to his in precinct three and Alfred Smith emerged the victor over four candidates in precinct one.

Next to the primary, the presidential

election itself was the most significant story as one comes only every four years. Unlike more recent presidential contests, it was extremely close, but Carter put the Demos back in the White House as he overcame difficult opposition from Ford. Deaf Smith County went for Ford, but the state and nation went for Carter.

The Hereford School Board's loss in the Woodward suit came as a jolting surprise to most. The former teacher who was dismissed for American Civil Liberties Union activity (as viewed by the judge) won the right to reinstatement, \$6,000 attorneys fees and back pay. It was appealed.

It had wide significance above other suits based on a trend toward suits against public bodies such as the one filed against the city. Also, the very center of the suit was the ACLU, which has controversial overtones between liberal and conservative causes.

A hard issue and story to rate was that of farm prices which combined with bad weather to hurt area farmers. Some may consider it the top story but it is still unfolding and its eventual effect is not known. It could be the top story for 1977.

A story bringing good economic news to local citizens was the record established with over \$7 million in building permits, which far exceeds the \$5 million set in 1965. Among the bigger construction projects were the new Hereford State Bank Building, the Hereford Grain elevator, the new McDonald's restaurant and the new wing to the hospital.

It indicates good economic growth also shown by the addition of new businesses including Sue Ann garment manufacturers, McDonald's hamburgers, and the fact that the Hereford Brand went daily July 1.

ONE OF THE TOP SPOT news stories of the year was the crash landing of two planes full of marijuana. A light aircraft carried in some in June and a B-25 World War II bomber carried in some in December. The landings have possible connections with a drug smuggling ring involving nationwide activity. The Mafia could be behind it.

Former superintendent Roy Hartman's resignation -- surprised many after his residency here for 20 years. He went to Grapevine.

Some might have been glad to see him go but many more valued his leadership which was often controversial over the years.

Naturally following in line with this story is the news that Dr. Holder was hired as the replacement. He came from South Texas and the trustees spent over 700 hours of meeting time to interview over 40 applicants for the job. Holder assumed his duties here in

September and has already made his mark known on the community. The selection came in August.

The last of top 10 stories is the house burnings of Doc Carter's and Ron Zimmerman's residences last summer and the brutal rape in September. Both incidents caused widespread hysteria and resulted in a rash of lock and weapon purchases.

ALMOST MAKING THE TOP 10 was the reappraisal conducted on all county property for tax purposes. The county and school district jointly entered the program, which is the first reappraisal in 15 years.

Naturally, taxpayers didn't always agree with their valuations and much emotion arose from them. Still, it was approved to satisfy possible state laws to come next year and to provide equal valuations between all property owners.

The annual city and school elections are always top news but fell out of the top 10 this year due to their yearly occurrence. Anyway, Mrs. Sallie Strain and Alex Schroeter won seats on the school board and Frank Barret and Stan Fry won places on the city commission. Schroeter later created more news as he was appointed county auditor and David Hutchins took his place.

Juries in Hereford did their duty in 1976 by handing down stiff sentences and finding offenders guilty as charged. These include one murder conviction and several robbery cases. A good number were for drug related offenses.

Taxes went up again but not as much as in 1975 when they resulted as the top story for the year. This year, the county increased taxes about 10 per cent while the school district raised its taxes about 11 per cent.

The county slipped in a 10 per cent salary raise for employes and county commissioners.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL Telephone Company was very much in the news statewide for its \$2.98 million rate hike request, but it was in local news for that and other reasons. Ma Bell closed a chapter of history here as it moved all operators out of town to Amarillo.

Traditional stories in Hereford included the Sugar Beet and Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquets, the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame All-Girls rodeo, the Miss Hereford Beauty Pageant and some sports.

In 1976, only the HHS tennis team shined as it went to state finals while the basketball and football teams posted lesser records.

However you view the events of the year just ended, it must be rated a significant one. Hopefully it was one of prosperity and peace for most.

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THE PENULTIMATE WORD

I learned that word of sheer meanness. I knew a preacher that thought he knew the last word on everything. He was the authority on matters of politics. He was the authority on when the world would end. In every case he saw it as all bad. I loved to ask him, "Say, Sam, what is the penultimate word? I know you don't have the last one so what is the next to the last one?" Somehow he didn't like me very well.

Funny thing is that learning that word had a good effect on me. I don't have the last word either. That means I am not always right. That means that folks that disagree with me are not automatically wrong nor automatically dumb either. It is a relief to discover that the best we ever have is penultimate. Wouldn't it be great if everyone knew that word? The results could be astounding.

Politicians would not have to be so dogmatic. If they knew they did not have the last word and if we knew they did not have the last word, and if we both could be comfortable with penultimate. Then they could dare say, "this is how I see it now but I could be wrong and could change my mind." Wow! Penultimate could have saved Richard Nixon. I think I will send the word to Jimmy Carter. As long as he knows he has the penultimate word about peanuts he may be able to keep perspective on the whole country.

The rest of us would not have to be so pompous. When we think in terms of the ultimate word we become bores as a matter of course. Penultimate leaves a crack through which someone else's ideas can flow. That is bound to give some joy in our world. We might as well wake up to penultimate cause none of us have the last word about anything.

Want to have some fun? To the next dogmatist you see, say, "tell me friend, what is the penultimate word?" Then duck....

Warm fuzzies,
Doug Manning



Editorial Forum

Product Liabilities Increase Fear Of Business

AUSTIN (AP) - Two men once hit on a novel way to trim a hedge.

They started a power lawn mower, picked it up and began running it over the hedge.

But something went wrong, and they were injured. They hired a lawyer, sued the manufacturer and won. Courts found the lawn mower company was liable for their injuries,

even though they had misused the product.

That's just one of the horror stories from the viewpoint of manufacturers and insurance companies that appear these days in "fact sheets" on the approaching crisis in product liability insurance.

Businesses and manufacturing plants buy product liability coverage to protect their

assets in case they should lose a lawsuit arising from injuries caused by an alleged defect in something they have made or sold.

Rates have exploded in recent months. Businesses are having trouble getting coverage. Some firms say that without coverage they might have to close their gates or trim back new product lines.

Products liability looks like a big wrangle for the 1977 legislature to referee.

House Speaker Bill Clayton says, "Products liability is coming on like gangbusters and could be one issue that hits us all in the face."

Much as doctors with their malpractice coverage, businessmen are plagued with soaring rates and difficulties in obtaining policies.

C.W. Wallace of Wichita Falls, a manufacturer of conveying equipment, said his premium has risen in three or four years from \$300 to \$6,000 per \$1 million in sales.

He wants to start making a new product called a pressure vessel but has been quoted a premium of \$25,000 per \$250,000 in sales.

"We're just one of many who are having this problem," Wallace said.

Bill Harding, chief clerk of the State Board of Insurance, said an agent had told him that "one guy in Houston last year paid \$1,000 for products liability. This year, he is paying \$14,000 for half the coverage."

The companies "are pulling in their horns... if it is a pretty hazardous risk, they say, 'Golly, we don't want to take a chance on it,'" said Milton Troxell, manager of the board's general liability section.

He said as far as he knows, all of the more than 300 casualty companies in Texas write products liability.

Jim Yancy, legislative director for the Texas Association of Business, says his organization will ask the 1977 legislature to pass several bills aimed at reducing products liability costs.

Virtually all can be expected to provoke opposition from the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, already feuding with doctors over malpractice insurance.

"I don't see any black hats. I see an attitude on the part of the general public that an insurance company prints its own money.

Talk of Texas

By Jack Maguire

THE STATE OF PEAS—Strangers visiting south of the Red River this New Year's Day may go away convinced that Texans are pea nuts. Nuts about the black-eyed variety, that is.

The eating of some kind of black-eyed lentil on the first day of the year is an ancient and global tradition practiced by millions. It's usually done because it's supposed to guarantee good luck on the other 365 days of the year. In Texas, however, pea-eating on January 1 is a gustatory ritual.

Athens claims to be the "Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World." The East Texas city claims the title because a company there cans a succulent variety that is shipped all over the globe. The same plant put out a pickled version for gourmet palates which it calls "Texas Caviar."

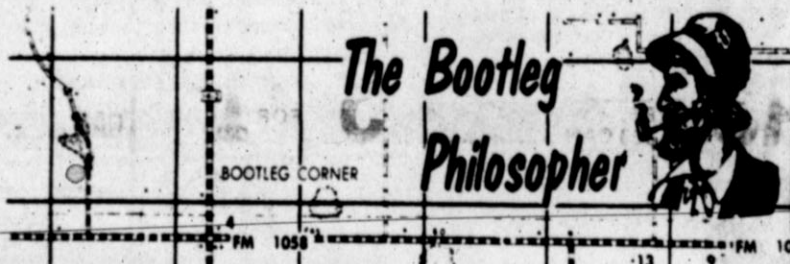
The pickled black-eyed peas have become popular in recent years as additives for an alcoholic beverage. It's called a "peatini" and tastes like a martini—except that a black-eyed pea graces the swizzle stick instead of the usual olive.

Some restaurants offer a black-eyed pea sandwich on holiday menus. It's made this way:

Generously butter two slices of bread. Drain the pot liquor off a saucepan of black-eyed peas. Ladle an inch-thick strata of peas onto one side of the bread, then cover with thin slices of purple onion. Cover with the remaining slice of bread and settle back for a taste treat.

It's a good meal any day of the year.

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW—That Dr. Denton Cooley, the famed heart surgeon, believes in planning ahead.



Editor's note: The Bootleg Philosopher on his Deaf Smith grass farm on Bootleg Corner takes an obscure look at the new year this week, more or less.

Dear editor:

This is the time of the year when it's customary to predict what's going to happen in 1977 but it's hard to guess what's coming in the new year when you aren't sure what happened in the old one. Nonetheless, I'll try.

First, I'll predict that taxes won't come down. If Washington lowers them the states and local governments will raise them. It's like a see-saw. This is known as the balance of power.

I'll predict that on no given day in 1977 will the weather suit everybody.

I predict that most economists, it makes no difference what they claim they foresee, will be wrong. Whenever they're right, it's an accident.

I predict that some Congressman

He not only has purchased a burial plot in Houston's Greenwood Cemetery, but also has marked the spot with a bronze sculpture of a heart.

SHOPPER'S NOTE—A San Antonio shop does a thriving business selling love potions, good luck charms and a spray that will remove a jinx.

At the Plaza Novelty Shop in the Alamo City's downtown Market Square, customers have been coming back for 38 years to buy such exotic products as "Lovers Oil" and "Follow Me Perfume." Their are also many lotions and soaps designed to improve one's luck at gambling.

Also available are dozens of candles in all sizes and shapes. They supposedly aid the purchaser in warding off evil spirits, gaining power over others, healing unhappy marriages, etc. There are also candles for prayer and meditation.

Incense and oils are for sale, too, for help in conquering fears, gaining prosperity, stopping slander and changing one's luck. For the uninitiated there also are books available which explain exactly how rites using the candles and other paraphernalia should be performed to insure the best results.

IT'S THE LAW—Before any new bridge can be built across the Rio Grande River, it has to be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The river, long the boundary between the U.S. and Mexico, usually is devoid of water and can be waded almost anywhere. By law, however, it is a "navigable stream" and thus is subject to the Coast Guard's jurisdiction.

will get caught red-handed, but a good many won't. I predict Congress will adopt a new code of ethics, which will be a good thing because the one they've got now is too hard to live up to.

I predict that the 55-mile-an-hour speed limit will be observed by 10 per cent of the motorists, down 1 per cent from last year's high of 11 per cent.

I predict no elected official will ever say he lied, if he can remember to say he mis-spoke.

I predict that most newspaper columnists will never run out of something to write about, even when they're run out of something to say.

I predict that most people, if they were in office instead of out, would perform about like those who're in now.

I predict that at the end of 1977, people will be predicting what's going to happen in 1978. Mostly we'll be wrong.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Original superstar

Our vote for the best "Christmas-keeper" of the year goes to Boston College child psychologist Dr. Francis Kelly.

Santa Claus, he says, like the Easter bunny and the tooth fairy, is an important part of every child's ego development and ability to perceive reality.

It's tragic, he says, that more and more modern parents want to confront their children with reality all their lives. They are afraid that once a youngster learns there really isn't a Santa, he will be convinced there was an adult plot to deceive him.

Not true, says Kelly. When a child realizes Santa isn't a flesh and blood person, that youngster has learned to separate reality from fantasy and as a result feels older and wiser.

"As far as I'm concerned," he says, "Santa Claus is the original superstar."

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Don Oakley Healthy price hike

Americans might be a nation of tea drinkers today — if it hadn't been for that little tiff with George III a couple centuries ago. They could be yet, the way coffee prices are going. Then again, they probably won't, the way tea prices are going.

According to the National Coffee Association, the wholesale price of green coffee has risen 218 per cent since mid-1975, when a freeze struck Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer. Latest announced increases, averaging about 20 cents a pound, will percolate down to the consumer early next year.

Yet even before coffee prices started zooming, per capita consumption in the United States was in a steady decline. U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics show that it dropped from 11.1 pounds per person annually in 1967 to 9.4 pounds in 1974 to an estimated nine pounds in 1975.

At the same time there has been no significant switch to tea. The USDA reports that tea consumption has remained stable at 8 pounds per person for the last three years. Meanwhile, tea prices on London markets have risen to record highs, as have cocoa prices.

It all makes for a cloudy brew: Americans are shipping less of their favorite beverage than before (and aren't sipping more of any other beverage), but the decline in coffee consumption has been more than offset by the decline in available supply. Thus the soaring prices.

Agriculture Department economists say that coffee production probably won't return to normal until the 1979-80 marketing season.

It may be a blessing in disguise. Health experts have long been telling us that we drink too much coffee, anyway.

Newman Revisits A Deteriorating English Language

A CIVIL TONGUE. By Edwin Newman. Bobbs-Merrill. 207 Pages. \$8.95.

Edwin Newman has written another good book about bad writing.

As in his earlier best-selling "Strictly Speaking," Newman carries on his most witty campaign against corruption of the English language.

Early on Newman states his thesis: "A civil tongue means to me a language that is not bogged down in jargon, not puffed up with false dignity, not studded with trick phrases that have lost their meaning. It is not falsely exciting, is not patronizing, does not conceal the smallness and triteness of ideas by clothing them in language ever more grandiose, does not seek out increasingly complicated constructions, does not weigh us down with the gelatinous verbiage of Washington and the social sciences."

Phil Thomas
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Aggies, Gators Clash In Sun Bowl

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
EL PASO, Tex. (AP) - The 10th-ranked Texas Aggies were a touchdown favorite over the Florida Gators Sunday in the 42nd annual Sun Bowl, featuring two Wishbone teams with something to prove.

"Things were really terrible after we lost the Southeast Conference championship and this is our chance to make up for it," said Florida quarterback Jimmy Fisher, who guided the Gators to an 8-3 campaign.

Ditto the sentiment for the Texas Aggies, who lost early season Southwest Conference games to Houston and Texas Tech then finished strong for a 9-2 year.

"I felt like we were the best team in the conference at the end of the year," said fullback George Woodard, who rushed for over 1,000 yards in the grinding, physical Aggie attack.

Both teams feature something rare for the triple option Wishbone-quarterbacks who can throw.

The 6-foot-2, 184-pound Fisher led the SEC in passing.

