

State Competition Forthcoming

George, Montgomery Honored By Local Education Groups

Top honors from local educators went this week to Hereford High School principal Jerry Don George as "Administrator of the Year" and Mrs. Pat Montgomery, Stanton Junior High

School teacher, as "Teacher of the Year."

Each winner was selected by nominations from local educators and will be entered in their respective categories for statewide competition.

The Texas Classroom Teachers Association (CTA) here sponsors the administrator's award while the Hereford chapter of the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) sponsors the teacher award. The first award was decided by an at-large vote of all local educators while the teacher award was chosen by an ad hoc committee appointed by the TSTA president.

Each recipient was award this week with plaques signifying their selections during local educator's meetings. The names of the winners will be entered later this year in state level contests against nominations from other school districts.

George, principal at HHS for eight years, has served the Hereford Independent School District (HISD) for 18 years in various capacities. He was a coach, assistant principal at Stanton and principal at La Plata Junior High School.

Mrs. Montgomery, a teacher of 7th and 8th grade English classes, has taught eight years at Stanton. She has a total combined service for 23 years as a teacher. She first started her career as a teacher for four years in Oklahoma which was followed by a two-year stint at Colorado City, Tex., two years at Odessa, and eight years in Amarillo.

After graduation from Altus, Okla., High School in 1948, she received a bachelors degree from Oklahoma State University in 1951 concentrating on music education. She has performed graduate work at Texas Women's University, OSU, University of Texas, and West Texas State University.

George received his degrees in education from Texas Tech University and West Texas State University. The first institution awarded him a bachelor of science degree and WT honored him with a masters degree and different administrator's certificates.

He now serves as president of the secondary principals group of the

Panhandle School Leaders Association, state director for the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, director of the Community Action Agency Board, a member of the Kids, Inc. board, and a member of the Amarillo chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, past presidency of the Hereford United Fund Board, and past master of the Hereford Masonic Lodge #849. He holds memberships in numerous educational associations.

Concerning thoughts on administration and teaching George said, "I feel every student should have the opportunity to attend school and to afford each one as much knowledge as possible. By this, we must help to develop each student to this capacity whereby they are able to gain a means to the best possible life.

"Hereford is blessed with a good school system. This is bought about by an excellent teaching staff, a dedicated school board, and parents who care."

Mrs. Montgomery's educational membership vary widely. She has held two offices each in the local level of the TSTA and the CTA.

She served five times as a delegate to the TSTA House of Delegates for District XVI, is a member of the National Council of English Teachers and participated in two officers position of Kappa Gamma, an international honorary teacher's society. Other accomplishments consist of serving as a member of the Title IX Review Committee, Textbook Selection Committee in Hereford, and the Right To Read Task Force.

Her philosophy of education is in part as follows: "It is my belief that every student has the right to the teacher's wholehearted interest and effort. Therefore, my aim is to help each student achieve his optimum intellectual development.

"In respecting my students, as well as respecting their opinions, I always receive respect and courtesy in return, without demand. Through the years, one thing experience has taught me is that it is easier to fool adults than junior high students.

"A student should not have to tolerate

a boring class. Teachers should constantly change their methods and presentations and have a variety of learning situations ready for students each day."

Mrs. Montgomery is married to Richard G. (Dick) Montgomery, assistant manager of the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. Their children include Mauri, 20, a Junior at Texas Tech; and Jay, 16, a sophomore at HHS.

George is married to Sue George and their children include Mitchell, a junior at HHS; Monica, an 8th grader at La Plata, and Steve, a 6th grader at West Central Elementary.

HHS Spirit Dance Slated Saturday Night

The Hereford High School Spirit Dance originally planned for tonight has been rescheduled from 8:30 p.m. Saturday through 12:30 a.m. the following day. It will be held at the Hereford Community Center.

The event is being sponsored by KIXZ radio in Amarillo in conjunction with a spirit contest the station held. It was won by HHS students and in return a dance was the awarded prize.

It is open to all HHS students from 9th through 12th grades and HHS alumni students 21-years-old or under. Refreshments are being provided.

Chaperones consist of parents of the students.

The theme of the dance is western as a part of the western day activities held today at the high school.

"Boss Tweed." will perform for the students. During a break, a disco will be broadcast through the station's sound system along with a presentation of strobe lights.

The dance was reset due to scheduling conflicts with the performing band.



Top Flight Educators

Educational awards were presented this week (above) to HHS Principal, Jerry Don George, from Mrs. Margaret Bell, faculty representative, for "Administrator of the Year." (Below) Mrs. Pat Montgomery receives the "Teacher of the Year Award" from Ray Todd, Stanton Junior High School principal. She is an English teacher at Stanton. Both winners will be entered into state competition.



Enrollment Drops 180 Students

Based on information released at the Tuesday night School Board of Trustees meeting, enrollment in the Hereford Independent School District has started on its usual drop due to migrant labor movements and associated factors.

Although school officials did not point to any one specific reason, the number of the students has dropped significantly in the past week. An enrollment report showed that the total number of students is down to 5,429 from the 5,609 figure recorded Nov. 8. The latest report was taken on Monday.

Larry Wartes, assistant superintendent, reported that the decreased enrollment was reflected fairly evenly through all the grade levels and that it was rather puzzling. However, each year, the district experiences a decrease sometimes numbering as high as 500 students from migrant labor moving elsewhere to harvest crops. This situation was not singled out though by school officials.

Enrollment is down about 82 students from this last year when the number of students totaled 5,511. The decrease in the last week has been 71 students. The district has lost 180 students in the past month.

The total elementary school enrollment is 2,486 as of Monday, which is a 97-student drop since the November report. The comparable amount of students last year at this time was 2,512.

Both junior high schools combined for a 1,414 student total. This is a decrease of 36 students from December of last year and a 40 student decrease from the last report.

Hereford High School recorded 1,031 students. The high school enrolled 1,075 students in November and 1,044 this time last year.

Christmas Light Contest Winners Named

Winners in this year's Christmas Home Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Women's Division, were announced this morning.

Judges, who made their selections Thursday night, named the Reece Lawson home, located on N. 385, was the overall best entry and was awarded \$50 in cash. Winning \$20 for the most attractive window and door was the Tommy Bowling residence, 201 Ranger Drive.

The prettiest spot decoration was located at the Bob Hamman home, 704 Plains, and \$20 will be presented in this category. The last contest division, for the best neighborhood entry was won by the Herman Schumachers at 325 Cherokee. They will receive \$10.

There were more than a dozen homes entered in the competition and photographs of participating residences will appear in The Sunday Brand. Donna VanderZee was chairman of the project.

Car Strikes Wall At Local Firm

Hereford police are currently looking for the driver of a car which struck the wall of a local business firm here Thursday.

Steve Brashear of Mr. Burger West on West Park Avenue told officers that a car struck the brick wall of the business, but the driver failed to stop following the accident. No estimate of damage was available, according to a police department spokesman.

Hereford Attorney Challenges Teachers, Lawmakers To Unite



Earnest Langley (right) chats with Pat Hughes, chairman of the district TSTA legislative committee, following a speech at a legislative appreciation banquet Thursday night. Hughes coordinated the event. (Brand Photo)

AMARILLO (Spl.) - Challenging legislators and teachers to work together as a team to provide quality education for children, Hereford attorney Earnest Langley appeared as guest speaker for a Legislative Appreciation Dinner Thursday night at Amarillo High School.

The dinner was sponsored by District XVI of the Texas State Teachers Association. Gene Brock of Hereford is president of the area organization, and Pat Hughes, La Plata principal, is chairman of the district legislative committee.

Approximately 134 persons attended the function, and guest legislators included U.S. Rep. Jack Hightower of Vernon, Texas House Speaker Bill Clayton of Springlake, Rep. Bob Close of Perryton, and Reps. Danny Hill and Bob Simpson of Amarillo.

Hereford's Chamber Singers, under direction of Bill Devers, provided special entertainment for the event, and Hughes reported that the banquet crowd was highly complimentary of the group's performance.

The dinner also drew TSTA state president Grace Grimes of Marshall, president-elect Carolyn Harrell of Gonzales, and state executive secretary

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Japan's PM Resigns

TOKYO (AP) - Prime Minister Takeo Miki gave up his struggle to remain in power today, clearing the way for the election of conservative, 71-year-old economist Takeo Fukuda.

Miki, 69, announced he would resign to assume responsibility for the ruling Liberal-Democratic party's election setback Dec. 5.

Liberal-Democratic members of parliament will meet Dec. 23 to elect Miki's successor as party leader, and the next day the Diet will elect him prime minister.

Saudi Arabia Objects

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - Saudi Arabia broke with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries today and refused to go along with a 15 per cent increase decreed by 11 of the 13 members.

Saudi Arabia said it would increase its oil production, already OPEC's largest, to hold the price rise to 5 per cent. The United Arab Emirates, fifth largest producer in the cartel, joined the Saudis in the rebellion.

Hunt Freedom Delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) - E. Howard Hunt, one of the seven original defendants in the 1972 Watergate break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters, must wait at least until Jan. 23 for a decision on his bid for parole.

The U.S. Parole Commission said Thursday that because of Hunt's prominence it postponed a decision until Jan. 23 to allow all seven commission members to participate in the ruling. Only three commissioners attended Thursday's session.

Cabinet Talent Named

By Associated Press

Carter named three men to cabinet-level posts Thursday: Rep. Andrew Young, D-Ga., to be ambassador to the United Nations.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, a foreign policy consultant and Columbia University professor, to be national security adviser at the White House.

Charles Schultz, budget director in the Johnson administration, to be chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

weather

WEST TEXAS: Fair to partly cloudy today and tomorrow with general windy conditions prevailing through the weekend. Temperatures in the 30's and 40's today and Saturday.

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Callie Smith, Bob Clouch, state committee member from Amarillo, said the dinner was planned to honor legislators and "let them know we appreciate their support and interest in education."

Langley told his audience that "the biggest problem we face in education is not in buildings or money—it is a people problem and nobody can solve that but teachers themselves." Quoting Erza Pound, Langley said, "Real education must ultimately be limited to those who insist on knowing—the rest is mere shepherding."

He challenged teachers to insist the students learn and not be "just shepherders. And, while we are confident of our local legislators," Langley said, "lawmakers must overcome the problem of public faith and trust which have eroded because of Watergate and other scandals."

Nationwide Halt Called To Flu Vaccination

ATLANTA (AP)—A nation-wide halt to the swine flu vaccination was ordered Thursday by the national Center for Disease Control, because of concern over a possible connection to temporary paralysis.

The CDC reported earlier that it is investigating reports that some persons vaccinated against influenza have developed a condition known as Guillain-Barre syndrome.

The announcement Tuesday said there was no connection with the ailment and the swine flu vaccination program.

The CDC said Thursday, however, it is halting the nation-wide program temporarily pending further study of the relationship between the ailment and the vaccination program.

The CDC said 34.9 million persons

have been vaccinated for swine flu through Dec. 4.

A press aide at the CDC announced that the program was being stopped but gave no details.

The CDC called a news conference for later in the day.

The CDC announcement came only minutes after the California Health Department said the vaccination program was being halted in that state.



Jesus Serves As Marxist Model In Communist Eastern Europe

BY GEORGE W. CORNELL

AP Religion Writer
NEW YORK (AP)—A surprising idea has sprouted in Communist Eastern Europe—that the character of the selfless man serving others Jesus, is the needed model for Marxism.

"Jesus Christ is not the enemy of this society," writes a Baptist pastor in Ploesti, Romania, Josef Ton. "He is its only chance."

That unusual thesis, raised as a challenge to the atheist policy of communism, had made the Oxford-educated Ton a target of investigations in his homeland, but it also has gained him a wide following among students and intellectuals.

The Marxist system was predicated on developing a "new man," free of egotistical corruption and greed, Ton says in his analysis, but its atheist assumptions reject the self-transcending motives necessary to do it.

Consequently, "socialist society finds itself in a paradoxical situation," he writes in his controversial paper, extensive excerpts of which were published in the evangelical fortnightly, Christianity Today.

In teaching people that they are only chance combinations of

matter, governed by Darwinian laws of adaptation and survival, their attitudes determined by environment, people "lack the motivation for goodness," Ton says. "They see that in a purely material world only he who hurries and grabs for himself possesses anything."

Since Marxism, to work, needs to produce noble character of high aspiration, ready to sacrifice self for society's common good, Ton says the "only answer" to the problem is in history's supreme self-giving example.

It is "the ideology of the one who possessed the most noble character of all, Jesus Christ,

who sacrificed himself for the good of his fellow men.

"In Scripture and in history, we can see that wherever the spirit of Christ's teaching was accepted and assimilated in its totality, the result was a noble life put to the service of the common good, even at the cost of self-sacrifice."

Ton has been a center of ferment ever since his paper was issued in Romania about a year ago and initially was subjected to days of interrogation, his books confiscated. But public opinion so far has kept him out of jail.

In working for greater

religious liberty in Communist areas, he poses this question to authorities: "Since the ideology of atheism produces a character that is not essential to a victorious socialism, but on the contrary works against it, why continue to spread it?"

He notes that Marxist Leninist teachings seek to induce unselfish service by holding that achievement of the "common good" means eventual "personal good," but people soon see that the "common good" is only a far-off goal beyond their generation.

They also recognize they can get "personal good" now ahead of the rest if they pull the right

Ethics Scholar Says Doctors Not Sensitive Enough To Patients

HOUSTON (AP) - There are too many insensitive doctors who see their patients as test tubes rather than human beings, says Dr. William Bartholome, one of the nation's few medical ethics scholars.

Doctors must approach their patients more as real people with fears and dreams than as subjects to be cured, he added.

"It must be one-on-one, doctor-to-patient," he said.

The doctor must care enough to take the time to talk with his patient, learn his fears, his likes and dislikes. The science you have learned in medical school is your tools, but medicine is one human responding to another human being.

Bartholome, assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center's Medical School in Houston, said:

"We are so intoxicated with technological achievements, new discoveries, transplant surgery that there is the possibility we may lose touch with our roots."

Bartholome earned his medical degree from the

University of Kansas, served his internship and residency program at Johns Hopkins Hospital and then earned a masters degree in medical ethics from Harvard.

The pediatrician said he realized after finishing medical school "that I had no knowledge of medical ethics. I had the scientific knowledge, but I had not been taught to be responsive to a patient's demands."

And, he said, our conception of medicine must be such that it always includes help for a multi-handicapped child who may never be cured, or the chronically ill, the hopeless cases, the dying."

Bartholome is developing a medical humanities resource School and said other medical facilities were forming similar units.

"But I am not optimistic," Bartholome said. "I fear this is a fad that eventually will disappear from the medical schools, although it is such a vital part of modern medicine."

Bartholome was asked if he believed the doctors of today should return to the old bedside

manner of years ago and house calls in the wee hours of the night.

Bartholome answered, "There is a grain of truth in that, but we must go deeper into the medical ethics problem."

"The doctor and the patient must be able to discuss the problem openly. The doctor should say 'I think you have a gall bladder problem that I think will require surgery.' Never should he flatter say, 'I know you have this and that and here's what must be done.'"

"The patient then should have the opportunity to question the various options. If he says he rather live with the pain than undergo an operation, it is his decision."

"In turn, Bartholome said, "the physician can explain the benefits of the surgery."

Never again, Bartholome said, "should we return to the day where the doctor is the authoritarian with the final word and the patient acting as an obedient child."

"And never should we permit what has become medical consumer shopping, where a

person goes from one doctor to another until he gets treatment.

Medical ethics, Bartholome said "simply means a doctor's closer understanding of his patient's background, and then let the two of them sit together decide what should be done medically."

Gambling Charged On Bingo Lobby

DALLAS (AP) - A group of Dallasites planning a fund-raising affair to organize a lobbying group to repeal laws against bingo has been charged with promotion of gambling.

The charges were filed after police said the organizers sold tickets with bingo cards printed on the back which were to be used for door prizes Wednesday night.

"I have advised them to cancel the event," attorney Pat Robertson said. "You can say police have broken up a bingo

Bailey Refutes Claim Of Bell Wiretapping

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The top executive of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. denied Thursday he ever said the company's Texas chief was being wiretapped.

Louis Bailey, Bell's vice president in Southwestern Bell's St. Louis headquarters, testified for the company which is defending itself in a \$4 million invasion of privacy suit.

The suit was filed by James Ashley, who was fired in October 1974 from his \$55,000-a-year post with the company in San Antonio. He claims Southwestern Bell invaded his privacy by wiretapping his home telephone.

Ashley testified earlier he was told by the late T.O. Gravitt that the company was wiretapping Gravitt's and Ashley's telepho-

nes. At the time, Gravitt was head of Bell's Texas operations.

Ashley testified that Gravitt said he learned of the wiretaps from Bailey.

Bailey, in his testimony Thursday, refuted the claim. He said he never told Gravitt about any wiretaps.

Ashley was fired and Gravitt committed suicide in Dallas in October 1974 following an internal investigation by the telephone company.

Bailey was expected to be the last witness called by the company before both sides began their final arguments to the state district court jury.

Ashley claimed in the suit that Southwestern Bell invaded his privacy after he joined with Gravitt's family in November 1974 to file a \$29.2 million libel

and slander suit against the company.

The joint Ashley-Gravitt family suit still is pending in federal court here and no trial date has been set.

Ashley's privacy invasion suit originally charged that Bell officials conspired to invade his privacy by improperly using his long distance call records and by wiretapping.

But State District Court Judge Franklin Spears dismissed for lack of evidence the conspiracy and improper toll record use portions of the suit. And, he released three San Antonio Bell executives as defendants.

That left only the company itself facing the charge of privacy invasion by wiretapping.

Carter To Interview Women For Key Jobs

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) - After renewing a pledge to put women and blacks in his cabinet, President-elect Carter is going to interview two women who could wind up in key federal jobs.

With Vice President-elect Walter F. Mondale participating, Carter was to talk today to Joan Manley, vice president in charge of the book division of Time Inc., and Dr. Juanita Kreps, an economist and vice president of Duke University. Dr. Kreps has been mentioned as a possibility for a high position in the Labor Department.

AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer Lane Kirkland also was to see Carter today. Kirkland and his boss, George Meany, strongly favor the nomination of John T. Dunlop to be labor secretary, a position he resigned a year ago following a policy disagreement with President Ford.

Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus, reportedly under consideration for the post of secretary of the interior, was summoned to Plains today by Carter.

At a nationally broadcast news conference Thursday, Carter firmly denied that outside pressures from the AFL-CIO or others were intruding on his cabinet selection process.

He readily acknowledged, however, that there are differences of opinion about who ought to serve in cabinet posts.

Asked if the recruitment of women and blacks for the top ranks of his administration was proving more difficult than he had expected, Carter said he and Mondale understood the selection process without "any preconception that it would be easy."

However, he declared that "the difficulties have been greatly exaggerated in the press reports."

Later in the session, Carter reported there have been "many, many" cases where persons who might have been considered for top appointments have asked that their names be removed from the President-elect's list of potential nominees.

Carter cited as examples one woman, three prominent blacks and a U.S. District Court judge of Hispanic-American lineage.

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felt any responsibility to name blacks and women to important cabinet posts, said. "There will be women and blacks in my cabinet and how many I have not yet decided, but I do feel a constraint to show to the nation that this effort has been made, and made successfully, not only at the cabinet level, but at levels deeper within the department, at the undersecretary, deputy secretary, assistant secretary level."

Carter told reporters he expected to announce a new batch of appointees Sunday or Monday. He said 45 persons are still under consideration for various cabinet posts.

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Obituaries

MRS. CRECY BYRD
Services will be at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for Mrs. Crecy Byrd, 81, in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Prentice Smith, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church and the Rev. Clarence Powell, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

It was incorrectly reported that the services would be held today.

Mrs. Byrd died Wednesday. She was born in Higginsport, and married Frank Byrd Jan. 25, 1915, in Bogata. She moved to Hereford from Littlefield in 1946.

parents at an early age and lived in that area for 62 years. A retired farmer-rancher, Mr. Ruther had lived on a ranch near Friona since 1959.

He was a member of First Street Church of Christ at Friona and of the American Heart Association.

He is survived by the widow, Mary; three sons, Laurence of 107 Mimosa, Melvin of Vallejo, Calif., and Rubal of Albuquerque; two brothers, Phillip of Albuquerque and Louis of Clovis, N.M.; two sisters, Lena Arnett of Hammom, Okla., and Elsie Perry of Pedeluma, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

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HHS Students Named To Region Band

The Hereford High School band placed 16 of its members on the All-Region band after tryouts earlier this week.

The regional band will gather Jan. 28, 29 to rehearse for a concert to be given Jan. 29 under the direction of clinician Dr. Gary Garner. The band is composed of high school students from 3-AAA and 4-AAA schools located throughout the Panhandle.

Students from here qualifying for the band are as follows:

Flutes- Jeane Hair, first chair; Staci Payne, sixth chair; Cindy Ford, eighth chair; and Ronda Clark, first alternate.

Oboes- Scott Formby, fourth chair.

Bassoons- Barbara Scott, fourth chair.

Clarinets- Denise Albracht, 12th chair; and Becky McGilvary, 17th chair.