For the Texas Aggies, they didn't lose a game after David Walker stepped in at quarterback following the double disasters to Tech and Houston. The lefthanded junior kept teams honest with his clutch passing so defenses couldn't gang up against the Wishbone.

Sun Bowl officials are delighted with the pairing for the nationally televised game. It produced the earliest sellout of the Sun Bowl Stadium 30,321 in the history of the classic. Some 6,000 standing room tickets were expected to be sold.

The two schools have met only once previously with Florida defeating the Aggies 42-6 in 1962.

Under Aggie Coach Emory Bellard, the Cadets from College Station, Tex., feature

one of the toughest defenses in the country anchored by All-American middle linebacker Robert Jackson.

Florida averaged 28.5 points a game and hit a season high with a 49-14 victory over SWC co-champion Houston which is sixth-ranked going into the Cotton Bowl.

"It will be our offense against their defense," says Fisher. "They have a tremendous defense and I don't think anyone has a better offense."

Florida wide receiver Wes Chandler is one of the country's finest and Gator Coach Doug Dickey is blessed with a swift back in Tony Green, who is only 292 yards away from becoming the school's all-time leading rusher.

Both teams also are coming off bowl losses last year as Florida was belted by Maryland in the Gator Bowl and the Aggies fell to Southern California in the Liberty Bowl.

Sports Shorts

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) - The Can-Am ski series starts Wednesday, but the first race, a giant slalom, will not be held here at Whiteface Mountain as scheduled, according to state officials.

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter A.A. Berle told the race chairman, Serge Lussi, that because of the need to provide man-made snow for recreational skiing the state would not be able to provide snow on the "thruway trail" used for giant slalom races.

Lussi said Thursday that he had no doubts about conducting the race, adding that moving a ski race "is a very common thing" because of lack of snow-sometimes with no more than one day's notice.



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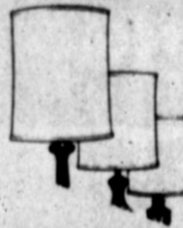
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Wildcats Smash Tar Heels, 21-0

By The Associated Press

North Carolina Coach Bill Dooley thought it wasn't going to be his day when he had a touchdown called back on a penalty. And he was right.

That bad moment in the first quarter set the tone for the afternoon and the 19th-ranked Tar Heels could do nothing right thereafter while losing a 21-0 decision to Kentucky in the Peach Bowl Friday.

"Our offense didn't take any pressure off the defense," said Dooley. "The defense was on the field quite a bit. We had some misfortune when we had the touchdown called back. Then we gave them a blood transfusion when we fumbled the ball near their goal line."

Dooley referred to a 50-yard scoring pass thrown by Matt Kucep in the first quarter that was called back because of an offside penalty. Later, early in the third period, Kucep fumbled the ball on North Carolina's 21-yard-line and moments later, Rod Stewart took the ball in for Kentucky's first touchdown.

Stewart, one of Kentucky's host of thoroughbred running backs, discovered home away

from home Friday in the Wildcats' 21-0 triumph.

The sophomore fullback sparked Kentucky's first bowl appearance in 25 years by blasting out 104 yards in 19 carries and scoring three touchdowns in the ninth annual classic before a record crowd of 54,132. Stewart was selected offensive player of the game.

More than 30,000 in the crowd at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, which braved chilling winds and temperatures which dropped to 28 degrees by the end of the contest, were avid Kentucky rooters, who waved blue and white banners and cheered their Wildcats on with the chants of "Go Big Blue."

Kentucky used eight different running backs with freshman Randy Brooks gaining 66 yards, Chris Hill adding 55, Greg Woods 42 and quarterback Derrick Ramsey 30.

The defense forced five North Carolina turnovers. The first, a fumble by quarterback Matt Kucep, was converted into Stewart's one-yard touchdown run early in the third period after a scoreless half.

Stewart added scoring runs of 13 and three yards as Kentucky dominated the second half.

Bird Watching Booms In State

AUSTIN -- One way to start a good argument might be to compare the popularity of football, hunting, fishing -- and bird watching.

An article in the current issue of TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE magazine cites some interesting indications that birders are beginning to get the edge on other sports participants.

Economic impact surveys conducted by the U.S. Forest Service reveal that birding is a one-half billion dollar per year industry, counting expenditures for food, travel and lodging. This did not include sales of such items as field guides, birdseed, feeders, binoculars and other equipment.

Within the last decade, bird watchers have grown to be at least equal in numbers with licensed hunters, and probably as numerous as licensed fishermen. Birding appeals to a complete cross-section of the population, in all age groups and occupations.

Texas is recognized as the foremost state for observing

birds in the continental United States. About three-fourths of all the bird species known to occur throughout the United States, except Hawaii, are found here. This amounts to as many as 533 species, plus another 27 listed as hypothetical or unproved, and four which now are extinct.

This makes for a rich variety of birdlife to be seen in this state, with some of the species known here alone. The rare golden-cheeked warbler nests nowhere else in the world and the endangered whooping crane winters exclusively in Texas. Birding enthusiasts travel here from far distances to add more species to their life lists.

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Huskers Rally For Victory Over Tech

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas Tech quarterback Rodney Allison won the Most Valuable Back award but Nebraska quarterback Vince Ferragamo carted off the biggest prize - a spine-tingling 27-24 victory in the 18th Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

"Getting the MVP award was nice but I'd rather win the game," said Allison, who twice pushed the Raiders to two 10-point leads, only to watch Ferragamo pass the Cornhuskers back into the New Year's Eve game.

Allison engineered Tech to a 17-7 lead in the second quarter on touchdown passes of 14 and 11 yards to running back Billy Taylor and Brian Hall's 28-yard field goal.

Richard Berns, who rushed for 118 yards on 27 carries, scored on a one-yard run on Nebraska's first series of the game and Ferragamo vaulted the Huskers to a 17-14 halftime deficit with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Mark Dufresne with 33 seconds left in the half.

"It's great to go out like this after all that's happened to us this season," said Ferragamo, who completed 13 of 23 passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns.

After Tech had taken a 24-14 lead early in the third quarter on Taylor's third touchdown, an eight yard run, Ferragamo capitalized on a pair of big plays for a winning 14-point surge over a 2:18 span.

A 49-yard halfback pass from Curtis Craig to Chuck Malito set up the first TD, an 18-yard run by Berns. Moments later Kent Smith deflected a Tech punt, giving Nebraska a first down at Tech's 23.

Ferragamo hit Malito with the winning touchdown on the first play.

Malito, named the game's outstanding lineman, said "The halfback pass was a really good play. I have a lot of confidence in myself now and that play didn't hurt it any."

Ferragamo completed the Cornhuskers' first five third down plays and finished with 10 of 16 chances, converted only two of 10.

"It's a shame somebody had to lose," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "We felt we could throw deep on them. It was part of our strategy to try it six or seven times during the game."

Tech Coach Steve Sloan said, "There were seven or eight plays that changed the complexion of the game but I don't feel the momentum was ever that big a factor."

Charest Reflects On Army Football Season

By BOB NIGH
Brand Sports Editor

A year ago Dave Charest was resting after earning his third varsity letter in football at Hereford High School.

This year he is reflecting on such experiences as playing against Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett, and an emotion-building clash against Navy.

Charest, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Charest of Hereford, was in town over the holidays, and took time earlier this week to discuss his first few months as a student and griddier at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Charest decided on the military academy for his higher education since, as he put it, they recruited him "stronger than anyone else."

"Actually there weren't very many schools that offered much more than a walk-on position, and I felt that the chance to go to West Point was an opportunity too good to pass up," Charest admitted.

Charest played in all 11 Army games this year as a safety on defense, one of just two freshmen who played regularly for the Cadets.

"We had six or seven freshmen on the varsity. Two of us started, and four or five played quite a bit," Charest said.

A lack of depth, and losses through graduation and a scandal in the honor code paved the way for Charest and the other handful of first-year men to play.

"I don't know whether they just had a good year recruiting or what, but the loss of several upperclassmen and the graduation of a lot of seniors helped," Charest said.

Although a Plebe's everyday life is filled with "discrimination" so to speak from upperclassmen, Charest said that rank or classification was thrown out when the players hit the football field.

"And, football players themselves weren't looked upon as anything special, either," Charest said.

"Most of the students were the big studs when they were in high school, and they didn't see us as anything special," he continued.

Charest cited a "mental adjustment" as the hardest thing in the conversion to college life.

"Being away from home and getting used to the new life style were the hardest things," he commented.

The change to the college style of football came somewhat easier, however.

"They stress technique a little more in college, and we pretty much stayed with the same stuff each wee," Charest said. "But the formations and coverage they used was basically the same as the ones I learned here at Hereford," he added.

Charest, and the rest of the Army squad, knocked heads with some formidable opposition this season. Pitt's Panthers, including Dorsett, ranked tops on Charest's list.

"Without a doubt Pittsburgh was our toughest game, even though we trailed just 13-0 at halftime," Charest said.

"Dorsett had only 40 or 50 yards at the half, but he wound

up with something like 206 at the end. It was really something to look across the field before the game and see that number 33 warming up," he added.

The tradition rich Army-Navy contest was impressive to the youthful Hereford graduate, also.

"There's a lot of pressure on the players. Everyone that's ever been in the army or navy is watching, and we received telegrams from all over the world trying to get us up," he said.

"And, before the game there'd be four or five-star generals come into the dressing room with their own pep talks," he added.

When he returns to West Point January 2 Charest will continue a standard off season program of weight lifting and running. He also plans to run the 60-yard dash for the indoor track season.

"Yeah, I'm hoping that running track will help me with my speed for football next year," he said.

He will join an Army squad that loses but five seniors through graduation, and just three of those starters.

"It looks real good for next year," Charest said. "We're a young team, and should do better than our 5-6 record this season."

The "young" Army team will continue one of the East's toughest schedules, too, despite dropping Penn State from the slate.

New additions to next year's schedule include Massachusetts, Colorado, and another "young" team, the Irish of Notre Dame.

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in the game.

"Neither team ever gave up or let the other team have the psychological edge," Sloan said.

Nebraska quarterback Vince Ferragamo, who passed for 183 yards and two touchdowns, said it really felt great to win a close one.

"We lost the real close ones all year...now we win a real close one and it feel great," Ferragamo said.

Tech quarterback Rodney Allison, who passed for 193 yards and rushed for 89 more to grab Most Valuable Back honors, said the Red Raiders were not able to score when they needed it most.

"Both teams have great

offenses and it just worked out where they ended up with the most points," Allison said.

Tech suffered one turnover—a lost fumble by Allison on the Red Raider 30 yard line with 1:40 left in the game. The fumble snuffed out any comeback hopes the Red Raiders had.

"I think we could have come back and scored on them," Allison said. "Our offense was so explosive that I don't think they could have stopped us."

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Klella has been there before. A builder, he won the Mill River title in 1973 and 1976 and won the club crown at Brentwood in 1968. But it was the first time Klella played in the overall championship which had its inaugural at Woodcrest in 1972.

Indiana's basketball sweep of 22 games in 1975-76 tied the record for wins by an undefeated team. The mark was set by North Carolina in 1957 when Frank McGuire's Tar Heels beat Kansas and Wilt Chamberlain in triple overtime for the NCAA crown.

Indiana has six-foot-11 Kent Benson back from its unbeaten championship basketball team of last season.

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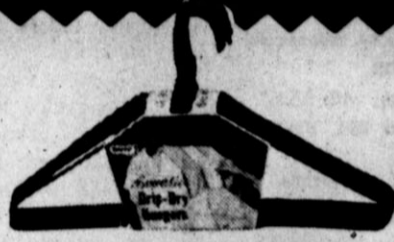
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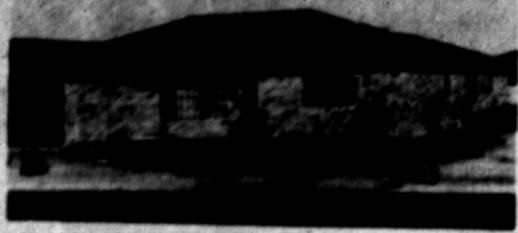
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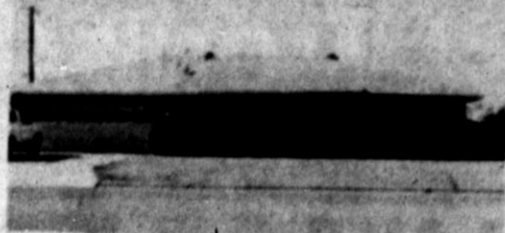
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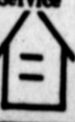
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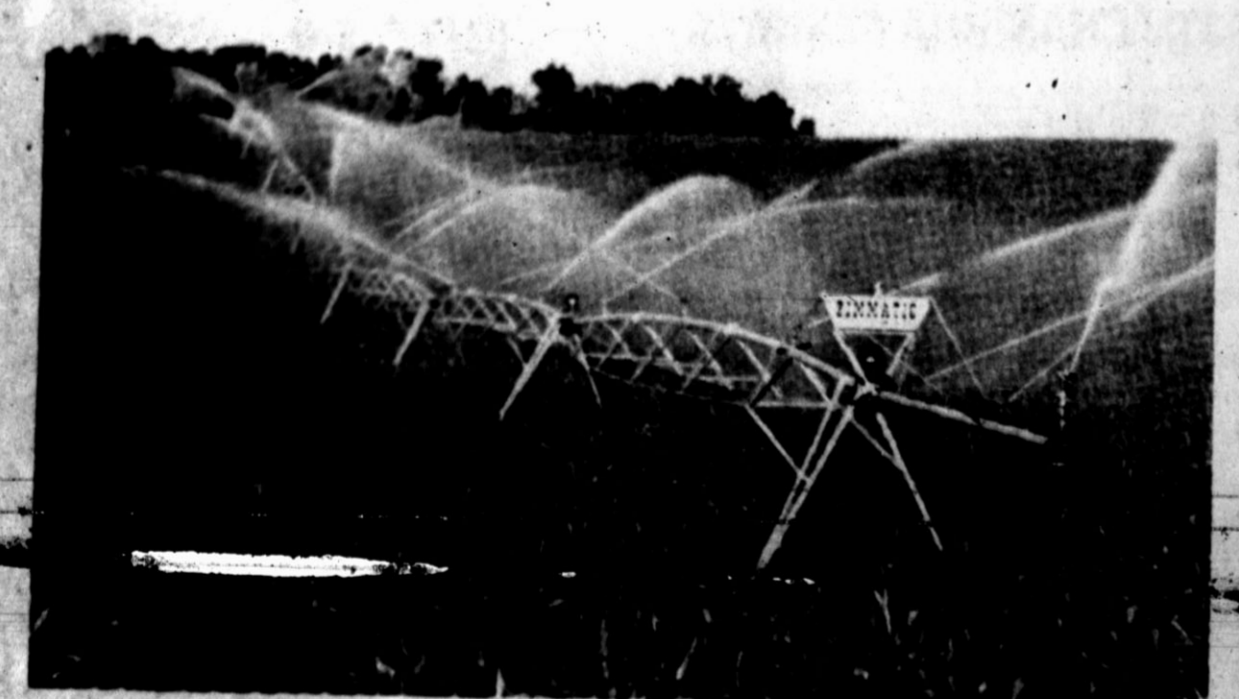
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Carter Wants Suggestions On Keeping In Touch With People

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) - President-elect Carter, worrying about moving into the "strange and unnatural world" of the White House, says he wants public suggestions on how he can break free of the isolation of the presidency and keep in touch with ordinary citizens.