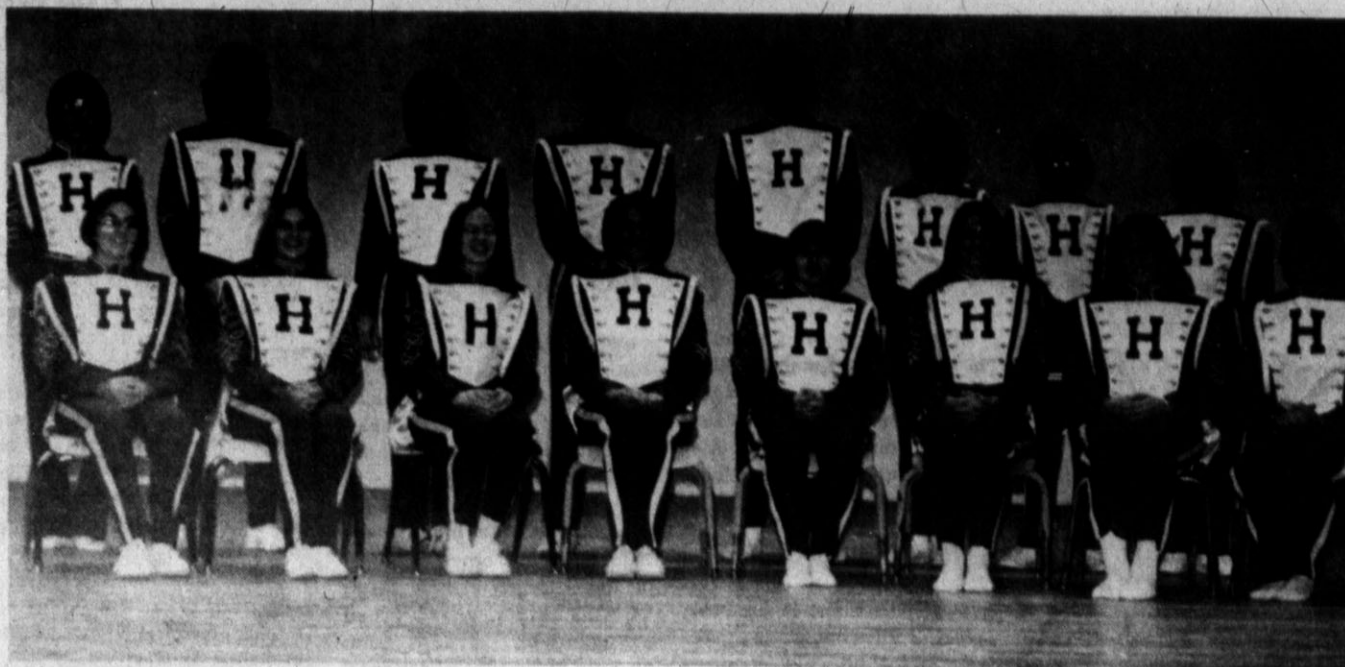
Alto Saxes- Robert Holder, first chair; Jimmy Ramirez, third chair; and Joni Webb, first alternate.

French Horns- Greg Hacker, sixth chair.

Trombones- Don Brockman, fifth chair.

Baritones- Mark Priest, second chair; and Steve Fortenberry, first alternate.

Percussion- Ruben Vargas, fourth chair.



Regional Band Winners

Pictured above are the All-Region band members from Hereford High School. Refer to story for the

winning names. The band is composed of selections from schools throughout the Panhandle.

Pitman Appoints Corporate Officers

The board of directors of Pitman Industries, Inc., a Hereford cattle and grain company, has named three new officers for the corporation and appointed a new general manager for the cattle-feeding division.

Marsh Pitman, formerly executive vice president, has been designated president of Pitman Industries. Dennis Farley has been elected executive vice president, in addition to his responsibilities as secretary-treasurer of the corporation.

The directors have named Walter Seed as corporation vice president and general manager of the grain division. Milton Rudder has been appointed general manager of Pitman Feedyards.

The management changes were announced by John Pitman, chairman of the board, following the company's annual stockholders meeting.

Marsh Pitman joined the company in 1970 and was named executive vice president two years ago. A resident of Hereford most of his life, he attended Baylor University and

the University of Oklahoma.

Farley has been associated with Pitman Industries for 10 years. Reared in Temple, Texas, he is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and holds a master of professional accounting degree from West Texas State University.

A native of Hereford, Seed has been employed by the grain division of Pitman Industries for 26 years. As general manager of the division, he will oversee all operations of the company's grain elevators at Hereford.

Rudder, a veteran of 20 years in the beef industry, including previous employment with Pitman, rejoined the company earlier this year. Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he attended the University of Arkansas and has lived in Hereford since 1966.

Pitman Industries, founded in 1930, consists of three divisions. In addition to Pitman Grain, based in Hereford, and Pitman Feedyards, a 25,000 cattle feedlot located 17 miles west of Hereford, the company also operates Pitman Beef, a retail meat outlet in Amarillo.

Texas Cities Reap A Christmas Tax Bonus

Comptroller Bob Bullock said this week that 49 Texas cities and 34 counties will soon receive a Christmas bonus in the form of checks totaling 1.5 million because of the court ruling upholding the state's mixed drink tax.

An additional \$3.8 million will be deposited in the state general revenue fund, the Comptroller announced.

Only those cities and counties having mixed drink establishments within their boundaries that were a party to the suit will receive the remittances, Bullock explained. The regular mixed drink rebates are made quarterly by the Comptroller's Office.

The Texas Supreme Court recently concurred in a lower court ruling upholding the law, clearing the way for release of the tax money to the state, cities and counties, Bullock said.

Bullock said his office had been holding the taxes—which were paid under protest—in a suspense account pending a review of the case by the State Supreme Court.



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DPS Looks Into Nine Accidents

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated nine accidents on rural highways in Deaf Smith County during the month of November, 1976 according to Sergeant W.E. Wells, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and four persons injured.

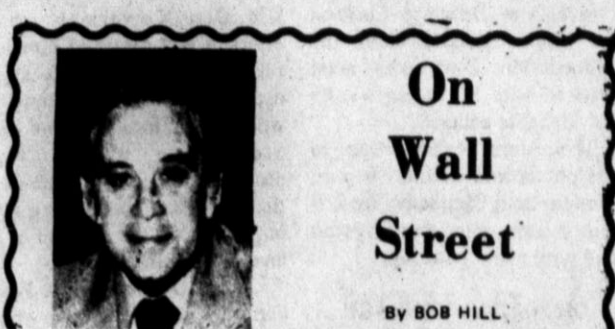
The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1976 shows a total of 106 accidents resulting in five persons killed and 48 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November, 1976, shows a total of 567 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 261 injured, as compared to November, 1975, with 530 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 258 persons injured. This was 37 more accidents, the same killed, and three more injured in 1976 at the same period of time.

The 14 traffic deaths for the month of November, 1976, occurred in the following counties: Two each in Carson, Gray; One each in Castro, Oldham, Potter, Floyd, Lamb, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Yoakum.

and counties 15 per cent of the tax collected within their boundaries. The balance is deposited in the state general revenue fund.

Bullock said the 49 cities will receive remittances totaling \$774,788 and the 34 counties will receive a total of \$805,923.



On Wall Street

By BOB HILL

You may not have adequate insurance on your home and its contents, even if you increased the coverage under your homeowners policy last year. The reason is the sharp jump in home replacement costs which have been rising much faster than the rate of inflation.

Our inflation rate is running about 4 1/2 percent. But the latest wholesale price index figure for November shows all building materials climbing 9.6 percent for the year. Soft plywood has jumped a spectacular 32 percent while softwood lumber is up 28.8 percent. Both of these woods are essential materials used in all residential building and repair.

Even if you have an inflation guard endorsement on your homeowners policy, you may not be covered on the skyrocketing construction costs. This kind of endorsement raises the face value of the policy 1 percent each quarter for a total of 12 percent over the three-year life of the policy. But during those thirty six months, at today's rates, replacement costs would rise nearly 30 percent.

If your coverage under a standard homeowners policy falls below 80 percent of the replacement value—as separate from the market value, all other coverage under the policy falls is reduced proportionately. So, it is vital that you insure your home to replacement cost. You can do this by having the house

Ermine is the name given various species of weasel during the winter season when their fur is white.

appraised by an independent appraiser or using a rule of thumb of current construction costs per square foot and applying that figure to the total square footage of your own house. You can also get a pretty fair idea of replacement cost by pricing new homes of comparable size and quality of construction as your house.

An inflation endorsement is available on your homeowners policy for about 3 percent more premium charge. This raises the coverage on your home 2 percent each quarter, but it is not much help if the inflation rate is over 10 percent. You can also get an inflation index policy. The insurance company tells you shortly before the end of each 12 month period of the three year policy life just how much you should increase your insurance coverage. This seems to be the way homeowners insurance will be priced in the future.

School Lunch Menus

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY— Chicken salad sandwich, potato chips, tomato and vegetable soup, creamy cole slaw, sliced peaches, milk.

TUESDAY— Western burger, green beans, buttered corn, carrot stix, hot fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY— Cook's choice.

THURSDAY— Christmas holiday. (No school.)

FRIDAY— Christmas holiday. (No school.)

ST. ANTHONY'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

MONDAY— Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, carrot sticks, peaches, bread, milk.

TUESDAY— Corn dogs, peas, tossed, salad, chocolate cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY— Hamburgers, lettuce and tomatoes, potato chips, ice cream sticks, milk.

THURSDAY— No school.

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The sign at the Dairy Queen Thursday read, "If you can't get what you want, enjoy what you get."

These words of wisdom seem quite appropriate this time of year. We all know the shopping frustration of not being able to get exactly what we're looking for, but I feel this cliché goes a big deeper than

the surface meaning. It reminds me of greed. We push ourselves way too hard striving for more and more material things, when in actuality we have an abundance of life itself that we could be enjoying.

I think we need to scrutinize our goals and objectives, as well as our motivation. Ambition has become an end in itself to a lot of us, which leads us into the proverbial vicious circle.

We need to stop and analyze what we do have in the area of intangibles, and be thankful. Especially at Christmas time, when we can see love abound... if we look around.

Modernized Story Read At Luncheon

A revised version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was read to members of Farm and Ranch Club Thursday during a luncheon in the home of Mrs. Jack Weaver.

Mrs. J.B. Odom presided during a brief business discussion and members voted to buy a gift for a needy local family. A committee was appointed to fulfill this task.

Gifts were a tinsel Christmas tree were exchanged by members present, who included Mmes. J.V. Hall, Phillip Miller, Odom, Paul Rudd, W.W. Thomas, Dale Tinnin, Joe Wagner, J.E. Sorrells, Elmer Combs and P.B. Sowell.

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Foster Parents To Hold Party

Unit 30 of the Foster Parent Organization will hold its annual Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Monday at El Toro Restaurant here.

Foster parents from Hereford, Friona, Dimmitt and Wildorado are invited. President of the local chapter is Pete Lopez.

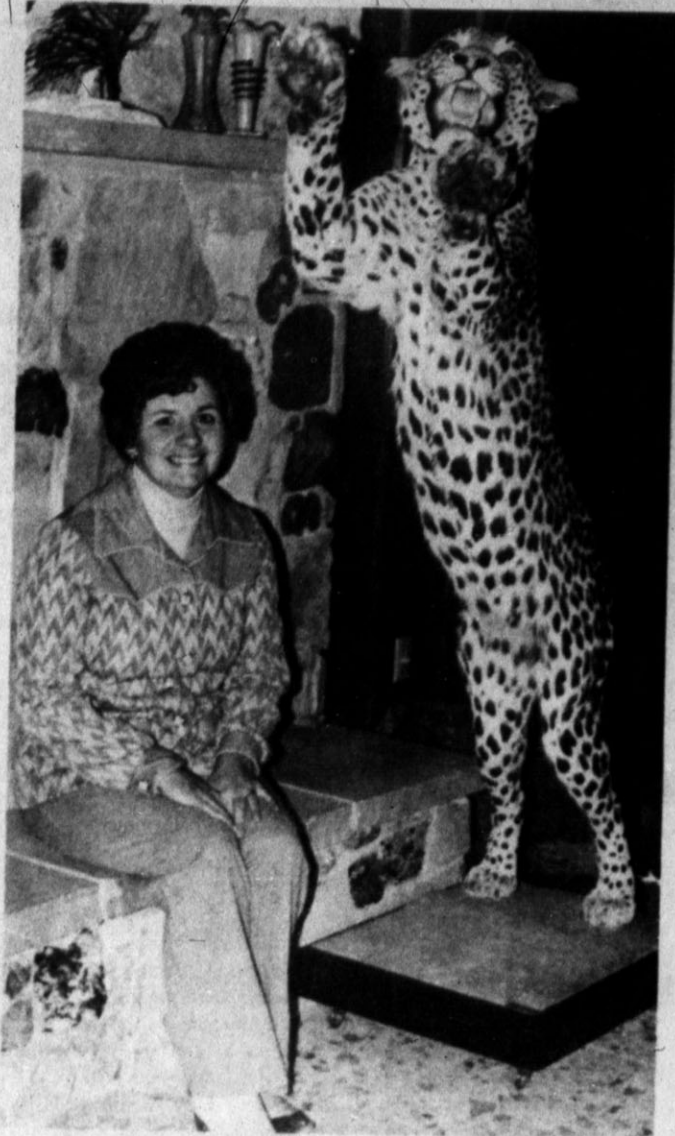
The Tibetan name for the world's highest mountain is Chomolungma ("goddess-mother"). It was named Everest after the Englishman Sir George Everest who in 1841 was the first to record its height.



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A CATastrophic Situation

Mrs. Neal Lemons, president-elect of Hereford CowBelles, is not in immediate danger for this ominous predator is filled with stuffing rather than hunger. All CowBelle members are invited to the Reece Lawson home on Hwy 385, where this beast is displayed, for the organization's annual Christmas Tasting Spree. The yuletide party is planned from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and it has been announced that members who are employed will not be asked to bring covered dishes, but are encouraged to attend.

At The Library Frank Gifford Writes Tribute

The heart of sports is lauded in Frank Gifford's new publication, "Gifford on Courage," now being featured at Deaf Smith County Library. Also being promoted is the lively "Love and Mary Ann" by Catherine Cookson.

The familiar voice of sportscaster Frank Gifford is just as personable in his book, which profiles ten sports figures who faced difficult situations with bulldog determination. Gifford makes this tribute to the athlete who has overcome massive odds and to the human element of sports.

The spritely Mary Ann returns via Catherine Cookson for more episodes with the refined Mr. Lord, who must contend with his young ward's unpredictable actions.

The country library is open to the public from 1 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. other weekdays and until noon Saturday.

GIFFORD ON COURAGE

By Frank Gifford
Frank Gifford, sportscaster and former N.Y. Giants back-field star, presents ten profiles of American athletes whose personal courage and determination to win enabled them to overcome tremendous odds.

Here are inspiring accounts of how football greats Y.A. Tittle and Charlie Conerly mastered crushing self-doubts that threatened to end their careers; of golfer Ken Venturi's heroic ten-year battle to erase the stigma of his loss at the end of the 1960 Master Tournament; of basketball superstar Willis Reed, who is a single game, "wrote the book" on sheer physical courage and of Rocky Bleier's pact with God that led him to stardom with the Pittsburgh Steelers, despite a leg and foot badly damaged in Vietnam.

Gifford On Courage also includes the moving profiles of

some lesser known athletes, who Gifford feels symbolize the true spirit of American sportsmanship at its best: wrestler Dan Gable, whose dedication and self-sacrifice at the Munich Olympics resulted in a gold medal for himself, and medals for five other members of the U.S. Wrestling team; CCNY's junior guard Floyd Layne, who turned from disgrace in the 1950's basketball scandal to dedicate his life to teaching the sport to ghetto kids--and, 18 years later, returned to CCNY as head basketball coach; blind golfer Charley Boswell; Los Angeles GM Don Kosterman whose effort of will returned him to a fully active life after a skiing accident had confined him to a wheelchair "forever"; and Herb Score, one of the most promising baseball talents of all time, who lost his pitching arm, but never lost his courage or his love of the game.

Gifford On Courage is Frank Gifford's gift to everyone who is interested in sports or in the ability of the human spirit to succeed in the face of adversity.

LOVE AND MARY ANN

By Catherine Cookson
Sent from her native Tyneside to a high class boarding school by her benefactor, Mr. Lord, Mary Ann, now 13 years old, had three years to acquire polish. Nonetheless, at the beginning of Love and Mary Ann, Mr. Lord sees he must intervene again in his effort to mod this irrepressible, precocious, cheeky, unconventional captivating girl into a lady.

Why should Mr. Lord so conclude? Well, it was just that he came upon Mary Ann singing a forthright ditty of Tyneside courtship to a field of sheep. Nothing monstrous in that, but why a courting song? Could it be anything to do with Fanny McBride's great lump of a grandson, Corny Boyle, with his impossible clothes and accent, and his passion for playing the coronet?

Or could it be that, once again, Mary Ann is about to take a managing hand in the affairs of her elders? All is revealed in this delightful successor to A Grand Man, The Lord and Mary Ann, and The Devil and Mary Ann.

TRAINING SET FOR PARAMEDICS

(CHICAGO AP) - An Emergency Medical Technician II (Paramedic) Training Program, administered by the Chicago Citywide College's Health Services Institute, has been established.

Students will train at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Illinois Masonic Medical Center and the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics.

Masons Initiate Rusher

Kenneth Rusher was initiated as a new member of the Masons Tuesday evening in the Masonic Temple during a meeting of Order of the Eastern Star.

It was announced that the Order of Rainbow for Girls will conduct their initiation Dec. 20. Also, a report was heard from Mrs. Arthur Clark, chairman of the fraternal friendship committee, concerning this task force.

After business, members adjourned to the Temple dining room for refreshments and a gift exchange. Hostesses were Mrs. Jack Brown, Shirley Easterwood, Annie Ruland and Mrs. Charles Noland.

Twenty-four members were present for the stated meeting.



Members of WaCaTaWaCi Camp Fire group met Tuesday afternoon at Temple Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Following a brief business discussion, members formed several small groups and took an alphabetical hike. Adult leaders are Betty Jones and Shirley Carr. This Camp Fire chapter is sponsored by Panciera Tire Co.

Members attending were Holly McNeese, Kimberly Seward, Shirley Morrison, Elma Turruddates, Norma Cervantez, Diana Rodriguez, Karen Johnson, Sandra Rodriguez, Tanya Jones, Teresa Carr, Laurie High, Rosie Garza and Gloria DeLaPaz.

Rosie Garza served refreshments.

Hospital Notes

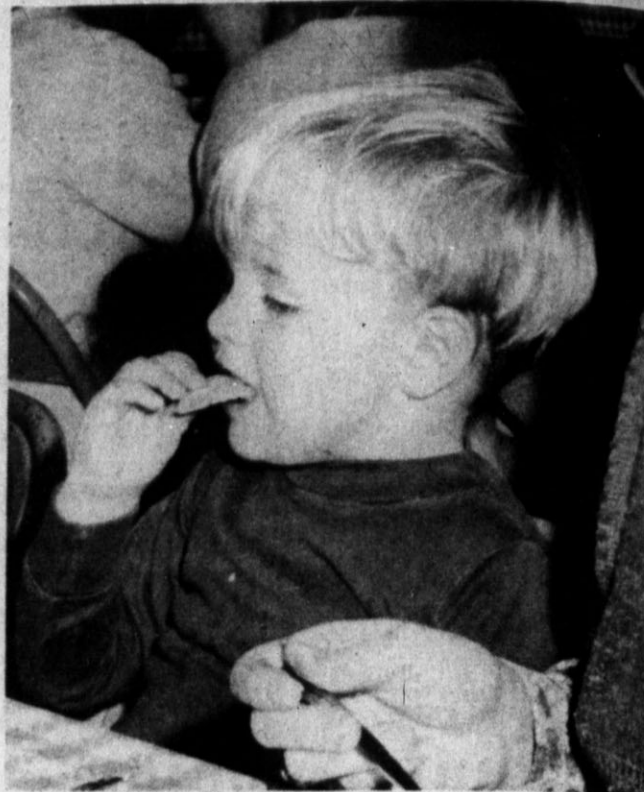
PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

James Baker, 116 N. Texas; Floyd Dunavant, 524 Sycamore; Pearl Fisher, Route 2; Carolyn Fry, 317 Cherokee; Olivia Hernandez, P.O. Box 54; Opal Lee, Westgate, Mary Lillard, Route 3; Irene Livingston, 309 W. Gracey; Alyene Lomenick, Route 2; Antonio L. Ramirez, Route 3.

Jess Robinson, Route 1; Beulah Robison, 139 Sunset Drive; Elaine Rowan, 108 Aspen; Lewis West, Route 4; Winston Short, 505 Blevins; Chan Spearman, 612 Irving; Cruze Sustaita, Box 1211; George Tate, Box 807, Glen Rio, N.M.; Isabel Ybarra, Box 1183; Betty Young, Box 385.

DISMISSALS

Rosa Marquez, Betty Johnson, Juanita Escamilla, Debra Waggoner, Jani Duggan.



Tasting Bee

Brian Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, enjoys the "Tasting Bee" held Monday at the Community Center. The officers of county home demonstration clubs and council were installed in an impressive ceremony following the luncheon.

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Bus Tour Wednesday For Senior Citizens

Local senior citizens are invited to tour Christmas decorations throughout the city Wednesday on a bus being provided by the Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.