Closing out a year that brought him from relative obscurity to the nation's highest office, Carter said through a spokesman that he wants written suggestions on how to keep from becoming insulated from the crowds that pass by outside the White House gates.

Carter Press Secretary Jody Powell said public suggestions along this line can be sent to "People," Box 2600, Washington, D.C., 20013.

The President-elect planned a quiet New Year's weekend after

meeting Thursday with former Maine Gov. Kenneth Curtis, who indicated he is Carter's choice to be the next chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Carter also issued a New Year's statement in which he said he believed 1977 would be a year when Americans can "put old divisions behind us," and he expressed pleasure with the tone of exchanges so far with the Soviet leaders.

Powell, in the last of hundreds of campaign-year news briefings, said Carter probably will make a "swing around the country" after his second or third month in office in an effort to keep in close touch with citizens and their everyday concerns.

Powell indicated that various regions would be visited to give

Carter "a chance to see and talk to people who would not have an opportunity to travel to Washington."

The press secretary noted that as governor of Georgia Carter opened his office door to all comers at least once a month and met with them about their individual problems that involved state government.

"Obviously something like this is a matter of consideration," said Powell, acknowledging that the security precautions that envelop a president raise questions about doing the same sort of thing at the White House.

A special staff group is being formed to study the whole question, Powell reported, and

it is this group that will consider suggestions submitted by the public.

The President-elect, who moves into the White House on Jan. 20, planned to spend a quiet New Year's holiday at home here, and Powell said there would be no new announcements until Monday.

Carter, meeting briefly with reporters, said he planned no news-making activities during the holiday weekend and would celebrate New Year's Eve at home.

Asked if he had made any resolutions for 1977, Carter replied, "it's to do a good job as president." After a pause, he added with a grin, "and to get along better with the press."

Chinese Powers Fear Radical Interests

TOKYO (AP) - New reports of violence in China suggest that Mao Tse-tung's widow and her three leading party allies are under arrest, their radical followers still pose a powerful threat to the new Peking regime.

Mao's successor, Communist party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, recognized this danger in a Dec. 25 speech when he called on the masses to "wage a people's war" in 1977 against "the gang of four" and their adherents.

The latest reports say armed radicals clashed with the ruling moderates in Paoting, a key rail center 100 miles southwest of Peking. It took a "concerted

effort" by the army to put an end to "great chaos" in the city, the official reports said. They did not say when the violence occurred.

Hua said last weekend that a planned coup by radicals led by Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, was put down "without firing a single shot or shedding a drop of blood." Hua insisted the situation was "very stable" in the aftermath of the arrest of the four radicals in October on charges of treason.

Enough seems to have happened in Paoting, however, to cast doubt on Hua's claims.

It may be surprising that more serious cases of unrest have not been reported, given China's vastness, its huge population and the fact that the radicals were strongly influential in the decade preceding Mao's death last September.

In gaining power, the

moderates had the backing of the 2.5 million-man army, the party elders and the immense Chinese bureaucracy. As long as these elements remain firm, and as long as they continue to control the mass media, they seem likely to prevail.

Against these powerful institutions, Chiang Ching's faction could count on some elements of the militia, millions of radical-minded youths trained as "red Guards" during the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution and later in the universities, and thousands of party cadres who owed their jobs to Madame Mao.

The moderate press claims that Chiang Ching's efforts to subvert the militia in Shanghai and elsewhere were stopped by loyal militiamen and that

Shanghai's workers have turned against the four, who had depended on that port city of 10 million as a power base.

But little has been said about the current role of the students, who only a few months ago were denouncing the moderate policies of the late Premier Chou En-lai and - if the moderates are to be believed - never hesitated to imprison or otherwise suppress their critics.

Told for years that they were the vanguards of the revolution and that "to rebel was right," many of these youths undoubtedly still see the new order as a betrayal of communism. These students, trained in violence during the Cultural Revolution, may now have gone underground.

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The new volume has 1,145 pages and will be published later this month.

The first two volumes were billed as a "dictionary of essential information." Dr. Joe Frantz, director of the Texas State Historical Association,

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Also among other first-time items are such general subjects as integration, history of folk and popular music and the Sharpstown and Veterans Land Board scandals.

Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., has written a biography of Dwight Eisenhower for the new volume; Frantz has done an article on Lyndon B. Johnson; and former Sen. Ralph Yarborough has written a piece on John Nance Garner.

"Every year I thought it would be over," Branda recalls, "but one subject would lead to another. It almost became uncontrollable."


He has started a file for Volume IV. But someone else can edit that, he says.

Volume III will sell for \$35. Volumes I and II may be purchased together for \$45, and the three-volume set will go for \$75.

MLA AWARD
NEW YORK (AP) - Jonathan Culler has recently been awarded the Modern Language Association's James Russell Lowell Prize, a \$1,000 cash award given for an outstanding literary or linguistic study.

Culler, currently a university lecturer in French and Fellow and Tutor of Brasenose College, Oxford University, won the award for his book "Structuralist Poetics: Structuralism, Linguistics, and the Study of Literature."

Culler was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1944 and was raised in North Haven, Conn. He will be Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Cornell University starting in September 1977.



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View From The Plains

BY J.D. PEER

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AERIAL GOOSE SURVEY COMPLETED

LUBBOCK -- A lack of water and dry winter storms in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains are being credited with a low count in the number of geese observed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel during the annual December count.

"There is a lack of adequate water levels in most lakes in all areas from Dalhart to Lubbock," said Max Traweck, waterfowl biologist.

"An estimated 30 to 40 thousand short-grass prairie Canadas were counted during the week-long survey which is one-half the number of birds we had in 1975," Traweck continued.

Reports from hunters and out-of-state fish and game personnel indicate large concentrations in Colorado and it will take very cold weather in January to bring the geese to Texas.

Areas of the Panhandle with good concentrations of geese include the western half of Farmer and Deaf Smith counties and Castro county. Buffalo lake, a National wildlife refuge near Umbarger, has a little water and

the lake is holding approximately 10,000 geese. Various flocks of geese are using the large man-made lakes including Meredith, near Fritch, Greenbelt, near Clarendon, and Bull Lake, a natural reservoir near Littlefield.

The 1976-77 goose season in northwest Texas continues through Jan. 23, 1977, with a daily bag limit of five, not to include more than one Ross' goose nor more than either two Canada or white-fronted geese in the aggregate.

Texas hunting license regulations apply to waterfowl hunters plus a federal waterfowl migratory bird stamp is

required of all duck and goose hunters. These special stamps can be purchased at most U.S. post offices.

Most successful Texas goose hunters scout the areas where the geese feed and spread decoys before the legal shooting time of 30 minutes before sunrise.

Geese like green wheat, corn and grain fields and flights of these huge birds will fly for miles for a taste of Texas food.

Additional information is available in the 1976-77 migratory game bird hunting leaflet on display at all license vendors and P&WD offices.

Mule Deer Harvest Down

EL PASO -- Inclement weather and only nine days of hunting seem to have held down this year's mule deer harvest in the Trans-Pecos of Texas.

Although it will be spring before an estimate of the harvest can be completed, general impression by big game officials at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is both

and hunting pressure were less this year, which is what P&W Commissioners had in mind when they cut the usual two-week season to nine days.

Prior to the season, department biologists estimated the Trans-Pecos mule deer herd had suffered a 25-per cent decrease in numbers.

During the first weekend of

the 1976 season there were ice, snow and high winds in far West Texas and the season was three to four days old before many hunters took to the field.

Most deer which were taken were in good shape, according to Jack Kilpatrick, P&W biologist at Marfa, but most were small animals with few trophy bucks.

Largest deer reported so far was killed in Culberson County.

AUSTIN -- Rain, first a lack of it, then an excess, has been blamed for the sub-normal white-tailed deer harvest experienced over most sections of the state.

Officials at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department say this year's harvest is an estimated 20 to 25 per cent below last year's figures. The 1976-77 harvest could be among the lowest in years.

Although Hill Country and South Texas areas, where traditionally most trophy bucks are taken, have reported mostly average-sized racks but sub-average numbers of deer taken, other regions of the state, like the Permian Basin, report good harvests.

P&WD biologists agree that the rainy weather during the opening part of the season in South Texas, making access to hunting ranges difficult, af-

fects the deer kill in that area of the state. In the Hill Country they are not sure, at this point, what effect the weather had on the harvest.

"People say cold weather is good hunting weather, but when it comes right down to it, a whole lot of hunters, including myself, just won't get out when it gets that cold," said Charles Winkler, P&WD big game program director.

"It is a two-pronged problem that is affecting this year's harvest," said Bob Cook, P&WD white-tailed deer program leader.

"The lack of rain in the spring, and the excess rainfall during the opening weeks of the season, especially during the past several weekends, are the main reasons the harvest is down statewide," Cook said.

Drought conditions last spring are responsible for poor

antler development in the younger bucks that constitute the bulk of this year's huntable population, Cook believes.

He added, however, that bucks are in good to excellent shape in most parts of the state because of the late summer and early fall rains, which provided abundant forb and browse material.

"The weather was bad the opening weekends of the season, so the kill was down. The first weekends of the season are the periods when the kill is usually the highest," Cook said.

While the overall deer harvest is down, the number of game

law violations continues at a brisk pace. Game wardens for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issued nearly 3,000 citations during November for a variety of infractions ranging from hunting deer with dogs to exceeding the bag limit and possessing deer during closed season, with 232 cases completed. Trespassing to hunt and night hunting were the third and fourth highest violations noted by wardens.

"Last year's white-tailed deer harvest of 375,000 was about average. We feel this year's harvest will be down somewhat from that figure, but we still expect a good number of deer can be taken if the weather cooperates during the end of the season, especially over the holiday period, when hunting pressure is heavy," said Ted Clark, P&WD wildlife division director.

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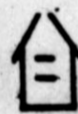
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Dove Season Resumes

AUSTIN -- The winter segment of the mourning dove season is set for Jan. 1-16, 1977, with hunting hours from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

All-day dove hunting should allow quail and other bird hunters to take an occasional mourning dove during the morning.

However, wildlife and law enforcement officials at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department remind hunters with pump and semi-automatic shotguns that all such scatterguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity while hunting migratory game birds.

Quail hunters with unplugged guns and a dove in their bag are subject to citation by game wardens.

Few concentrations of doves have been noted across Texas. There are reports of numerous doves in the Trans-Pecos and some in South Texas.

Extensive rains in South Texas have scattered the birds and will make access to hunting areas difficult.

Bag and possession on doves during the winter remains the same as for fall seasons: 10 daily and 20 in possession.

Trout Are Stocked At Rita Blanca

AUSTIN -- The man who says fishing in Texas isn't worth the effort until spring never has fished for rainbow trout during the winter.

That's right, rainbow trout. Some 64,500 eight-inch rainbows were stocked by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in three accessible bodies of water during mid-December.

P&WD inland fisheries official Bob Bounds said bulk of the catchable-sized fish -- 35,500 --

went into the Guadalupe River immediately before Canyon Dam.

Another 22,000 were placed in the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Reservoir. The remaining 7,000 trout were stocked in Lake Rita Blanca south of Dalhart in the Panhandle.

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The only perfect game in World Series history was pitched by Yankee Don Larsen against the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1956.

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1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
2 or 3 tablespoons light or dark brown sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Peel and cut the squash open. Remove the seeds and the fibers. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Turn the squash into a buttered 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper, anise seed, cardamom and sugar. Drizzle with the butter and lemon juice. Bake without a cover in a preheated moderate oven (350 degrees) about 30 minutes or until tender. Makes 6 servings. From the splendid new "The Unabridged Vegetable Cookbook" by Nika Hazelton (Evans).

Scribbles AND Scratches

By **KERRIE STEIERT**
Women's Editor

NEW YEAR'S resolutions are boring to this writer, because it is widely expected that all of those well-intentioned goals will (and should) be broken before the spring thaw. Yet, perhaps the problem lies in the fact that when I hear other persons' resolutions, I somehow feel inadequate.

For example, someone is always declaring at this time of the year to lose weight. I look in the mirror and sigh, having been the same size since I was a sixth grader and still wearing velveteen poodles embossed on my skirts.

Then there are the ambitious housewives, who make me feel so pitifully undomestic that I carry a sack of ashes for weeks in penance. I hear about obnoxious plans to "clean out the attic, iron the linens each

week and learn how to weave her own blankets." I can counter these goals with such meager options as "find the attic, dust the bedsheets and weave a pot-holder for a Barbie doll."

It really irks me to be subjected to lucrative resolutions proposed by those gold-plated individuals who flaunt their filthy wealth. I was once discovered snarling and foaming at the mouth, after hearing a bejeweled guest of Johnny Carson list her New Year's resolutions. Fanning the camera crew with her false eyelashes, she purred "Well darling, I've been putting it off for months, but I just must get that tax payment off to the interal revenue so that they can add that new wing to the Capitol."

AT THE CUSP of every year, there's just too much pie-in-the-sky thinking. New Year's resolutions should be kept to a logical terrain so that they have some chance of being achieved.

Were I to make any resolutions this year, I'm certainly not going to strive to leap any tall buildings in single bounds. At best, I may plan to wash the dog, but if I don't get to it, there won't be any tears shed on my part. (I can't speak for the dog.)

I could possibly shampoo the rugs, but again, there's no gun to my head on that one either.

What I need is some really good vices, such as smoking, drinking or (as Jimmy confessed) lusting after somebody. Vices make terrific New Year's resolutions. You can proclaim that you've quit spending money foolishly, will never light another cigarette and will cut down on the cocktails.

I could resolve to give up "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman," but I think she needs all the support she can muster. Or, it might be appreciated if I would not leave my dagger-like fingernail files between the cushions of the couch. But, I ask you, how dull can you get?

LET IT NEVER be said that I had a grudge against self-improvement, but I figure if you have to wait for a certain date-in this instance Dec. 31 -- to make a change, there's not much hope that you'll succeed. But, if they work for you, get out your Big Chief pad and indelible ink pen and start resolving.

RAUSCHENBERG EXHIBIT WASHINGTON (AP) — The largest exhibition of the works of Robert Rauschenberg ever held is currently on display at the Smithsonian National Collection of Fine Arts. The exhibit contains approximately 150 works from the late 1940s to the present and includes some of his most famous works.

The exhibition will travel to the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo and the Art Institute of Chicago during 1977.

Owen-Johnson Vows Exchanged

A pair of tree candelabra lighted the chancel of Lakeside Baptist Church at Dallas Friday evening for the marriage of Miss Melinda Johnson and Wesley Newell Owen, both of Denton. Officiating was Dr. Carl J. Duck, pastor.

Votive candles and greenery were placed throughout the sanctuary, with special emphasis placed on the partition between the choir loft. A Unity candle symbolizing the couple's marriage was placed at the altar.

A student at Texas Women's University, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynell H. Johnson of Dallas. The bridegroom is presently attending North Texas State University and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Wesley B. Owen of 109 N. Douglas.

Serving as the bride's matron of honor was Mrs. James Wyse III of Garland while Kevin Evans of Canyon was best man.