Highlights on the tour will be the winning residences in the Christmas Home Lighting Contest, also sponsored by the Women's Division. There will be charge to take the tour, which will last approximately an hour.

All senior citizens are welcome and are asked to assemble at the Chamber office at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday. The bus will depart at 7 o'clock.

Those individuals needing transportation to the Chamber can obtain a ride by calling the Senior Citizens headquarters, 364-5681.

Christmas Basket Filled By Club

Pantry items for a local needy family were brought by members of Pioneer Study Club to their Christmas luncheon Tuesday at Hereford Country Club. Hostesses were Mmes. Frank Ball, H.E. Miller and M.L. Simpson.

During business, Mrs. P.B. Sowell announced that the book "Pioneer Woman" had been placed at Deaf Smith County Library in memory of the late Mrs. Ralph McCullough. Also, it was reported by Mrs. Miller that 77 gifts had been given by the club for Christmas at Girlstown. Contributions were then collected to be sent to

patients in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

The poem "Thanks" by Michael Oden provided the inspiration for the program, which was opened by Eunice Petersen. The story of the first nativity was read by Mrs. C.L. Craig.

Completing the program was Mrs. O.G. Hill Sr., who led the entire membership in singing of Christmas hymns while Mrs. W.W. Wimberly accompanied. Gifts were exchanged among the 25 members present.

DEATH TOLL DROPS (CHICAGO AP) - The nation's accident death toll dropped to 102,500 in 1975 according to the National Safety Council. The death rate was down three per cent from last year and is the lowest rate on record.

The largest decrease was in occupational accidents, according to the Council. Automobile deaths were reduced by one per cent.

Accidents in all categories remained the leading cause of death among persons aged 1 to 38.

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UN CONFERENCE
BUENOS AIRES (AP) - Argentina will host the UN Conference on Water from March 14-17, 1977. UN organizers are already making plans for the conference, which will focus on the problems of the year 2000, when experts say more than 8 billion people will inhabit the earth. More than 150 countries are expected to participate in the conference.

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By The Garden Gate With Glad

By GLADYS MANJEOT

BLESS YOU at Christmas Bless you with a carol in your heart, so your life will be a song of gladness.

During the rush of the holiday season, remember to take care of your potted plants and attend to outdoor chores. Check shrubs and lawns to ascertain how much moisture they have. The cold winds will dry out the soil so there may be a need to water during the warmest time of the day. If they are watered properly, when we have a hard freeze, the plants will not be damaged as much.

When bringing plants indoors and receiving or purchasing new ones remember that their water and fertilization requirements will be considerably diminished. Research shows only 10 per cent as much fertilizer and 20 to 40 per cent as much water will be needed. Expect some foliage dropped as outdoor plants become adjusted, and that all plants will have a period of adjustment.

In placing hanging baskets, it is important that they are not placed so there will not be a draft, either from outside ventilation or from heating units. Should also be rotated, occasionally to receive light exposure; if not rotated, they will grow one-sided.

Should be groomed, old discolored or dried foliage removed and, if a flowering plant, the old faded blossoms carefully removed. (I have noticed geranium plants brought in for the winter being neglected. Leaves are discolored and old faded blossoms are still attached.) Plants are like people—they need and appreciate attention and proper care.

IF YOU RECEIVE a poinsettia for Christmas, it should have at least a half day of sunshine, and I give mine ¼ cup of tepid water each morning. Do NOT move plant around from place to place; give it a good home (location) when received and let the plant know you are GLAD they have come to stay. Watch temperature, they do best in 60-65 degrees.

To receive the best results, I suggest that the water which you are to use on the house plants, be drawn several hours before (over night is possible). This aids in ridding water of minerals and adds air to it. Tepid water is best, as our plants do not like cold feet, any more than we do.

Also, when misting plants, use water which is tepid and be sure the mister is performing properly. If too much water accumulates on foliage, remove it, with soft cloth or cotton ball. Also remove dust from all leaves—they cannot breathe if covered with dust.

This may seem like there are many chores related to gardening. They will not be hard ones, if they are done regularly along with other house chores. Anyhow if you do these and do take gardening seriously and graciously you are one of a large number.

Dr. Henry M. Cathey, a statistician has quoted that gardening is a hobby for 80 million people in the USA...

The following information comes from the American Horticultural Society "FOLI-

AGE HOUSE PLANT SALES SOAR: Prior to 1971, wholesale sales of tropical foliage house plants were running between \$4 million and \$24 million annually.

"In 1971, the figure went to \$38 million. In 1972, sales were \$48 million and again in 1973, a big raise to \$68 million. Fantastically, the climb in succeeding years continues to show a marvelous climb in 1976, sales the total was \$260 million."

Along with the total amount of purchases, the quality of plants has been greatly improved. This has been brought about by acclimatizing and acclimating the plants by many growers to prepare the plants for their new environment in the home.

THESE FACTS are great and each time someone becomes interested and purchases plants, it is a big step forward to more contentment among our people. Another growth which has been noted is, that families are becoming interested in gardening and in a large number of homes throughout the nation, indoor gardening is becoming one of the most

popular hobbies. Not only do they add interest and beauty. The growing of potted plants is great therapy.

The following is a blight on our nation LITTER disposal costs American taxpayers nearly \$1 billion a year. About \$300 million is spent by urban communities for street cleaning and another \$100 million for cleaning up forests, parks, beaches, waterways and other public areas (school grounds in many instances). The cost of litter to private property owners brings the national bill almost to the \$1 billion mark.

Check your premises, also look round town and make a survey of the lack of cleanliness. As we enter the holiday season, PLEASE everyone be more careful with litter. Use extra care in disposing of papers, trash, beer cans, and other LITTER. Everytime you or I throw carelessly away a bit of paper or other litter we are guilty of being a careless citizen.

HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TIME, BE A GOOD CITIZEN AND OTHERS WILL BE HAPPY.

Mrs. Hodges Is Hostess For HD Club

Nell Hodges was hostess in her home Thursday afternoon during a Christmas party for members of North Hereford Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Hodges conducted the business session, which included collection of gifts for Kathy Skinner, a resident of Girlstown, who is sponsored this year by North Hereford's chapter.

The program was opened by Mary Johnson, who read Christmas scripture. Then, Peg Hoff reminisced about a particular Christmas 60 years ago in Decatur, Ill. The program was concluded by the mass singing of Christmas carols with Ann Lueb as leader.

Secret pals were revealed with the exchanging of gifts and refreshments were served.

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Mrs. Carl Lueb and Mrs. Caig Fuller were guests.

Others attending were Iva Saltzman, Marcella Hoffman, Bell Reid, Judy Williams, Sunny Lemons, Miss Roberta Campbell, Martha Lueb and Evelyn Crofford.

Also Virginia Cruse, Brenda Campbell, Naomi Brisendine Olivia Smithers and Jeremy Lueb, Tony Campbell, Amy Craig and Lisa Williams.

The Hudson's Bay Company is the common designation for "The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay," chartered in 1620.

Ann Landers Youth Feels Guilty



DEAR ANN LANDERS: Please publish this letter for all to see. Masturbation is sinful. I tried it and the consequences were extremely damaging. It made me suspicious, jumpy, fearful, unkind, and highly critical of everyone I came in contact with.

Because of this terrible habit my judgment became warped and I lost out on many good opportunities that will never come again.

By praying a great deal and engaging in strenuous physical exercise I have regained my mental and spiritual balance. I am once again serene, kind, ready to smile and can now enjoy the friendship of people. Please allow me to share my message with others.—Learned From Experience.

DEAR LEARNED: If this is the way you view your "experience" it's all right with me, but there is no basis in fact for the statements you have made.

Masturbation is no longer considered sinful by enlightened theologians. And please don't tell me what the Bible says about Onan "spilling his seed..." In those days the world needed people and it was considered a sin to waste sperm. Today overpopulation is one of mankind's greatest problems.

The jumpiness, fearfulness and "lost opportunities" you believe were caused by masturbation were actually due to your guilt feelings—not the act. Every psychologist and psychiatrist with whom I have consulted on the subject of masturbation says it is normal and can serve as a healthy method for releasing tension.

It is estimated that approximately 95 per cent of all males have masturbated at some time during their lives and about 90 per cent of the females have done so also.

For individuals who believe as you do, however, masturbation IS harmful because they cannot outgrow the notions that were pounded into their heads as youngsters.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am 27 years old, divorced and living

with my mother. I have a little girl three years of age and a boy four. Their father left us two years ago and these children are very dear to my heart.

The man I am going with says he loves me very much but he can't stand my children. Whenever Linda comes into the room he says to me, "Why don't you tell her to go somewhere and play?"

He has never had a conversation with either of my children. When Jeff tried to crawl on his lap one day he was told, "Get off, you're taking the press out of my trousers." (I admit that made me very sad.)

He has been asking me to set a date for our wedding. But I don't want to have a second failure. On the other hand I want a home of my own so bad I can taste it. I keep telling myself he'll get used to the kids after we are married. He's perfect

except for this one fault, Ann. Please advise.—Un D. Sided.

DEAR UN: What do you mean. "He's perfect except for this one fault"? It's like saying a person is in excellent health except for one small cancer. If you want real trouble, just go ahead and marry a man who can't stand your children.

CONFIDENTIAL to Torn Apart and Crying a River: Well, sew yourself up and turn of the water works. You had 48 years with a wonderful man. Everyone should be so lucky.

... Do you feel awkward, self-conscious-ly? Welcome to the club. There's help for you in Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity." Send 50 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 1400, Elgin, Ill. 60120.

Parents Of Couple Wed At Fort Worth

Trixie Barton and Junior Hampton were married recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberts of Fort Worth by the Rev. Ray O'Dell.

The bridegroom is the father of Jeff Hampton of Hereford and the bride is the mother of Mrs. Jeff Hampton.

Attending the couple were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hampton and Patti Bradstreet, as well as Mr. and Ms. Bob Roberts.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of yellow chiffon over yellow satin designed with a satin yoke of yellow and green brocade roses. She wore a corsage of yellow sweetheart roses.

Following the ceremony, a

reception was held in the Roberts' home. The serving table, draped by a white cloth embellished with silver wedding bells, was lighted by silver candlesticks holding yellow tapers. The tiered wedding cake was garnished by yellow and green roses and was topped by miniature bride and groom figurines.

After a wedding trip, the couple settled in Fort Worth.

Muskets used during the American Revolution had an effective range of 100 yards. By the time of the Civil War, rifled muskets were effective up to at least 400 yards and had a killing power of 1,000 yards, notes National Geographic's book "Clues to America's Past."

Santa Photos End Next Week

A photographer will be stationed in Sugarland Mall from 4-6 p.m. today to take color pictures of children talking to Santa Claus. This is a fund-raising project of Young Homemakers of Texas.

The photographer will also be at the Mall from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Each color print costs \$2.50 and there is no wait for processing.