Other bridal attendants included Miss Connie Lindgen of Dallas, Mrs. Jim Owen of Eulless and Miss Melissa Buchmeyer of Garland.

Groomsmen were Jim Owen, brother of the bridegroom, Marle H. Johnson of Duncanville, the bride's brother, and Danny Ray of Dallas, the bridegroom's cousin.

Wedding guests were escorted to their seats by John Kennedy of Dallas, Larry Justice of Denton and Sammy Winfrey of Gainesville. Justice and Winfrey lighted candles at the altar.

Principal musical selections chosen by the couple were performed by Maurie Hersh of Dallas. He vocalized "The Wedding Song" and "One Hand, One Heart" from West Side Story. Accompaniment was supplied by Mrs. Frank Pressly of Dallas at the organ, Alan Cox of Tyler with the trumpet and Mrs. David MacCorkler of Dallas with the flute.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length gown of ivory silk organza fashioned with empire waistline and delicate ruffles outlining the butterfly sleeves and V-neckline. Ornate motifs of Venise lace adorned the shepherdess bodice.

The long, flowing sleeves of organza were clasped at the wrist by double rows of pleated ruffles. Scalloped lace bordered her Chapel veil and sleeves. Tiny lace flowerettes dotted the full skirt, which swept to back fullness to form a Chapel train.

A Juliet cap of organza and Venise lace held her double-tiered veil of bridal illusion. She carried a bouquet of red and white silk roses with baby's-breath, cascading from a Mother of Pearl Bible from Jerusalem. Accenting her nose-gay were white picot ribbon streamers.

As an heirloom piece, the bride wore an antique gold locket fashioned in the early 1900's. The locket was given to her upon graduation from Bryan Adams High School at Dallas.

Carrying white fur muffs, the bridal attendants were attired in floor-length A-line dresses of red, satin-faced crepe. The gowns were styled with V-necklines and long sleeves with deep cuffs. Each wore a fur bandeau in her hair.

The wedding party greeted guests after the candlelight service in the church's Bryan Room. Miss Charlotte Brockman of Ennis was at the guest registry book.

The bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mark H. Johnson of Duncanville, served the four-tiered wedding cake, which was accented by red roses, bells and doves. Punch was ladled by Mrs. Kevin Evans of Canyon. Also assisting in the house party was Miss Juli Webster of Dallas.

The serving table, draped with red satin and a gathered lace skirt, was centered by a bouquet of red and white silk roses, flanked by crystal candlesticks. Crowning the cake were two ornamental doves nestled atop bells holding symbolic wedding rings.

For a wedding trip to Carlsbad and Ruidosa, N.M., Mrs. Owen wore a tailored red velvet jacket with multicolored plaid vest and matching skirt. Accenting her ensemble was a white rose corsage.

The couple will be at home after Jan. 12 at Denton, where they will continue their studies. The bride is majoring in special education at Texas Women's University. As a high school student, she was a member of the National Honor Society.

A 1973 graduate of Hereford High School, Owen is a senior at North Texas State University.

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By **CECILY BROWNSTONE**
Associated Press Food Editor

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EDNA STAEBLER'S HOT SLAW

1/2 of a medium head cabbage
1/4 cup butter
1 teaspoon salt
Plenty of pepper
1/2 cup sour cream
1 1/2 teaspoons cider vinegar
Slice the cabbage about 1/4-inch wide, then chop it a bit — but not fine, just so you don't have long strips to cope with; there should be 4 to 5 cups. In a large heavy skillet, melt the butter; add the cabbage, salt and pepper; stir over low heat until softened and hot but not really cooked — certainly not soft and mushy. Stir in the sour cream and vinegar. Serve at once. From "Food That Really Schmacks" — Menomotte Country Cooking" by Edna Staebler, this recipe was a great success when we tried it.

SUNDAY SUPPER

Salmon Loaf Baked Potatoes
Bacon Cucumbers Tomatoes
Brownies Beverage

BACON CUCUMBERS

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6 slices bacon
2 large cucumbers
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon sugar

In a 10-inch skillet slowly cook the bacon until crisp; drain on brown paper and crumble; keep hot; discard drippings. Pare cucumbers; slice each in half lengthwise; scoop out seeds and discard; slice cucumbers thin crosswise. In the clean, dry skillet melt the butter; add the cucumbers, salt and sugar; cook uncovered over moderate heat, stirring often, until wilted. Sprinkle with the bacon. Makes 4 servings.

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NEW YORK — (NEA) — America's Bicentennial turned out to be a vintage year for off-beat news.

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Her husband, taking a shower, ran in dripping, stepped on their dog, who leaped. The snake slithered under a cabinet, the husband knelt down to look for it, the dog touched the husband with its cold nose; the husband, thinking it was the snake, passed out cold. The wife phoned an ambulance, the husband said he was okay, the ambulance men insisted he might have had a heart attack and put him on a stretcher; as they lifted it, the snake came out again, one ambulance man dropped the stretcher, the husband fell out and broke his leg.



Making like Robin Hood, a Staten Island, N.Y., housewife repulsed an intruder with her husband's trusty bow and arrow. Husband John, a

hunter, was away when Mrs. Grace Lisk heard a prowler in the cellar. She grabbed one of John's bows, fitted an arrow, and let fly. The steel-tipped shaft hit the man in the shoulder. He yelled "Ouch," and fled. Mrs. Lisk ran to a neighbor who told police: "She was real excited."

A bumbling bank robber was nabbed when he fled from a bowery bank in N.Y. City and tried to stash his loot in a trash can behind a building. It turned out to be police headquarters and one of the men spotted and grabbed the robber... and the loot.



Living junkyard. That's what surgeons called the man they operated on at New York's Metropolitan Hospital. They suspected an abdominal tumor. What they found was over 500 metal objects, including 300 quarters, pennies, and subway tokens, can openers, parts of knives, forks, spoons, nuts, bolts, a chain and keys, and a broken

thermometer. The doctors reported the 38-year-old human vacuum cleaner suffered no internal damage.

A berserk bunny bugged service on London's central subway when he jumped into a cab and bit, clawed and scratched the driver. It happened on an elevated suburban stretch of track and tied up six trains.

Calcutta police had to kill a 14-foot python which was swallowing an owl (always a slow business) on an airport runway and delaying an Air India plane waiting to land.



A young man in Taipei, Taiwan, wrote 700 letters to his girl during the past two years, proposing marriage. His persistence brought results. A Taipei newspaper reported that the woman became engaged to the postman who faithfully delivered all the letters.

Another surprise ending hit John Gunset of Omaha, Neb., who was stranded on Interstate 74 near Crawfordville, Inc., after his car stalled. He broadcast a citizen's band radio call for help. A driver stopped on the other side of the highway, walked across, pulled a knife and robbed Gunset of \$54.

Bedford, England, contributed the story of Judge Robert Lymbery, who also suffered a surprise. The judge overruled a lower court's order that a 160-pound Great Dane be destroyed. Then he gave the dog a friendly pat.

The big beast promptly bit the judge's hand.

Customs officials in Munich, West Germany, nabbed five students brewing English beer in a university bathtub. They charged them with violating a medieval law guarding the purity of German beer.



The Seattle Fire Department computer, in its yearly report, said department personnel had delivered six babies, five to women and one to a man. "Either the computer goofed or one delivery made medical history," the department newsletter said.

The Philadelphia Flyers hockey team had Kate Smith; when she sang "God Bless America" the team always won. The Boston Red Sox had a witch to cast spells on other teams. Both "assistants" had successful but brief runs. In Tanzania, the National Soccer Assn. hired a witch doctor to accompany the team on out-of-town games. When the government, which takes such things seriously, found out, it fired the whole committee.

And finally, the usually sobersided Soviet Union contributed its share of zany news to 1976.



One Russian citizen copped what must surely be the all-time nepotism championship, putting more relatives on the payroll of the Ukraine Agricultural Academy than most folks have. Dean V. Yruchishin, investigation showed, hired no fewer than 160 of his relatives on his teaching staff. He was also accused of "borrowing" works from other scientists for his doctorate thesis and permitting widespread cheating. The Communist party paper Pravda reported his punishment: he was expelled from the party.

Truly hairy troubles were encountered by Mrs. Lidia Pavlova of Orsk, who now wears a wig. On a visit to far-off Alma Ata, near the Chinese border, she dropped into the "beauty" parlor at the railway station to have her waves restored after her long train trip. The Kazakhstan edition of Pravda reported that when she woke the next day she had neither curls nor half her hair. When she stepped into the street, the rest of her hair blew away with the breeze. The head cosmetician told her it wasn't unusual, it was a matter of chance whether his "special chemical treatment" produced a head of beautiful curls or a bald one.

The Brand Files

ONE YEAR AGO

The Deaf Smith County Juvenile Board was met with disappointment this week as the man they chose to become the county juvenile "probation officer" decided not to take the job. Beginning last year, the state instituted a new system of issuing new metallic license plates every five years and issuing rectangular stickers for the years inbetween. And 1976 is the first year in which the stickers will be used.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The continued growth of Hereford, reflected in its yearly building permit total, took a nose dive from the figure of a year ago but still finished with a healthy \$3.5 million for the 12 month period...The new requirements for all motor driven vehicles, especially vehicles over 80 inches wide and equipment requirements on farm trailers, still are causing some concern among area farmers.

TEN YEARS AGO

Construction plans were materializing this week for a new building to house the Texas Employment Commission in Hereford. The move will be an anti-climax to announcement this week that the Hereford office is a full capacity office, on equal basis with Lubbock and Amarillo as far as services offered is concerned...The Harlem Stars, world-famous funny men of the basketball court, are coming to Hereford to challenge the local talent.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Hereford's building--both residential and non-residential--topped the half-million dollar mark for 1951, records in the office of the city clerk show...Deposits in the two Hereford banks hit a combined all-time high at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1951, with \$9,430,804.21 on deposit...Coleman Robert Albracht, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Albracht, Route 3, is the first baby born in Deaf Smith County in 1952.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Sheriff Benton, a young man on a motor cycle and an officer in Frona, succeeded in landing two tire thieves in the Deaf Smith county jail last Sunday night...A.W. Gregg still claims the championship when it comes to goose hunting. Mr. Gregg says, "I dropped two geese each time on two successive shot and four at one shot." Not so bad for a young man with limited experience, but how about the two old boys who were with him?

Today In History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Jan. 2, the second day of 1977. There are 363 days left in the year.

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

On this date: In 1766, there was rioting in Savannah, Ga., against the British Stamp Act.

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

In 1900, the open door policy in China was announced by Secretary of State John Hay.

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

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

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed a bill requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour because of an energy crisis.

Ten years ago: South Vietnam informed Britain it would take part in a proposed British peace conference to end fighting in Vietnam, but rejection by North Vietnam was indicated.

Five years ago: Pakistan's major industries were nationalized, but the government said the move would not affect foreign investment.

One year ago: The Soviet Union hardened its stand on emigration despite the 1975

Helsinki agreement to permit freer movement of people and ideas in Europe.

Today's birthday: Opera singer Renata Tebaldi is 55.

The aquatic hydrilla plant can grow an inch a day until it reaches a length of 50 feet, reports National Geographic.

It belongs to the western Slavonic language group, part of the Indo-European language family.

Diamond mining as an industry had its origin in India between 800 and 600 B.C., and for the next 1,200 years, India was the only known source of the precious gems.

Lorelei is the name of a rock in the Rhine river with a remarkable echo. According to the myth, the Lorelei was a maiden who, in despair over a faithless lover, threw herself into the Rhine where she became a siren, luring men to their deaths on the rocks.

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Writer Captures The Walt Disney Essence

WALT DISNEY. By Bob Thomas. Simon & Schuster. 260 Pages. \$9.95.

An interesting thing about this book: whenever Walt Disney is quoted you hear his voice saying the words.

But why not? Is there anyone over six years of age who hasn't seen a Disney film and, in all probability, Walt Disney himself telling a little about the film?

Don't bet on it.

This is a book that almost every member of the family will enjoy, and for several reasons. First, of course, is that almost everyone has clear memories of Dumbo, or Bambi, or Grumpy, or Donald Duck, or some other Disney cartoon character. The creation of those characters is described by the author in a comfortable reading style. Also, however, this book will be enjoyed because it is quite simply a close view of an interesting human being.

Disney was more than just the creator of cartoon characters, he was the inspiration be-

hind the whole Disney organization, which grew from his singular effort into a giant studio, and subsequent founder of Disneyland and Disneyworld.

Bob Thomas has captured the essence of Disney as seen by viewers of his cartoons and films — a man continually in tune with family values and a person who remained the same before and after his success.

What is inspirational about Walt Disney, as revealed here, is his tenacity in clinging to his visions for cartoon films and the creation of Disneyland. He would not be deterred in following his visions through to fruition despite a lack of solid obstacles, especially financial ones. Oftentimes, what Disney wanted to do was a pioneering effort and financial backers were hesitant. But, he kept on plugging and the results are that millions of viewers of his films and visitors to Disneyland have been — and will continue to be — entertained.

Dudley Lehew
Associated Press



MRS. MARK BOWERS
...nee Anita Warren

Nuptial Mass Unites Amarillo Couple Here

The marriage of Miss Anita Rose Warren and Steven Mark Bowers, both of Amarillo, was solemnized by the Rev. Robert J. Norton, S.A., in St. Anthony's Catholic Church Thursday afternoon.

A former local resident, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Warren of 801 Baltimore. The bridegroom's parents are Bill Bowers and Mrs. Jane Chitty, both of Amarillo.

For the nuptial service, the sanctuary was decorated with a large bouquet of white chrysanthemums at the main altar, which was flanked by arrangements of gold roses, green carnations and cushion pompons.

Joyce Koozer of Alamosa, Colo., was matron of honor in her sister's wedding while Brad Bowers of Amarillo served his brother as best man.

Also attending the bride were her sister-in-law, Sue Warren of Canyon, and Mandy Green of Amarillo.

Groomsmen were brothers of the couple, Rod Bowers of Amarillo and Joe Warren of Canyon.

The bride's brothers, Jerry Warren of Yukon, Okla., Ken Warren of Amarillo and Ralph Warren of Hereford, were ushers.

Doug Warren, another of the bride's brothers, was acolyte during the nuptial Mass.

Miss Monica Warren was her sister's junior bridesmaid.

Larry Kuper vocalized "A Bridal Vow" and "Panis Angelicus" during the musical portion of the service with Carolyn Evers providing accompaniment at the organ.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a Princess line gown of chiffon-knit over bridal taffeta with beaded lace motifs applied on front and back skirt. Lace ruffles edged the Victorian neckline and deep yoke of Nottingham lace, hand-pearled on the bodice.

Pearls were also sprinkled down the length of her long, fitted sleeves, ending in a ruffle over her wrists. Matching Nottingham lace encircled the skirt hemline and Chapel train.

Rather than the traditional veil, the bride chose to wear a halo of babybreath, white roses and white carnations in her auburn hair. She carried a cascading bouquet of the same blossoms as in her hairpiece.

The bride's attendants were clad in dresses of cream-colored satin with tiny flower print. Each ensemble was completed by a green velvet cape and a coil of babybreath and greenery. They clasped nosegays of gold roses, babybreath, greenery, satin bows and streamers.

Fresh flowers adorned the wedding cake which was served to guests during the reception in Knights of Columbus Hall after the ceremony. The serving table's centerpiece was fashioned from gold roses, white carnations and greenery. Blossoms enhancing the cake were white roses, carnations and babybreath.

Guests were registered by the bridegroom's sister, Shauna Chitty, and Leona Warren, sister of the bride. Assisting the house party were Mrs. John Warren and Thelma Wethington of Nazareth.

For a honeymoon trip to Angel Fire, N.M., Mrs. Bowers chose to wear rust-colored Gaucho pants, coordinated print sweater and boots. The newlywed couple will be at home after Jan. 3 at Amarillo, where he is employed by Jim's Plumbing.

After graduation from Hereford High School in 1972, Mrs. Bowers attended West Texas State University. Her husband attended Amarillo High School.

In addition to local residents, guests attending the recent wedding were from Amarillo, Nazareth, Canyon, Alamosa, Colo., and Yukon, Okla.



Couple To Marry

Miss Sara Ricketts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Ricketts, 630 Avenue J, and Chris Wieck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wieck of Umbarger, will exchange wedding vows February 12. The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Hereford High School and the prospective bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of Canyon High School. He is presently engaged in farming with his father.

At Wit's End

By Erma Bombeck

"Wasn't it wonderful having our son home for the holidays?" I asked my husband.
"It certainly was," he smiled wistfully.
"I didn't realize we'd miss him so much. He's grown taller, hasn't he?"
"And looks a little too thin? I suppose a mother would notice those things before a father, wouldn't she?"
"How's he doing in school?" I asked. "He'd talk those things over with a father, wouldn't he?"
"Not really. He has matured quite a bit though, hasn't he?"

"A father would observe that right off the bat."
"If you want to know the truth," said my husband, "I never set eyes on the kid the entire three weeks he was home."
"You're kidding," I gasped.
"No, I thought I saw the back of his head once as he was backing the car out of the driveway, but I couldn't be sure. How's he doing?"
"I never saw him either."
"He WAS here, wasn't he?" asked my husband.
"Oh yes, I'm sure of that. I could see him mounded in the center of the bed. He'd get up around the crack of noon and take a shower and once I handed him the phone through the door."
"You actually saw him?"
"It was steamy, but I'm pretty sure it was him."
"Wait a minute," said my husband. "Does he have a gray sweater with three stripes on the sleeve? I think I saw him one night holding both refrigerator doors wide open like he was welcoming a convention."
"That wasn't our son, that was Mark."
"I wish I had known that. I apologized to him for not spending more time with him."
"It's a natural mistake. He was here the entire Christmas vacation. Wait a minute. There's the phone."
"Who was it?" asked my husband minutes later.
"Mark's mother. She wanted to know how her son looked and if he needed anything."
"Any news of our son?"
"He's fine and says he doesn't know if he can get home for spring vacation or not."
"How will we know for sure?" shrugged my husband.
"Just feel the hood of the car."

PATENT MILESTONE
WASHINGTON (AP) — The four millionth U.S. patent was expected to be issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in late December, according to Intellectual Property Owners, Inc. (IPO), a nonprofit public educational organization dedicated to preserving the patent system as an incentive to invention and innovation throughout the nation.

Among the 11 million documents which have been assembled into a patent file by the Patent and Trademark office can be found the disclosure of nearly every major technological advance which has occurred throughout the world during the 186 years since the first U.S. patent was granted. Also available are over 9 million patents of other nations and 1 million pieces of non-patent technological literature.

The file is used primarily by government patent examiners and the public as the principal resource in determining the novelty and patentability of inventions.

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| 1/2 t dry mustard | 1 c soft bread crumbs |
| 1 t water | 3 T butter, melted |
| 2 T butter | |
| 1 1/2 T flour | Mix mustard and water. Let stand. Cook broccoli. Melt butter and blend in flour then slowly stir in milk. Cook until medium thick. Add mustard, salt, pepper and lemon juice. Arrange drained broccoli in 10 X 5 X 2 inch baking dish. Flake tuna and add over broccoli; next a layer of cheese. Cover with sauce. Sprinkle bread crumbs blended with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. |
| 1 c milk | |
| 1/2 t salt | |
| 1/8 t black pepper | |
| 2 t lemon juice | |
| 1 (6 1/2 oz.) can tuna | |
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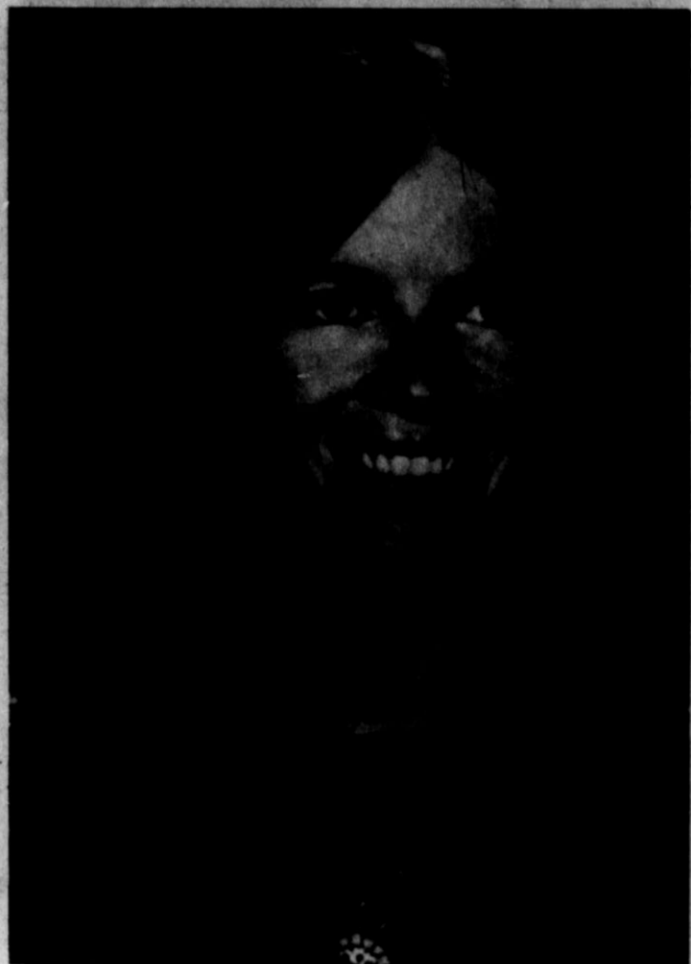
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Party To Honor Crusader

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fuhrmann will give a reception from 3-5 p.m. today in their home, 129 Ave. D, in honor of their daughter, Wanda Fuhrmann of San Bernardino, Calif. Friends are invited.

Miss Fuhrmann is being cited because of a recent appointment by the Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational concept in missionary work. She will depart this month for San Bernardino, where she will serve on a six-month U.S. field assignment. After this tenure, Miss Fuhrmann will travel overseas to offer special education for blind and deaf children in Africa. She will remain on that continent for approximately two years.

After graduation from Hereford High School in 1968, the local woman attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in education. She has taught deaf and blind children at Oklahoma City for four years.



WANDA FUHRMANN
joins Christian crusade

In preparation for her upcoming field assignment, Miss Fuhrmann received instruction from Agape International Training Center at San Bernardino.

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Barbs
By PHIL PASTORET
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Registration January 4, 1977 Hereford H.S. Cafeteria
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Calendar of Events

MONDAY
Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Temple, 7:15 p.m.
Rotary Club, Civic Club Center, noon.
Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.
Evening Lions, K-Bob's Steak house, 7:30 p.m.
TOPS Evening Chapter, Property Enterprises, 6 p.m.
Square Dance lessons begin at Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
Dawn Lions, Dawn Community Center, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Buffaloes 4-H Club, Community Center, 4 p.m.
Summerfield 4-H Club, Summerfield Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Young Homemakers of Texas, Pioneer Natural Gas Flame Room, 7:30 p.m.
La Plata Study Club, home of Mrs. Doug Bartlett, 8 p.m.
La Afflatus Estudio Club, home of Mrs. George Suggs, 3 p.m.

Baptist Women of Summerfield Baptist Church, to meet at the church at 9 a.m.
American Legion and Auxiliary, Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Kappa Iota Ritual Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, home of Mrs. Steve Jones, 7:30 p.m.
Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, First National Bank, 7:30 p.m.
Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter, Community Center, 8 p.m.
Rebekah Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.
Planned Parenthood Clinic open at 101 Ave. E from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Hereford TOPS Club 576, Community Center, 9 a.m.

Weight Watchers of First Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Singles group in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Free blood pressure and diabetes tests from 1-4 p.m. for senior citizens at former Central School

WEDNESDAY
Simms Study Craft Club, Simms community building, 1:30 p.m.
United Presbyterian Women's Association, lunch at church, noon.
United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, executive meeting at 10 a.m. in

Ward Parlor, followed by general meeting at 10:30 a.m. and covered dish luncheon in Fellowship Hall.
Noon Lions, Civic Club Center, noon.
Story hours for preschool children at Deaf Smith County Library, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Knights of Columbus at KC Hall, 8 p.m.

Psittacosis, or parrot fever, is an infectious disease transmitted to man by various types of birds. Although it is thought to be transmitted chiefly by parrots, it can also be spread by parakeets, pigeons and turkeys.

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It's our annual after-Christmas clean up sale, and the entire store is really brimming with bargains in every department. Hurry and be among the first to get best selection. Nothing has been spared to make this our greatest event of the year. Be sure Don't miss it.

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Ann Landers Happy New Year!



DEAR READERS: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

How did you feel when you got up this morning? Hung over? Depressed? Disgusted with yourself? Does your mouth taste like the bottom of a bird cage? Are you trying to read the paper through bloodshot eyes? Serves you right. You should have quit when you were ahead. You were ahead, of course, just before you started.

Not everyone admires total abstinence, however. One fellow expressed sympathy for

the blues when he said, "It must be horrible to get up in the morning and know that's as good as you're going to feel all day."

But here's a word of encouragement. You'll live. Time is your friend. By nightfall you'll know you're going to make it. As I was saying, "Happy New Year!" And now a few cheerful thoughts to help get you through the next few hours.

Your car has just depreciated \$640. Everything in your closet

is last year's.

The resolutions for 1976 -- all those promises you made to yourself -- to lose weight, quit smoking, get organized, talk nicer to your mother-in-law, walk at least a mile a day, save SOMETHING out of each paycheck -- they never materialized. But 1977 is going to be different. You're going to get places on time, clean out those drawers, catch up on all that back reading, write those letters, and acknowledge every Christmas card with a handwritten message.

So Happy New Year, everybody! Tomorrow is not only the beginning of a new year, it is the first day of the rest of your life. So make it count. Savor it! Relish it! It's precious! You'll never get a chance to pass this way again.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am only a teenager but I have something to say to that person who complained about long-winded telephone talkers. She signed her letter, "Calluses On My Ear."

Doesn't she realize that just listening to a person can be a big help? Even if you don't say anything but "Yes. Of course, oh, sure. You bet. You don't say so?" Many times I've heard my mom spend nearly an hour on the phone and not say any more than that. One day I asked her why she let a certain gabby old lady talk her ears off. Mom said, "That woman needs somebody to listen to her. She is very lonely. She needs to know that somebody cares. Listening to her puts me behind in my work, but it's worth it."

I learned a lot about living



HERITAGE SINGERS
...to perform here Friday

Choir Schedules Concert

The internationally known Heritage Singers of Howard Payne University will be presented in concert here Friday at First Christian Church. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The Heritage Singers will be on an eight day tour of three states.

Concerts will be performed in Artesia, Clovis, Albuquerque and Alamogordo, New Mexico, Hereford and Colorado Springs, Colorado. C. David Keith, Director of Choral Activities at the University, is the conductor of the group.

Howard Payne University, founded in 1889, is the second largest Baptist University in the state of Texas. From its beginning, the university has stressed the importance of academic excellence in a Christian setting.

Through the sponsorship of USO, the organization has toured Greenland, Iceland, and Newfoundland. Last year, Heritage Singers was one of five groups selected to perform at Freedom 76, a conference for 10,000 college students, young marrieds, military personnel and single adults sponsored by the inner agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. In June the organization will travel to Ottawa, Canada to participate in an international choral festival.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Dash Away, Dash Away! All we went.

The Catholic Church featured a Nativity Scene. Town shops were all radiant with decor. We crossed the creek and on up to Country Club Drive. One house was singled out as being occupied once by our own Mrs. Conaway. One original scene was of Santa playing a pipe organ out of the lawn.

We saw "Indian Territory" where Comanche and Cherokee Streets run. Two of the loveliest places were two miles north and beyond city limits. The Mall of course was in its festive dress.

We hasten to thank the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary and all others who helped in this "Christmasy" enterprise.

COOKING IS FUN
By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

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MORNING COFFEE
Spiced Bars Coffee
SPICED BARS
Coconut, oats and nuts give interesting texture.
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup butter or margarine
3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
One 3 1/2-ounce can flaked coconut
1 cup oats
1 cup chopped nuts
Stir together the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cream butter and sugar; beat in eggs and vanilla; gradually stir in the flour mixture, coconut, oats and nuts. Turn into a greased 9-inch square cake pan. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven until a cake tester inserted in center comes out clean -- 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

THE TOP TEN
Best-selling records of the week based on The Cash Box Magazine's nationwide survey
1. "Tonight's The Night," Rod Stewart
2. "Muskat Love," Captain & Tennille
3. "Love So Right," Bee Gees
4. "The Rubberband Man," Spinners
5. "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing," Leo Sayer
6. "You Don't Have To Be a Star," McCoo & Davis
7. "Nadia's Theme," DeVorzon & Botkin
8. "Stand Tall," Burton Cummings
9. "I Never Cry," Alice Cooper
10. "Nights Are Forever Without You," Dan & Coley

Comings And Goings At Kings Manor

Frances Dameron's guests Christmas Day were a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Travis M. Dameron, Amarillo, and Mrs. Jane Dameron of Hereford.

Zona Smith was made happy with a drop-in visit by her nephew, Morris Coggin and family on their return to their home. Morris is pastor of the Methodist Church in Rye, Colorado.

Virginia Rose was pleasantly surprised last Thursday by a visit with the Rev. Louis Shambeck and family from Midlothian, where he is pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Sue Coleman of Hereford was a dinner guest of Virginia-Rose on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Elkins from Tulla were guests of Mrs. Rose Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Don Davidson flew to

McAllen, to visit son Dr. Rondel Davidson, his wife, Judy and their three children. Dr. Rondel and his wife teach in The Pan American University there. Then Mrs. Don flew to Plano, suburb of Dallas, where she visited her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, the Bryan Forrester family. She will arrive home January 3, 1977.

Mrs. Rubey McLaughlin spent Christmas with other members of the family in Lubbock, and then on to Granbury. Everyone enjoyed being together.

Mrs. Ola Davis had as guests during holidays her brother, Homer Newton, and sister, Ivy Jackson, both of Dimmitt.

Roberta and Dewitt Seago enjoyed Christmas in Arlington with several of their children plus extra joy with grandchildren.

Guests in the Virgil Dodson home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Loudder of Otis, Colorado, and Opal Lee of Westgate.