Co-chairmen of the ongoing project are two YHT members, Mrs. Bill Abbott and Mrs. Jim Culpepper.

Nine out of ten adults send Christmas cards, according to a survey.

The first American war song was called "Chester," written by William Billings, of Boston, in 1778.

The local YHT chapter will use proceeds to benefit various community concerns, including Project Christmas Card, Hereford Family Service Center and others.

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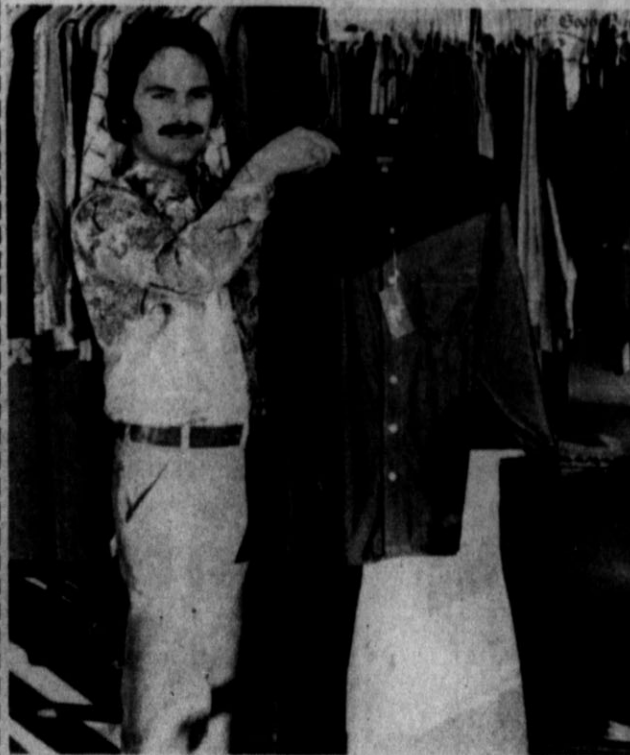
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Spanish Return To Parliamentary Rule After Lengthy Dictatorship

MADRID, Spain (AP)—Spanish voters rejected appeals from both left and right and overwhelmingly approved a return to parliamentary democracy after four decades of dictatorship.

With 57 per cent of the ballots cast in Wednesday's referendum counted, the government said about 75 per cent of the 23 million voters apparently approved its plan to hold free parliamentary elections next year.

The election center said 78.8 per cent of those eligible voted; 94.5 per cent of the ballots counted were "yes"; 2.4 per cent were opposed; and the rest were invalid or abstentions. The national referendum, Spain's first nationwide vote since the death of dictator Francisco Franco 13 months ago, was peaceful and orderly. Authorities had feared ultrarightist disturbances because radical leftists kidnaped the conservative president of the Council of State last weekend.

In a note Wednesday, the kidnappers threatened to kill the 63-year-old industrialist, Antonio Maria de Oriol, unless the government by midnight Friday complied with their demand for the freeing of 15 leftists and Basque nationalists imprisoned for terrorist crimes.

The government gave no indication that it would reverse its previous rejection of the demand and its refusal to bargain with the kidnapers.

Both the left and right opposed the political reform program sponsored by King Juan Carlos and Premier Adolfo Suarez, a former Francoist now regarded as a moderate.

The legislation approved by

the referendum was adopted by the Cortes, the conservative, one-house parliament, on Nov. 18. It abolishes the Cortes, most of whose members were appointed by Franco, and authorizes the election next year of a two-house legislature.

Suarez has said the election will be held by June.

Spain's last democratic parliamentary election occurred in 1936, during the republic which Franco overthrew in the 1936-39 civil war.

Coffee Substitutes Suggested As Prices Continue To Rise

By The Associated Press

Soaring coffee prices have prompted officials of at least two supermarket chains to suggest that their customers switch to other beverages to try to bring costs down.

In a move reminiscent of the sugar boycott two years ago, Kenneth Knesse, area manager for the nine Justrite stores in Kansas City, Mo., posted signs in his outlets reading:

"We at Justrite feel coffee costs have become ridiculous. Therefore, we are asking you to select a substitute until coffee suppliers reduce their cost to you."

A similar message came from Neil Golub, head of the company that runs the Price Chopper chain in the Albany, N.Y., area. Golub has been running full-page advertisements urging customers to try tea, bouillon, hot chocolate or hot cider.

"We did the same thing when the price of sugar went up...and we think it might work again," he said.

Spokesmen at stores in other areas of the country said they did not plan to encourage any formal boycott, but expected that consumers would revolt without an urging.

"The consumer is smart enough to know," said Ted Simmons of Colonial Stores in Atlanta. "I assume that when the price gets high enough, they'll say the hell with it."

Sugar prices climbed to record levels in late 1974, prompting consumer groups and some stores to urge a boycott. The higher prices—more than \$3 for a five-pound sack of sugar—were blamed on increased demand. Consumption dropped and so did prices. By this fall, the average retail price for a five-pound bag of sugar was about \$1.15, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Coffee prices, meanwhile, started rising in the summer of 1975 after a frost in Brazil destroyed much of the crop that would have been harvested this year. Political unrest in Africa also cut the world supply.

Recent increases have boosted prices to about \$3 a pound at the wholesale level. Retail prices still are under \$3 a pound in most areas—partly because merchants are selling cheaper, existing supplies and partly because they are using coffee as a "loss leader" to get customers into their stores.

The Albany and Kansas City stores aren't the only ones

urging a boycott. U.S. Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, D-N.Y., head of the subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs, launched an inquiry into the increase in the price of coffee.

He noted that there had been several special promotions on coffee recently and said: "If there is a shortage, why are there discounts? The quickest and surest way for consumers to avoid being squeezed to the last drop is to vote with their dollars—refuse to pay the prices."

Deceased Airman Identified

LUBBOCK (AP)—Lt. Philip Randall Jones, Of Minden, La., was identified Wednesday as the pilot who died Tuesday when two training jets from Reese Air Force Base in this West Texas city collided in flight.

A Reese AFB spokesman said three of the four men aboard the planes parachuted, but one of them, Lt. Robert Jones of Las Cruces, N.M., was reported in critical condition.

The other two pilots were identified as Capt. James P. Crumley, 32, of New Orleans, and Lt. Dennis E. Maple, 25, of Neligh, Neb.

The air base spokesman said an investigation is being conducted into the collision.

The two planes were part of a four-plane formation training over West Texas.



Paul Harvey News

The Transition

The transition that is taking place in Washington—one President taking over from another—has not always been orderly, has rarely been comfortable and has never been this genuinely cordial.

President Ford stands tall in defeat. President-elect Carter has repeatedly acknowledged Mr. Ford's uncommonly courteous and helpful manner and reportedly has said that he would be honored to have Mr. Ford serve in some appropriate capacity in the Carter Administration.

Never in the history of our nation has there been this degree of transitional co-operation.

Vermont Royster has watched inaugurations since F.D.R.'s first and has researched those previous. He agrees that the civility of this Ford-Carter turnover is unprecedented.

Neither of the two Adamses would even attend the inaugurations of their successors, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

President-elect Lincoln had to take over from President Buchanan without one word of communication, without the least gesture of co-operation.

When Franklin Roosevelt was elected he rejected any liaison with incumbent President Herbert Hoover. On Inauguration Day, Mr. Hoover, was left to depart without ceremony—to make his own way to Union Station—without even Secret Service protection. And from there he departed by train for New York.

More recently, though Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower had worked closely for years—after the election there was no personal cordiality between the two men.

When it was Gen. Eisenhower's turn to move out his public attitude toward John Kennedy was politely proper but privately he kept referring to his

successor as "that boy."

So the shift in power—Gerald Ford to Jimmy Carter—is being accomplished with a mutuality unique in our history.

President Ford has left nothing undone to facilitate a comfortable and orderly transfer of authority. His Cabinet was immediately made available for briefings. The presidential plane was placed at President-elect Carter's disposal as was Blair House.

Considering the campaigning which goes before, these two months of transition have to be most difficult; both men by now

are—or are becoming—accustomed to subservience.

Royster suggests that someday we might want to give consideration to adopting the British system where the turnover is accomplished without this November-January gap—which does tend to leave our nation vulnerable for two months.

But until the big switch can be accomplished more efficiently—these two men—this year—are managing the transition with dignity which is a credit to both of them and a worthy example for the future.

Texas Ranks Lowest In State AID

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said an analysis by his office shows that Texas ranks last among the 50 states in per capita state aid to cities and counties.

Bullock said that Texas' 254 counties received \$3.30 per capita from the state during the 1976 fiscal year, while the cities received \$3.27 per person.

"Take this money away," Bullock said, "and then watch local property taxes."

Only \$31 million of the \$72 million allotted to cities and counties by the state in fiscal 1976 came from state revenues, according to Bullock. The remaining \$41 million came from the federal government.

The counties received a total of \$40 million in fiscal 1976, while the cities received \$32 million.

The analysis is contained in the December financial statement published by Vernon McGee's Planning and Research Division.

The statement also reports that energy related taxes continued to play a vital role in the state's economy during fiscal 1976.

TI Asks CAB For Lower Fares

WASHINGTON (AP)—Texas International Airlines asked the Civil Aeronautics Board Wednesday to let it cut air fares in half on selected early morning and early evening flights between ten major metropolitan areas.

If approved by the CAB, the fares would go into effect on Feb. 1 on certain flights between Albuquerque, N.M., and Los Angeles, Austin, Tex., and Dallas-Fort Worth, Midland-Odessa, Tex., and Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver and Salt Lake City, and Houston and New Orleans.

Unlike conventional discount fares now used by the airline industry, the new fares would have no restrictions such as advance purchase or length of stay requirement. All passengers flying on the selected flights could use the fares.

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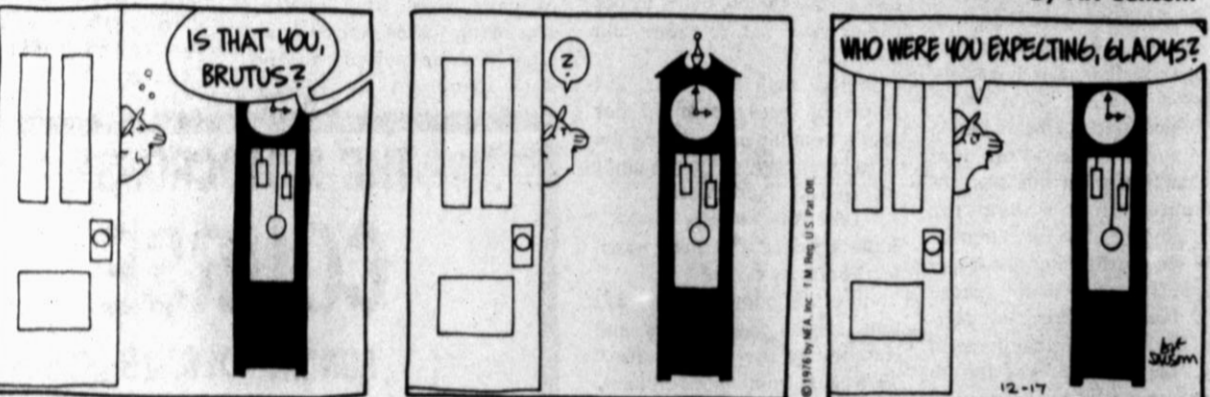
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Back Door Score

Hereford's Kelly Kitchens [30] goes in for a reverse layup as he catches Tascosa's 6-5 DeWayne Gilbreath flat footed. Herd guard Mike O'Rand [12] watches the play. The Whitefaces went on to down the Rebels 52-49 Thursday night. [Brand Photo].