Mrs. John Heard had as guests Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Koa, formerly of Tiawan, but now living in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Alpha Dugger's son from Albuquerque, New Mexico visited her during the Christmas Holidays.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AUXILIARY SPONSORS MANORITES TOUR OF LIGHTS

Mrs. Virgil Marsh and Mrs. Inez Albright activated a city tour for us to view Hereford decorated homes December 22 at 7 p.m. Two buses left The Manor. One bus with chair-lift facility was driven by our Dr. Seago with Mrs. Marsh serving as narrator. So "Dash Away,

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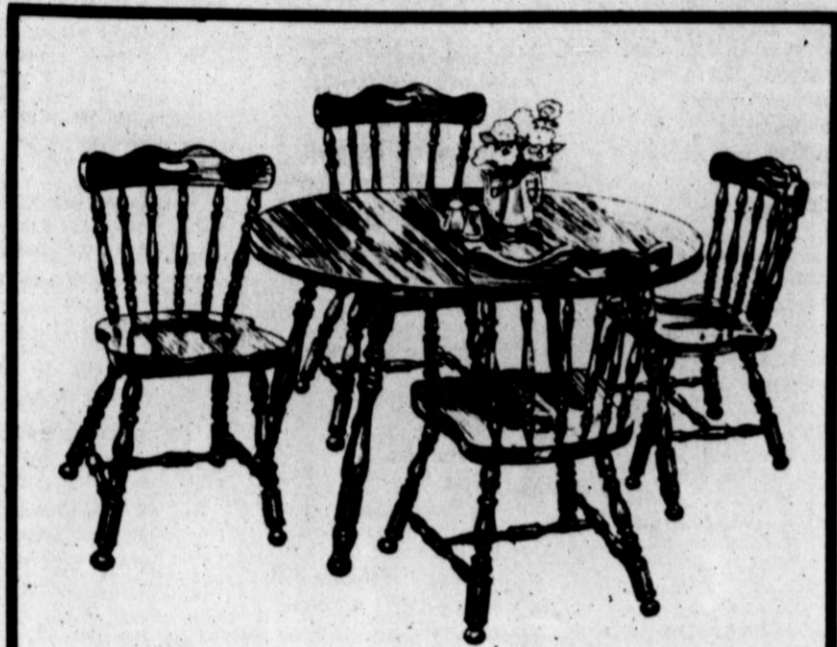
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SOFA & CHAIR \$342⁹²
Reg. '489**

Red Margo Velvet
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Reg. '459**

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3 PIECE SECTIONAL \$342⁷⁵
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Comics & Television Schedules



TV Dialogue

By Richard K. Shull

HOPE -- I've seen an actor named Jack Weston in several shows and think he's very funny and very good. He ought to have a show of his own. Has he been in TV long? S.K.G., Tulsa.

Weston had a series of his own years ago with the Marquis Chimps, and he's worked consistently in films and on stage. He's been appearing in Neil Simon's "California Suite" on stage, and he's due to make a pilot film for a possible CBS series.

MTM'S A LION -- Is Mary Tyler Moore going to retire from television when her series goes off at the end of this year? I hope not. I always liked her on Dick Van Dyke's old show and I love her in her own. K.N., Tulsa.

SUNDAY

MORNING

- 6:30 THE CHRISTOPHERS
PUBLIC POLICY FORUM
7:00 GOSPEL JUBILEE
FAITH FOR TODAY
7:30 DUSTY'S TREEHOUSE
AMERICAN RELIGIOUS TOWN HALL

- CAPITAL EYE
POINT OF VIEW
TREASURE CLUB
NEWSWORTHY
12:30 HANNA-BARBERA COMEDIES
REVIVAL FIRES
WALLACE WILDLIFE
THE INCREDIBLE BREAD MACHINE
ERNEST ANGLE HOUR

- FINANCING AND DEPRECIATION
SPRING STREET
NBC NEWS
NEWS
WORLD PRESS
W.A. CRISWELL HOUR

AFTERNOON

- 1:30 THAT GIRL
2:00 SUN BOWL
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS vs. APPALACHIAN STATE
DAVID WADE COOKING
A FAMILY AT WAR
GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE

- 3:00 A NEW GENERATION
3:30 WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS
BLACK PERSPECTIVE ON THE NEWS
HAPPY HUNTERS
VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA
JEANNE WOLF WITH "REDD FOX"

- 6:00 WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISNEY
"THE GOLDEN DOG"
ABC NEWS SPECIAL
"THE FAREWELL VISIT WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD"

EVENING

- 7:00 REX HUMBARD
BIG BLUE MARBLE
DIVINE PLAN
JERRY FALWELL
NEW ADVENTURES OF GILLIGAN

- 8:00 THE 1976-1977 "WHAT WAS WHAT WILL BE"
NBA GAME
Philadelphia 76ers vs. New York Nets

- 8:00 ABC SUN. NIGHT MOVIE
"W.W. And The Dixie Dance"

LATE EVENING

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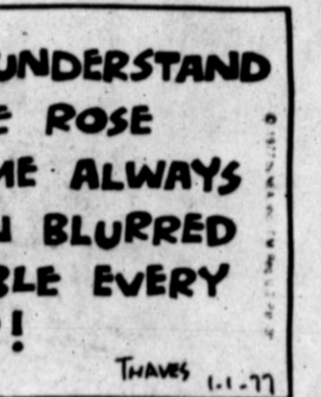
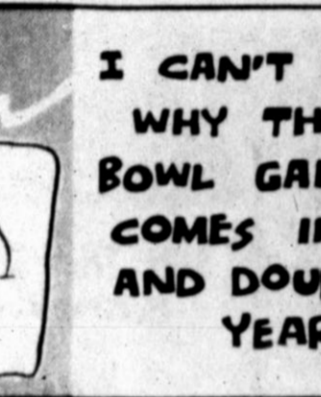
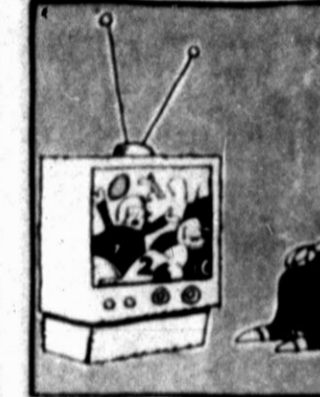


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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Word search puzzle with a grid and a list of words to find.

Alley Oop comic strip panel 1.

Alley Oop comic strip panel 2.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Our Boarding House comic strip panel 1.

Our Boarding House comic strip panel 2.

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DAYTIME

MORNING

- 6:15 ENGLISH KINDERGARTEN
6:30 LUCY SHOW
7:00 NEWS
7:30 MORNING REPORT
8:45 FARM AND RANCH
9:00 TODAY SHOW

- 10:00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
DICK VAN DYKE
DOUBLE DARE
THE FUGITIVE
ELECTRIC COMPANY
ANDY GRIFFITH
SHOOT FOR THE STARS

- 11:00 ACTS 20 PLUS (Thurs., Fri.)
LOVERS AND FRIENDS
ALL MY CHILDREN
SEARCH FOR TOMORROW
700 CLUB
NBC NEWS

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 NEWS
1:00 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
2:00 DAYS OF OUR LIVES
2:30 FAMILY FEUD
3:00 AS THE WORLD TURNS
3:30 CARTOON CARNIVAL

- 3:00 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (Monday)
PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING (Tu.)
THE ROCK (W.)
MANNA (Th.)
THE BIBLE (F.)
CBS NEWS
NAME THAT TUNE
DON HO

- 3:00 \$20,000 PYRAMID
AFTERNOON MOVIE
BIG VALLEY
THE DOCTORS
ONE LIFE TO LIVE
GUIDING LIGHT
ANOTHER WORLD
ALL IN THE FAMILY
DENNIS THE MENACE
GENERAL HOSPITAL
MATCH GAME
MAGILLA GORILLA
THE GONG SHOW
EDGE OF NIGHT
TATLETALES
FELIX THE CAT

LATE AFTERNOON

- 4:00 THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS
IRONBIDE
THIS IS THE LIFE (M.)
HI DOUG (Tues.)
CHARISMA (W.)

- 4:00 SESAME STREET
FATHER KNOWS BEST
HOLLYWOOD SQUARES
BEVERLY HILLBILLIES
HAZEL
7:00 CBS MORNING NEWS
SLAM BANG THEATRE
DEPUTY DAWG
WEATHER
NEWS, WEATHER
TODAY SHOW
GOOD MORNING, AMERICA
MIGHTY MOUSE
CAPTAIN KANGAROO
COMEDY CAPERS
LONE RANGER
NEWS
NEWS, WEATHER
TODAY SHOW
GOOD MORNING, AMERICA
DUSTY'S TREEHOUSE
MISTER ROGERS
LITTLE RASCALS
SANFORD AND SON
SESAME STREET
PRICE IS RIGHT
FAMILY AFFAIR

- 4:00 ONCE UPON A CLASSIC (Mon.)
VILLA ALEGRE (Tues., Thurs.)
CARRASCOLENDAS (Wed.)
POPEYE
LUCY SHOW
GOMER PYLE
THE RIFLEMAN
BANANA SPLITS
MISTER ROGERS
FAMILY AFFAIR
GILLIGAN'S ISLAND
GET SMART
FLINTSTONES
SESAME STREET
THE MONKEES
STAR TREK
PARTRIDGE FAMILY
THE REAL MCCOYS
GILLIGAN'S ISLAND
BRADY BUNCH
BRADY BUNCH
ANDY GRIFFITH
I LOVE LUCY
ZOOOM
PARTRIDGE FAMILY
NBC NEWS
ABC NEWS
CBS NEWS
DICK VAN DYKE
ELECTRIC COMPANY
HOGAN'S HEROES

MONDAY

DAYTIME MOVIE

- 1:00 "Count Dracula"

- 1:00 SECONDS TO PLAY
700 CLUB
PHYLLIS

- 1:00 MY THREE SONS
PUZZLE CHILDREN
ALL'S FAIR
LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
EXECUTIVE SUITE
MOVIE
A Countess From Hong Kong (1967) Marlon Brando, Sophia Loren
WARREN ROBERTS
THE WAY IT WAS
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE GAME
NO, HONESTLY
MOVIE (Continued)
TONIGHT SHOW

EVENING

- 6:00 NEWS
BEWITCHED
CARRASCOLENDAS
GARGOYLE, M.D.
ADAM-12
TO TELL THE TRUTH
BEWITCHED
MacNEIL/LEHRER REPORT

- 6:00 "Panic Ulares"
NBC MOVIE
Judge Horton And The Scottsboro Boys (1976) Arthur Hill, Vera Miles. A respected Alabama jurist reluctantly agrees to preside at the retrial of nine young black men sentenced to death for the rape of two white women. (R)
ABC MON. NIGHT
"Green Eyes" (1976) Paul Winfield, Rita Tushingham. Disillusioned and uncertain about his future, a young Vietnam veteran journeys back to Southeast Asia where he desperately searches for the son he left behind. (R)
MAUDE

- 6:00 MOD SQUAD
MOVIE ELEVEN
Nightmare In Chicago (1967) Robert Ridgley, Charles McGraw
INCREDIBLE BREAD MACHINE
DAN AUGUST
"The Murder Of A Small Town" When a girl dies in the crash of a bus carrying Mexican-American children to an Anglo school, Dan August decides to investigate a possible homicide. (R)
TOMORROW
Snyder does the entire program aboard a moving train on the "Last Run Of The Blue Comet Nostalgia Special." Guests include Olive Jensen and E.M. Frimbo.
DRAGNET
NEWS

LATE EVENING

- 7:00 LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE
"Blizzard" A sudden, bitter snowstorm traps some of Walnut Grove's children, including Laura, Mary and Carrie Ingalls, as they are on their way home from school.
RHODA
Rhoda throws a memorable New Year's Eve party with a wildly improbable Halloween touch.
GUNSMOKE

- 7:00 THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS
IRONBIDE
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Joyce's Journal

BY JOYCE SHIPP
Deaf South County
Extension Agent

"STORING LEFTOVER CHRISTMAS SWEETS"

When the family can't eat another bite of Christmas cake, don't throw it out—freeze it.

Proper packaging and freezing will help maintain good eating quality until the family's hungry for sweets again.

Always use moisture-vapor proof materials such as sheets of freezer paper, heavy aluminum foil, certain plastic wraps, or glass, metal and rigid plastic containers.

Ordinary waxed papers, household aluminum foil and cartons for cottage cheese and ice cream should not be used because they are not moisture-vapor proof or resistant.

Cakes made by a standard recipe freeze well. Those containing fat may dry out slightly after two months, and flavor changes may be expected after four months. Angel food, yellow sponge, chiffon and fruit cakes will keep satisfactorily to one year.

Thaw cakes in their original wrappings to prevent formation of moisture on the surface of the cake. A large cake will thaw in

about two hours at room temperature.

For frosted cakes, uncooked confectioner's sugar frostings freeze best. The fat ingredient help keep frostings from drying out and forming crystals. Candy-type frostings such as fudge can be frozen up to three to four weeks. Boiled and other soft frostings containing egg whites and cream fillings are not suitable for cakes to be frozen.

Fresh fruit, pumpkin, mince, chocolate and lemon chiffon pies freeze successfully. Custard pies do not freeze well and meringue toppings tend to toughen, shrink and stick to the wrappings.

To thaw baked fruit pies simply remove the wrapper and heat immediately in a 375 degree F. oven for 30 minutes. Allow chiffon pies to thaw at room temperature before serving. Pies can be stored in the freezer for two to three months.

Bar, dropped, rolled and refrigerator type cookies may be frozen for six to 12 months. Recipes high in fat and low in moisture freeze best. Thaw cookies in original containers at room temperature.

Baked yeast cakes and breads freeze well if the recipe has a fairly large amount of fat and sugar. Thaw frozen bread in wrapping at room temperature. Fully-baked yeast breads can be stored up to two months in the freezer.

MODIFYING EATING HABITS TO LOSE WEIGHT

Individual eating habits may be the reason for overweight and obesity.

It's true that the only way to lose weight is to cut down on calories consumed—but many times changing eating habits makes it easier to cut down calories.

First, know what and when you eat. An "eating diary" is one way to do this. List in detail every food and drink you put in your mouth (including amounts and how it was cooked), the time of day and what you were doing over a 24-hour period. Then look at the record and analyze it.

Figure total calories. Remember you must reduce calories by 500 daily to lose one pound a week, and to lose two pounds a week, reduce daily calorie intake by 1,000.

Check your weight and post it on a graph. Set a realistic goal based on losing one to two pounds a week. Record weight every two to three days, being

sure to weigh at the same time each day.

Look at your eating patterns—when and where you ate. Did you eat when you were bored, angry, tired or happy? Following these preliminary steps, you are ready to embark on a new venture to control your own eating habits.

Here are some suggestions:
—Always eat sitting down in the same place at home.
—Try to leave several bites on your plate at the end of the meal.

—Serve your plate in the kitchen with small portions and avoid seconds.
—Have someone else put away leftovers at the end of the meal.

—Serve food on a slightly smaller plate and spread food out to portions look larger.
—Eat slowly and enjoy eating. Put your fork down after each bite until you have finished chewing.

—Shop for groceries after a meal—never when you are hungry.

Britain Reports High Infant Mortality Rate

By GRAHAM HEATHCOTE
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) - Thousands of babies die needlessly in Britain every year because medical services have not learned to cope with such changing family concepts as single parents and working mothers, a government-appointed committee says.

After taking testimony for three years, the Committee on Child Health said that more children die in the first year of life than in the succeeding 24 years.

In every 1,000 births in England and Wales, the report said, 11 children are stillborn, 11 die in the first four weeks, and 16 fail to reach their first birthday.

The report, titled "Fit for the Future," said that Sweden, France, Japan and Finland are among the countries with lower infant mortality rates than Britain.

One child in four is reared in a home that is overcrowded or without basic amenities, the report said. It added that society does not seem to have adjusted to being "industrial, urban, multiracial" and subject to "continual change."

The report claims the state-run National Health Service and society in general have failed to meet the modern challenges of single parents and working mothers. It said the parent's social class is a big factor in determining whether the child will stay healthy and survive its early years.

In the first month of life, the death rate among the children of

unskilled workers is twice that among the children of professional classes, and the gap has widened steadily in the last 25 years, the report said.

More than a million children are being cared for by single parents in Britain, the report said.

Donald Court, professor emeritus in child health at the University of Newcastle, chaired the 25-member committee.

He told The Associated Press in an interview: "Infant mortality in this country has been halved in the last 25 years but our mortality rate has not fallen as rapidly as in some other countries, where the standard of living has risen faster than ours and more is spent on children."

"Doctors, child health services, hospital and consultants - senior specialists - have not adapted to the new pattern of health. We are no longer submerged in infectious illness, but we are subjected to strains and tensions unknown 25 years ago."

"Divorce is up and depression among young mothers is widespread, perhaps 40 per cent in the working class, with one in six showing psychiatric disorders."

To combat the problems, the committee makes more than 200 recommendations in its report, calling for radical changes in health services, more preventive work and health education for the young. Court estimated the proposals would require 1,000 more family doctors and 350 more pediatricians.



By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures
What's new on the market?

THE PRODUCT - A heat pump with a computer controlled system.

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are more reliable and precise than other automatic devices and less susceptible to malfunctions.

THE PRODUCT - A system for preventing explosions of containers holding flammable liquids and gases.

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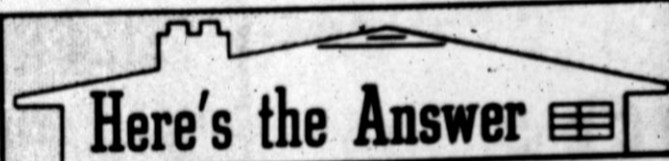
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Q - We have a child who is still in the crawling stage. To avoid the possibility that he might push something into the electric outlets on the various baseboards, we bought those little inserts that fit into the outlets and must be removed before electric plugs can be put into the outlets. It helped for a while, but now he has learned how to take them out. Is there some other safety measure we can take?

A - Buy the special outlets which must be turned by hand before plugs can be inserted into them. Of course, these will have to be installed in place of the old ones. Turning them requires a certain amount of strength which children of that age do not have. Nothing, though, will take the place of training the child to stay away from the outlets.

Q - Here is a tip you can pass along to your readers. I have one of those spray guns for paint, the small type that is used around the house. I always found it difficult to clean the paint out of the tip until I discovered that it is easy to do if you use a straw from a broom. It works perfectly without any chance of damaging the equipment.

A - Thanks.
Q - Can I install mosaic tiles directly on a hardwood floor?
A - Yes, if the floor is level and smooth.

Q - In using a file, is the pressure applied on the forward stroke?
A - Always and only on the forward stroke. When you pull the file back towards you, it should not touch the work. There is a special type of filing with a special file which cuts both forward and backward, but this is something you are not likely to be doing for the time being.

Q - I have had excellent success finishing the top of a coffee table with lacquer, which I put on after taking off all the old finish. I have heard that such finishes can be made more satiny by sanding with a waterproof sandpaper, which I had never heard of but which I now see is sold in our local hardware store. Is there anything I should know about using this sandpaper and will it work on lacquer?
A - Yes, it can be used on lacquer. It can be used with either water or a light lubricating oil.

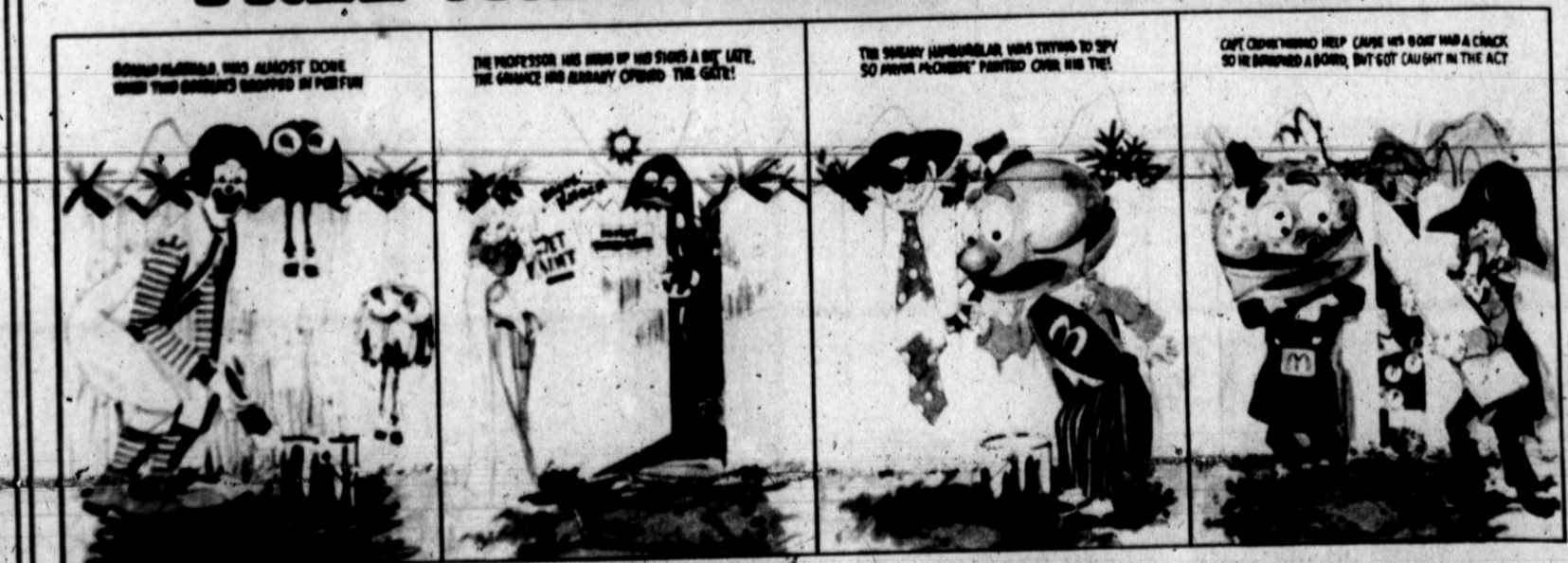
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Surpluses Darken Grain Market Outlook

Livestock Producers May Be In Improved Position During 1977

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A major question facing farmers in 1977 in addition to the usual weather problems is what will happen to commodity prices if huge harvests of wheat and corn materialize again.

The question is further complicated by how the new Carter administration may seek to remedy plunging market prices for the major grain crops and how Congress will respond in drafting new general farm legislation.

President-elect Carter told farmers in his campaign last fall that he wanted improved government price supports to help them cover the costs of producing.

Congress, although generally in bipartisan support of existing programs authorized by the

1973 law covering wheat, corn, other feed grains and cotton, may go along with some increase in price support rates. But aides say probably no basic or radical changes will be made.

The present programs from those crops expire with the 1977 harvests. Many farmers have complained bitterly about Ford administration reluctance to increase price supports substantially to help offset declining grain prices.

Huge grain harvests the past two years also have been coupled with a surplus of beef cattle. But farmers and ranchers have thinned out their breeding herds dramatically in the past couple of years, and Agriculture Department experts now say cattle prices -- and consumer beef prices -- will gradually increase in 1977.

Measured in general terms, 1976 was a moderately good year for net farm income. At an estimated \$24 billion for the year, this was up slightly from \$22.7 billion in 1975 but fell well below the marks of \$27.8 billion in 1974 and the record of \$29.9 billion in 1973.

Perhaps most alarming to farmers was what happened to market prices in the wake of two giant grain harvests back-to-back in 1975 and 1976.

Sharp declines in wheat and corn prices, along with the depressed cattle market -- and sagging hog prices toward the end of 1976 -- buckled USDA's farm price index sharply since last summer.

In November, following four consecutive months of decline, the price index was 6 per cent below what it was in the same month of 1975, including a 10 per cent tumble in the prices of

corn and other livestock feed grain and a 31 per cent drop in combined wheat and rice prices.

On a much brighter side, the superabundance of grain, beef, poultry and other commodities helped ease spiraling retail food costs in 1976 for the second year in a row.

Taken as a 12-month average, USDA said retail food prices rose only 3 per cent in 1976, compared with an 8.5 per cent increase in 1975 and annual gains of 14.5 per cent in each of the two previous years. Officials said 1977 food prices probably will go up an average of 3 to 4 per cent, fanned partly by higher beef prices and continuing higher middleman costs for processing and distribution.

Rex F. Daly, USDA's Outlook and Situation Board chairman, says the development of 1977 crops -- beginning with winter wheat planted last fall and corn, soybeans and other crops to be sown this spring -- will have a large bearing on how farmers plan their livestock programs over the next year or so.

Assuming that farmers will see a slower rise in production expenses, Daly tentatively estimates 1977 net farm income -- the money farmers have left over after paying expenses -- may be in the range of \$23 billion to \$25 billion, or about the same as it was in 1976.

"If crop output is maintained around the level of the past two years and livestock numbers decline as expected, producers of livestock products may be in a stronger income position compared to 1976 and relative to the crop producer," Daly told a recent outlook conference.

Experts have been the mainstay of improved prices for farmers -- notably those who raise wheat and corn for the cash market -- for the past four years.

Department experts say there will be some decline in exports in 1976-77, largely because of large grain harvests in the Soviet Union and other areas this season. Still, shipments abroad are expected to be worth a near-record of about \$22 billion, just slightly below the peak of \$22.1 billion in 1975-76.

A series of embargoes during the Ford-Nixon Administrations infuriated many farmers who felt the curbs helped depress market prices for their wheat, corn and soybeans.

Despite predictions of another good export year, farmers simply are capable of raising much more grain than is normally needed to supply domestic and foreign markets.

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Accident Survey To Be Conducted

If one of your neighbors calls on you soon carrying some bright colored questionnaires, help him out. He will be one of the volunteer interviewers assisting Deaf Smith County and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in conducting a farm and ranch accident study.

The need for accident prevention activities is urgent in agriculture. But we need to know more about "what," "how," and "why" farm and ranch accidents are occurring before we can attack the problem. Presently there are over 200 farm and ranch deaths and 4,000 disabling injuries occurring every year in Texas.

Volunteer interviewers among your neighbors will make their first contact with farm families in Deaf Smith County in January to complete a data sheet which includes information such as type of farming operations, number and age of family members, present condition of health, and other factors which may have a bearing on accidents. The interviewer will then check back with each farm family every three months during 1977. If during each quarter no accident has occurred, no further questions will be asked. If an accident has occurred during the period, the interviewer will complete a questionnaire designed to probe the cause of the accident. State-wide accident

data will then be summarized. Upon completion of the study - accident prevention materials will be prepared for distribution throughout the state.

The study will provide many benefits to farmers and ranchers: It should help avoid bad farm legislation. Results from the study can be used by the agricultural community to respond to proposed safety and health standards to check whether they are justified and assure that they are realistic and practical.

Study findings may help manufacturers identify and eliminate unsafe machine designs and will help develop

improved safety training programs for 14 and 15 year old youths participating in safe machinery operation programs carried on by 4-H, FFA, and others.

A primary purpose of the study is to provide information on major farm safety problems so that guidelines can be established, priorities can be set, and resources allocated in educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

There may be a further benefit in the area of insurance costs too.

Meat Board Examines Vegetarianism Claims

CHICAGO - The livestock and meat industry has prepared a careful examination of vegetarianism. "Meat and the Vegetarian Concept." It's the second in a series of Meat and Health leaflets published by the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

"The Meat Board has no quarrel with any individual who chooses a vegetarian lifestyle," states Meat Board President David H. Stroud. "But charlatans and self-styled nutrition adventurists who distort scientific data in order to hawk their own nostrums or ideas ought to be called to task. The transition from a meat-centered diet to a meat-restricted or vegetarian diet is made to seem simple. Good health and longer life are promised."

"The overall effect, unfortunately, is more likely that of promoting food faddism and nutrition quackery, higher grocery bills and complicated meal planning. The result can be poor nutrition for the individual or an entire family."

"Meat and the Vegetarian Concept" presents the meat-centered diet as a moral, convenient, economical way to obtain proper nutrition.

The leaflet also discusses the historic, religious, social, moral, health, economic and technological issues involved in the vegetarian concept. And it responds to a number of anti-meat claims made by supporters of the vegetarian concept.

Many converts to vegetarianism claim to "feel better" on a non-meat diet. "These feelings probably do exist," Stroud said, "but not for the reasons they believe. It is more likely that this new attention they are paying to themselves -- with lower calorie intake,

possibly more exercise and sleep, reduction of body weight and probably more vitamin or mineral supplements -- has a great deal more to do with the 'improvements.'"

The pamphlet points out the nutritional shortcomings possible with a vegetarian diet: insufficient amounts of high-quality protein; lack of calcium, iron and vitamin D; a tendency toward vitamin B 12 deficiency and pernicious anemia; and an increase in malnutrition.

In place of an all-meat or all-vegetable diet, the Meat

Board recommends a diet comprised of the basic four food groups -- meat and other protein sources, dairy products, fruits and vegetables, and breads and cereals -- in order to obtain the recommended amounts of protein, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients.

For a copy of "Meat and the Vegetarian Concept" send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 (business-sized) envelope to National Live Stock and Meat Board, Dept. VC, 444 N. Michigan, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Lubbock Man Ordered To Cease Violation Of Packers, Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON--Billy Leese, former owner-manager of Farmers and Ranchers Commission Co., a stockyard at Lubbock, Tex., has been ordered to stop violating fair trade practice requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports.

Leese is now registered as a market agency to buy on commission and as a livestock dealer. He purchases livestock throughout west Texas, western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico. He is not involved in the ownership or operation of the stockyard at Lubbock at this time.

Leese consented to issuance of the order and waived oral hearing. He neither admitted nor denied the charges in an administrative complaint filed by USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration. Administrative Law Judge Victor W. Palmer ordered Leese to cease and desist from:

-- Maintaining any account to finance independently operated and separately registered dealers; and

-- Being a guarantor on any loan made by a bank for the purpose of financing the purchase of livestock to be sold in commerce.

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Crossbreeding Beef Cattle Results Predicted

Hybrid vigor, one result of crossbreeding, can give beef producers a number of advantages. In some instances, it can result in faster production of quality beef at lower cost.

So the consumer has a real stake in the cattlemen's growing interest in crossbreeding with both domestic and "exotic" or foreign breeds. But the producer needs to know what advantages he can expect when he crosses breed "x" with breed "y."

A major limiting factor in research on beef cattle crossbreeding is the long generation interval (length of time required for breeding and growing out calves). Research scientists of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are seeking ways to predict outcome of different crossbreeding programs.