Whitefaces Trip Tascosa

By BOB NIGH
Brand Sports Editor

A technical foul and a 'power play' basket provided the host Hereford Whitefaces with the eventual winning margin as they went on to down the Tascosa Rebels 52-49 Thursday night at the La Plata gym.

The unusual sequence occurred just after the contest had begun, and came as the Rebels had jumped out in front 4-2.

Tascosa's DeWayne Gilbreath was assessed a technical foul for a vocal outburst to an official. Kelly Kitchens converted the free throw with 5:21 left in the period to make it a 4-3 ballgame.

The excitement began, however, when the Rebels' Lloyd White was injured when he ran into Gilbreath at the same instant the technical foul had been called.

White retreated to the bench for treatment, failing to notify either his coach or the officials for a time out.

The host Herd took the ball inbound following the Kitchens free throw and went ahead 5-4 on a Kenneth Mercer bucket as White sat on the bench.

Tascosa coach David Camfield finally caught on that his team was one man short, but a protest to the officials went for naught.

The Rebels settled down after the controversy to take a 12-11 margin as the period

ended, but the scrappy Whitefaces soon turned the tide.

Hereford gained the lead for good at the 2:29 mark in the second period as Kitchens went in for a lay-up to put the Herd ahead 22-20.

A six-point halftime lead (28-22) was cut just one point by the Rebels through the third stanza. The Rebels pulled to within three at 38-35 with 19 seconds left in the period, but Kitchens hit two charity tosses to increase the bulge to five at 40-35 with seven ticks left on the clock.

Gilbreath and Kevin Carter each hit a bucket as the final period opened to make it a one-point game, but a three-point play by Hereford's Mike O'Rand boosted the lead to four at 43-39.

The two teams traded buckets over the next three minutes, and Herd coach Barry Arnwine called for a time out with 2:57 left with the Faces ahead 45-43.

David Schumacher missed a golden opportunity 22 seconds later after the Faces worked the ball inside. Schumacher's uncontented layup rolled in and out and the Rebels took the carom.

Four seconds later White was fouled by Kitchens, but the Rebel failed to convert a one-and-one. Gilbreath followed suit eight ticks later after another foul by Kitchens, and the lead remained at 45-43.

Tascosa finally knotted the score at 47-47 as White and Dwight Cleveland hit baskets to offset a pair of free throws by Kitchens.

Another time out by Arnwine sent the Herd into a stall game, and Jim Lawson popped a 15-footer with 43 seconds left to put the Faces on top 49-47.

O'Rand added a free throw with 26 ticks left, but Cleveland made it 50-49 with a layup with 15 seconds on the clock.

Kitchens found Mercer all alone downcourt after taking the inbounds pass, and heaved the ball the length of the court.

Mercer's layup was good, and he was fouled by Tascosa's Greg Morgan on the play. The missed free throw ended the scoring with five seconds left.

Kitchens led the winners with 14 points, and solid support was lent by O'Rand and Lawson (10 each), and Mercer and Schumacher (8 each).

Gilbreath led the Rebels with 18 points, while White chipped in 11 more.

The Rebels outscored the Herd from the field, 48-42, but a 10-1 edge in free throws gave the game to the Whitefaces.

White hit the lone charity toss for the Rebels as they went one for seven from the line. Kitchens hit six of seven to lead the Whitefaces' 10 of 19 performance.

The Herd upped its record to 8-5 with the win, while the

Rebels fell to 7-6. Hereford's next contest is against the Dumas Demons in Dumas next Tuesday night.

The Herd JV also came away winners Thursday night as coach David Ashby's charges posted a 56-50 verdict.

Brent Allen's 16 points topped the Herd, which ran its record to 7-2 with the win. Kent Ellis backed Allen up with 13 points.

Hereford 11 17 12 12-52
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Hereford-Kelly Kitchens, 4-6-14; Mike O'Rand, 4-2-10; Jim Lawson, 4-2-10; Kenneth Mercer, 4-0-8; David Schumacher, 4-0-8; Blake Autry, 1-0-2. Totals 21-10-52.

Tascosa-DeWayne Gilbreath, 9-0-18; Lloyd White, 5-1-11; Dwight Cleveland, 4-0-8; Greg Morgan, 2-0-4; Cliff Defee, 2-0-4; David Moss, 1-0-2; Kevin Carter, 1-0-2. Totals 24-1-49.

Total fouls-Tascosa 19, Hereford 11.

Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds has hit home runs in each of the four World Series in which he has played since 1970. He hit two in 1976, both coming in the final game against the Yankees when he drove in five of his team's runs in a 7-2 clincher.

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Lee Roy Jordan Plans Retirement

DALLAS (AP)- As though he needed any extra incentive, Sunday's National Football Conference playoff game against Los Angeles could be the last for 14-year Dallas middle linebacker Lee Roy Jordan.

Jordan plans to retire at the end of the year, bringing joy to the Washington Redskins and St. Louis Cardinals, but despair to Cowboy fans.

Young Randy White, the former Maryland All-American called "The Monster," is waiting in the wings and says, "I've learned an awful lot of football being around Lee Roy Jordan for two years."

Jordan says "I'm going to start in January and spend three months or whatever it takes for me to decide on what I'm going to actually do for the next 30 years."

"Until four years ago I thought about coaching, but now it's a little late to begin an assistant's career."

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Jordan said he has not given much consideration to this being his last game because he does not think Dallas will lose.

Jordan is only the second middle linebacker in Dallas' 16-year history. The first was All-Pro Jerry Tubbs, now Jordan's coach.

"Lee Roy is just so great," says Tubbs, "He's never really received the recognition he's deserved."

"Randy White will make a good replacement. He's much more physical than Lee Roy, but that Jordan's a fox."

"Randy White will be really good just as soon as he gets some experience," says Jordan. "I'm confident of my future and the future of the Cowboys."

Jordan said the last two years have been the most fun for him

even though the former Alabama All-American was on a winning Super Bowl team in 1970.

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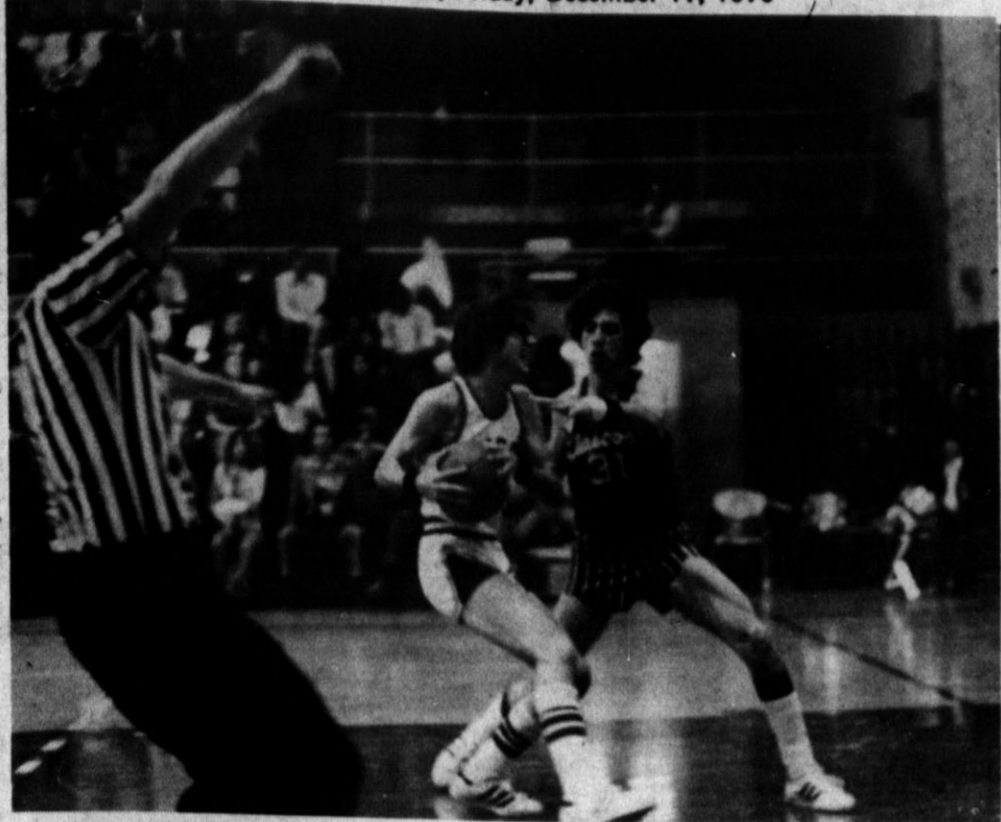
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The official's arm goes up to signal a foul by Tascosa's Greg Morgan on Hereford's Mike O'Rand. O'Rand put a spark in the Herd's 52-49 victory with a 10-point effort Thursday night in the La Plata gym. [Brand Photo].

Reds Deal Perez Away To Montreal

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Cincinnati Reds traded veteran slugger Tony Perez, their all-time runs batted in leader, and left-handed relief pitcher Will McEnaney to the Montreal Expos Thursday in exchange for pitchers Woodie Fryman and Dale Murray.

Perez, 34, drove in 1,115 runs during his 12 years with the Reds and is the only active player to have reached 90 or more runs batted in for the past 10 seasons.

Perez, described by New York Mets pitcher Tom Seaver as "the best mistake hitter in baseball," hit .260 with 19 home runs and 91 RBI. He owns a career batting average of .283 and ranks eighth among all active players with 277 home runs.

On the trading block for some time because of his age and the emergence of young Cincinnati talent, particularly Dan Driessen, Perez approved the trade—which was necessary because he is a 10-year veteran with at least five years with his present team.

The Reds were unable to trade the popular Perez at last week's winter meetings.

The acquisition of Fryman, 36, satisfied the Reds' need for an experienced left-hander to replace Don Gullett, the free agent who signed a \$2 million, six-year contract with the New York Yankees.