Dr. Tom Cartwright heads a program for the Experiment Station which uses computers to simulate actual production and predict outcome.

A mathematical model of a herd is devised, using functions developed in eco-

nomics, genetics, nutrition, and other areas applicable to cattle production. The model's predictions are then tested against real cattle at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research Center at McGregor.

"In this way, the bits and pieces of isolated scientific information can be useful to the producers," says Cartwright.

The production of beef cattle is subject to many rapidly changing conditions. The cost of feed, price of fed beef, growth patterns of different breeds, efficiency in converting feed to usable meat, and availability of foodstuffs are some of the influences on beef cattle production. Production decisions, which previously were based on educated guesses, can now be based on computer simulation of actual production.

Dr. Cartwright and his co-workers have developed a mathematical model for computer simulation of reproductive performance of cows and heifers. The effects considered in the model are age, weight, weight gain, mature size potential, lacta-

tion (milk production) status, and time since last calving.

All of these effects in the model interact with past or present nutritional levels and genotype (breeding) for size, which includes potential for rates of gain and maturing. The model was validated by comparisons with research results and was found to correspond closely in all cases tested.

Simulation results indicated large differences in conception rates due to past and/or present nutrition and nutritional requirements. These results emphasize the reproductive performance which can be achieved by attention to the different nutritional requirements of cows and heifers due to their age and weight, and lactation and growth requirements.

The lifetime nutrition of a cow or heifer in relation to her past and potential production level is important. The nutritional requirements for milk production and growth, especially in young cows and heifers, interact with the quantity and quality of past nutrition

and presently available nutrients to affect the age or time since calving at which they will conceive.

Cartwright feels that the time has arrived for a greater interest in input-output relationships and the interconnecting components of production systems. There is a need for a systematic, objective method for examining efficiency of livestock production systems and for synthesizing more efficient production systems.

The process of setting objectives can provide the animal breeder with an opportunity to scientifically organize knowledge and greatly increase understanding of the total production system. The result could be increased production at lower costs, tailored to each set of production conditions.

Early Milkers Not Productive



Cows of the Colonial farmer were a far cry from the prolific milk producers which are found on today's modern dairy farms.

Milk yields were extremely low. Israel Acrelius, a farmer and writer of the time, reported in 1759, "Where the pasture is fair, a cow does not give less than two quarts of milk at a time - that is, twice a day." Cows today commonly produce 25 quarts a day. And it's not unusual for a cow to produce 50 quarts in a day and some exceptional animals have produced 75 and more quarts in a single day.

There was not much improvement in Colonial cows until after 1790, when farmers began to produce forage crops in more abundance. As the half-starved animals ate better, the production of milk gradually began to increase. Around 1800, more attention to the breeding of dairy cattle began to have an effect on milk production.

The Scientists Tell Me... Australia and Texas To Share Grassland-Know-How

Texas and "down-under" countries, Australia and New Zealand, are expected to benefit from an informal exchange of research information. Like Texas, these countries have an agricultural industry based heavily on livestock production.

They also have a wide range of climatic conditions. But unlike Texas, their livestock industry is based on pasture production of sheep and cattle. Our system depends on pastures to furnish cattle for fattening in feedlots.

Productivity of Texas grasslands has been boosted in the past by liberal use of low-cost fertilizers. Now, increased costs of both fertilizers and feed grains make it obvious Texas is going to have to rely more on forage-produced livestock.

Recently, Australian and Texas scientists involved in grassland research exchanged visits in order to coordinate the obtaining and sharing of research results. Three scientists involved in this kind of research with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) inspected research facilities in Australia and New Zealand.

"The Australians have always had an animal industry based on pastures," accorded Dr. Richard Weaver, soil microbiologist with the Experiment Station. "This is because nitrogen fertilizer has always been too expensive for profitable use on pastures, and feed grains were too scarce to encourage feedlots."

"We saw legumes that the Australians have adapted so they're nearly as productive as nitrogen-fertilized grasses."

"The Australians have made world-wide collection trips to discover legumes that would be suitable for their use. They have been so successful at this that they

have adapted legumes for areas of Australia as arid as San Angelo or as wet as Beaumont.

"We are testing legumes from parts of Australia comparable to Texas to determine their adaptability," Weaver said. "Some varieties of subterranean clover have particular potential as a legume that can reseed itself year after year on heavy grazing."

The Australians point out certain management practices that are a must for a productive legume pasture.

One is to supply, at planting, the bacteria needed by the plant to fix its own supply of nitrogen. They have de-

veloped several special inoculation methods that are particularly useful in providing good inoculation of the seedlings.

Another management practice the Australians use is phosphate fertilization. Most of their soils are deficient in phosphorus, and they use plentiful amounts of superphosphate.

But rock phosphate is cheap and abundant. Normally, rock phosphate doesn't provide enough plant-available phosphorus for good plant growth, so the Australians are investigating the possibility of inoculating the rock phosphate with bacteria that will dissolve it in

the field.

Still another approach to maintaining efficient forage production in Australia is to develop grasses with roots able to "fix" their own nitrogen from the air.

Some grasses were found that were being supplied with nitrogen from bacteria on their root surfaces. This occurred infrequently but the Australians think it is worth doing research on because of the potential benefit to the livestock industry.

A real eye-opener for an agronomist who made the trip, Dr. F. M. Rouquette, was the legume production in arid areas.

"For Texas as a whole this is probably their most interesting area of research. Whether or not this may fit into the Edwards Plateau parts of Texas needs further evaluation," Rouquette said. "But they have quite a bit of legume production in such a climate."

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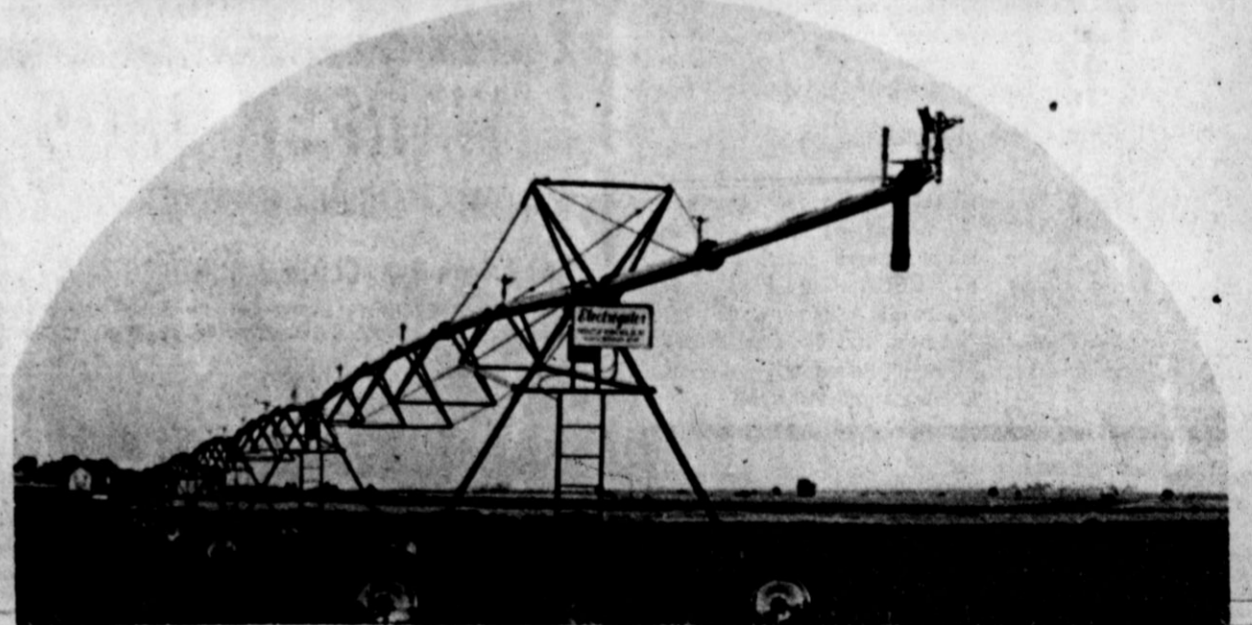
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Improved Wheat Strains Mean Additional Income For Farms

BUSHLAND - Wheat varieties developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station were grown on 41 per cent of the Texas acreage or 2.5 million acres in 1974 according to Dr. K.B. Porter, Experiment Station wheat breeder. He made these remarks recently at the Texas Farm Bureau meeting in Fort Worth.

"We have made many improvements in wheat varieties in the past 10 years" he continued. These improvements mean additional six million dollars annually to Texas farmers. In addition to higher yields, new varieties have better disease resistance, better test weight, lodging resistance, shatter resistance and less straw.

Sturdy is the most popular variety developed by Texas scientists and is grown on about one million acres in the state. It was the first semi-dwarf hard red winter wheat released in the U.S. Tascosa, an older tall variety, is grown on 0.5 million acres. Its popularity hinges on the fact that it does well on dryland and is resistant to shattering by hail. Tam W-101, a recent addition to the Texas short wheat family is rapidly finding a place.

Dr. Porter, who does his research at the USDA Research Center at Bushland, pointed out that it takes a lot of effort to improve wheat and other small grain varieties. To accomplish this, Texas A&M University has scientists working at several

locations in the state.

Norris Daniels, Entomologist, works at Bushland and helps with insect and disease resistance studies. Scientists at College Station and 20 other locations contribute to small grain improvements.

"Texas varieties have found a place in other states", Porter said. In 1976, 27 per cent of Oklahoma wheat acreage was sown to short statured varieties released from Texas. Tam W-101 and Sturdy are grown in four per cent of Kansas wheat acreage. "It all adds up to the fact that wheat varieties released by TAES were grown on five million acres in 1976", the wheat breeder stated.

About one-half of the wheat grown in Texas was developed in other states. Cooperation

with plant breeders from other states benefits Texas farmers. Texas scientists can evaluate varieties from other states for two to four years prior to their release. Scout and Centurk, from Nebraska, Eagle and Sage from Kansas and Osage from Oklahoma are well adapted to the High Plains of Texas. Baca from Colorado and Rall from Oklahoma like Scout and Eagle have tolerance to wheat streak mosaic. Sage and Osage have Scout and Agent as parents. They inherited leaf-rust resistance from Agent.

Lindon is a new variety released by Colorado in 1975. Lindon is short and has excellent yields under high production using adequate fertilizer and irrigation. Larned is a heissen fly resistant Scout. Lapota was released in 1975 jointly by Nebraska and Texas, and has potential of producing one to two percentage points, more protein than other hard winter wheat varieties, Porter pointed out.

"Researchers are always enthusiastic about the future" Porter said, "and results of our interstate test in 1976 really excite me". Sage, Centurk and Scout along with 23 experimental hard red winter wheat varieties were grown at 21 locations in the Great Plains.

"In 1976, one of our experimental lines was the highest yielder in the test", the Texas researchers pointed out. Texas experimental lines that yielded over 100 bushels and beat Centurk and Tam W-101 by 25 to 30 bushels per acre in irrigated trials at Bushland according to Porter.

The wheat breeder pointed out that soft wheats have yielded well at Dallas and up to 28 per cent more than Sturdy at Temple. Poor baking quality is the drawback of soft wheats and lower price may offset high yields in these areas.

Mexican spring wheat are best adapted to El Paso and South Texas. However with similar inputs of water and fertilizer, winter wheat planted in the fall will yield up to 50 per cent more than spring wheat in the Panhandle. "In fact", Porter said, "Sturdy planted in January yields about the same as spring wheat."

Wheat hybrids may be on the horizon according to the scientist. Last year five Texas hybrids and nine commercial hybrids were compared to five good varieties at several locations in Texas. Three of the varieties outyielded the best hybrid. "Research is needed to

find more productive hybrids", the Experiment Station scientist stated.

Many disease and insect problems plague wheat producers. Wheat streak mosaic virus, which is spread by the microscopic Wheat Curl Mite, can be devastating in the Panhandle. Mites spread from corn or voluntary wheat to planted fields. University scientists in Oklahoma and South Dakota have released breeding material that has some resistance to the virus. Texas A&M scientists have crossed lines from Texas on the Oklahoma and South Dakota material. This winter we are evaluating our crosses for tolerance to the virus. "In the near future we hope to have high yielding winter wheat varieties that are resistant to wheat streak mosaic virus", Porter speculated.

After 25 years of searching, plant breeders have found greenbug resistance in a few lines of barley, oats and rye. The resistance in rye has recently been transferred into a wheat for breeding purposes by Dr. Emil Sebesta, USDA Cytogeneticist in Oklahoma. "This is a big step toward greenbug resistant wheats in the future", the scientist reported.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher has been evaluating and breeding triticale since 1968. In 1976,



Dr. K.B. Porter, Texas Agriculture Station Wheat Breeder from Bushland

Farmers Getting More Watchful As Rural Crime Rate Increases

WASHINGTON (AP) - The crime rate in rural areas is increasing about as fast as in the cities, but there is still some difference in the offenses. More cattle rustling than muggings, for example.

But the Agriculture Department says rural police - meaning small-town marshals as well as county sheriffs - do have some things in common with their big-city counterparts in the rising number of "non-criminal" cases they handle.

For example, a recent survey among rural police departments in Michigan showed that 80 per cent of the calls for assistance involved such complaints as noisy neighbors, domestic squabbles, runaway children and abandoned cars.

"Rural areas still don't have nearly the crime problems of cities," the department's Economic Research Service says in the current issue of Farm Index. "The FBI Crime Index - a grouping of seven serious crimes found to represent the most frequent crime problems - shows that metropolitan areas remain more crime-prone."

The report said the FBI index showed that in big-city areas some 6,110 offenses per 100,000 population were tabulated in 1975, compared with 1,998 per 100,000 in rural areas.

"In other words, rural dwellers were only a third as likely to be crime victims," the report said.

But the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration says that nationally, perhaps more than one-half of the crimes are never reported.

Some victims contend that police can't do much, anyway; others are not aware that a crime was committed - such as the loss of a little-used tool or other article. Or some are not willing to wait for police action.

"These problems seem especially difficult in rural areas," the report said. "A very few patrol units may be expected to cover large geographical areas, thus greatly delaying response time."

The report cited several reasons why rural crime may be rising:

-More people are moving to rural areas and thus demand additional police service.

-Improved highways make rural areas more accessible to criminals.

-Rising affluence among farmers and other residents has attracted criminals who seek everything from tractors and automobiles to CB radios, tape decks and other gadgets.

Among the things rural communities can do to cope with the rising crime rate is to find

effective ways to involve citizens in combatting it. This could be particularly effective among farmers who, traditionally, have been slipshod in guarding against thefts.

"But with crime rates up, more farmers are installing alarms, locks on all buildings, and outside lights," the report said. "Many farmers are generally keeping a more watchful eye on their belongings."

An old practice among many farmers of leaving tractors and other equipment in the fields overnight also is disappearing. If implements are left out, many farmers now chain them or otherwise hobble the machines to help thwart thefts.

When cattle prices were much higher two or three years ago than they are now, rustling also increased. It still occurs, and many farmers have adopted the branding practice followed by ranchers to help identify their stock.

The report said a number of actions can be taken to improve rural law enforcement, including:

-Cooperation, coordination and resource-sharing among law enforcement jurisdictions.

-Consolidation of training facilities to serve several small, widely dispersed agencies.

-Adequate salaries and benefits.

-Alternative budget sources in the face of a tightening tax base.

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