Fryman, a 12-year veteran, compiled a 13-13 record for the lowly Expos, who finished with the worst record in baseball last season. He has won 105 games in his career, playing in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Detroit before joining the Expos in 1975. He has thrown three one-hitters in his career.

"We needed another left-handed starter. And in Fryman we have a veteran who knows how to pitch," said Bob Howsam, president and general manager of the two-time world champions.

Howsam called the 26-year-old Murray one of the top relief pitchers in the game the last couple of years. Murray, a right-hander, led the National League last season in appearances with 81. He had a 4-9 record with a 3.27 earned run average. The Texas native was a 15-game winner for the Expos in 1975 and, during a three-year stretch, he pitched 247 1/3 innings without allowing a homer.

McEnaney, who was the winning pitcher in the World Series clincher the past two years, was brilliant in 1975, his first full season, appearing in 70 games with a staff-low 2.47 ERA. But he struggled in 1976, falling to a 2-6 record and a 4.87 ERA. He redeemed himself in the Reds' World Series sweep of the Yankees with 21-3 innings of shutoff relief to nail down the fourth-game victory.

Howsam said "all of us at the Reds wish Tony nothing but the best. He has been a great player for the Cincinnati Reds."

Howsam said that Perez had told the Reds last fall that he preferred to be traded to another club if he could not play regularly.

"Driessen has proven his ability as a hitter, and both he and Perez are too talented and

too valuable to the team to make platooning feasible," said Howsam. "The new reserve system makes this opening for Driessen more imperative."

Perez said he signed a multi-year contract with the Expos and received a raise over the

Campbell Won't Stay At Texas

AUSTIN (AP)—Mike Campbell, an assistant to coach Darrell Royal for 21 years, will not remain at Texas as a member of the staff of new head coach Fred Akers.

Campbell, Royal's first choice for the head coaching job, said, "I guess I'll get another job doing something."

Asked if he would remain as a member of Akers' staff, Campbell replied, "No, I wouldn't do that by any stretch of the imagination. I might stay with the university through. Years ago I got a letter when we were having all the good teams saying that if anything ever happened, they would give me a job equal to what I had."

Akers' successor by a seven-member selection committee headed by UT President Dr. Lorene Rogers.

Akers, 38, an assistant at Texas before going to Wyoming as head coach two years ago, was given a five-year contract at \$45,000 annually.

He said he recommended former Longhorn assistant Leon Manley to succeed him at Wyoming, but said he hoped Manley would consider returning with him to Texas.

The Arkansas native, who was offensive coordinator at Texas before stepping into the Wyoming job, uses a varied attack at Wyoming and intimated he will bring the same offensive plan to Texas.

"We run quite a bit—the 1, pro set, and the slot. We have run a veer attack with split back

\$100,000 contract he had been getting from the Reds.

At a news conference, the power-hitting Cuban said he was "happy and satisfied" with the deal and expressed regret over leaving the team which he has called "my family."

Akers called Campbell Wednesday and offered him a job on the Longhorn staff, but Campbell declined. "I've probably had enough coaching anyway," said Campbell, 54. "I'm going to have to

Dorsett, Stabler Receive Awards

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Pitt running back Tony Dorsett was named the outstanding college football player of 1976 by the Maxwell Club Thursday, and Ken Stabler of the Oakland Raiders was named recipient of the annual Bert Bell Award as the year's outstanding pro football player.

Dorsett, preparing for the Sugar Bowl game against Georgia on Jan. 1, told the Maxwell Club in a telephone interview that he would like to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers although he knows his chances are slim.

"I'm a home grown fellow, a mamma's boy and I would love to play before the people I've known all my life," said Dorsett, who grew up in Aliquippa, Pa., 17 miles from the Steelers' home field at Three Rivers Stadium.

The Pitt All-American and Heisman Trophy winner in four years broke 16 NCAA records and tied two.

Stabler, the NFL's leading passer, was unavailable for a telephone interview. It is a club

Bowl Outlook

By The Associated Press

Friday, Dec. 17
At Pontiac, Mich.
North-South Shrine game
Saturday, Dec. 18

TANGERINE BOWL
At Orlando, Fla.
Oklahoma St. vs. Brigham Young

Monday, Dec. 20
LIBERTY BOWL
At Memphis, Tenn
Alabama vs. UCLA

Friday, Dec. 24
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue-Gray Classic

Saturday, Dec. 25
FIESTA BOWL
At Tempe, Ariz.
Wyoming vs. Oklahoma

Monday, Dec. 27
GATOR BOWL
At Jacksonville, Fla. Penn State vs. Notre Dame

Friday, Dec. 31
PEACH BOWL
At Atlanta
Kentucky vs. North Carolina

ASTRO-BLUEBONNET BOWL
At Houston
Nebraska vs. Texas Tech or Houston

Saturday, Jan. 1
COTTON BOWL
At Dallas
Maryland vs. SWC champion

SUGAR BOWL
At New Orleans
Georgia vs. Pittsburgh

ROSE BOWL
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan vs. Southern Cal

ORANGE BOWL
At Miami
Ohio State vs. Colorado

Sunday, Jan. 2
SUN BOWL
At El Paso, Tex.
Texas A&M vs. Florida
At Palo Alto, Calif.
East-West Shrine game

Saturday, Jan. 8
HULA BOWL
At Honolulu
East All-Stars vs. West All Stars

Sunday, Jan. 16
JAPAN BOWL
At Tokyo
East vs. West.

Spartans Punished

CHICAGO (AP)—Michigan State, already on NCAA probation until January 1979 for football recruiting violations, was placed on three years' probation Thursday by the Big Ten Conference.

Conference Commissioner Wayne Duke said his investigation found that from 1967 to 1975 the university committed 97 violations of Big Ten and

NCAA rules relating to recruiting, financial aid and benefits for athletes and inadequate control over athletic programs and personnel.

Duke said the Spartans will be barred until Sept. 1, 1979 from television and post-season play. The NCAA took those same steps in January, but its probationary period expires eight months earlier.

Duke said the conference probation would be extended two years if the university football program violates any Big Ten or NCAA rules on recruiting, financial aid or extra benefits while on probation.

An extension also would penalize Michigan State by denying it revenue from conference television or post-season games.

"The threat of the additional penalty hopefully will be a significant deterrent of future violations by the university," Duke said.

He said he would have proposed that the additional penalty be imposed immediately had it not been "for the university statements that it is taking every reasonable precaution to prevent future infractions of conference and/or NCAA regulations."

Duke said Michigan State and the other Big Ten schools have accepted his report.

He also said the current Spartan football staff has not been found guilty of any violations.

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Sophomore Cagers

These twelve players comprise the Hereford sophomore team this season. Aaron Bourland directs the team, which includes: front row l to r: Chuck Schumucker, Bret Hallows, Steve Cerda, Donald Weemes, Kevin Bunch, David Mays. Back row l to r: Leslie Mullins, Wendell Turner, Greg Dement, Larry McNutt, Kelvin Barkowsky, Gary Cornelius. [Brand Photo].

Wrestling Suspended Until February

Lions Club officials have announced that wrestling leaves the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn until Saturday, February 5, and will then continue until another year has rolled by. They expressed their thanks to the public and to the media for continued support in their many community works.

Sports Unlimited of Amarillo will bring many new faces to the southwest after the first of the year. The popular mat stylist El Bracero will be making his debut here, and efforts are being made to enlist the activities of such mat stars as Cyclone Negro (now in Australia) and big Ernie Ladd. Announcements will be made concerning newcomers before wrestling returns to Hereford.

The fabulous Johnny Weaver, popular Charlotte, North Carolina Grappler, will be returning to the Panhandle by January 1, with hopes that his recently fractured hand will be completely healed. He was crippled deliberately by Swede Hanson, Rip Hawk, and Tank Patton just after successfully defending his

newly-won International Heavyweight Championship.

"Texican" Alex Perez, one of the most unpopular wrestlers to appear here in years, claims he will revenge himself on idol Ricky Romero for recent humiliation and losses at the Bull Barn. In last Saturday's action, which wound up the 1976 season in Hereford.

Romero and Teddy Dibase won two straight over Black Gorman and Perez. They took the first when Perez was counted out of the ring, and won with an elbow smash and body press by Dibase over Gorman in the second.

Last Saturday's semi-windup saw Jerry Kozak, top junior heavyweight contender, win by disqualification over the 310 pound Patton. The opening match saw Hawk win with the neckbreaker and press over Kazuo Sakurada of Japan

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Government Reorganization Meets With Opposition From Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP)— President-elect Carter's plan for a reorganization of the federal government is encountering opposition from a key member of Congress and a well-known legal scholar who question its constitutionality.

Carter has said he wants Congress to give him authority to submit reorganization plans to Congress that would go into effect after 60 days unless either the House or Senate expressed disapproval.

During his campaign, Carter repeatedly pledged to cut the number of federal agencies from some 1,900 to 200. He conceded that such a consolidation in the number of agencies might not result in reduction in the number of federal employees.

Many observers and Carter staffers believe the only way such a sweeping reorganization of the bureaucracy can take

place is with the authority the President-elect is seeking.

In effect, Carter would be authorized to reorganize the executive branch if Congress did nothing to stop him.

If Carter must submit his reorganization plans in the form of legislative proposals that would be subject to amendment by Congress and would require approval at the committee level as well as by the full House and Senate, there would be many more opportunities for opponents to torpedo them.

Prof. Raoul Berger of the Harvard Law School said the proposal to have reorganization plans take effect unless Congress disapproves them raises "a constitutional doubt."

Emphasizing that he supported Carter in the election, Berger said, "I don't like the notion of giving such a tremendous blank check to the

President."

Berger's view was echoed by Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Tex., chairman of the House Government Operations Committee.

Brooks plans to submit a bill

that would require positive congressional approval for reorganizational plans.

Critics of the veto method of reorganization note that it would allow a president to eliminate agencies created by Congress without a congressional vote.

One case cited was the decision in 1973, which prohibited Richard M. Nixon from shutting down the Office of Economic Opportunity without first gaining congressional approval for the move.

Jimmy Carter Taco Makes Texas Debut

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— To some people it tastes like crunchy scrambled eggs. But the peanut and egg "Jimmy Carter taco" is making a place for itself in this South Texas city.

Oswaldo Rodriguez, 55, owner of a Mexican food restaurant, says he's been making the new taco since right after the election last month.

"One customer has grown a liking for them and comes in every morning asking for four peanut and egg tacos," Rodriguez said in an interview.

"If I eat plain—just peanuts and eggs—and don't drink coffee, it tastes like pork to me," he said.

Rodriguez said his customers tagged it the Jimmy Carter Taco, but he said Carter's election sparked the

idea.

"I was reading the paper of how Jimmy Carter won the election when my mind started to tick. The idea hit me and I waited for the grocery store to open so I could buy some peanuts," he recalled.

In a few hours, the Carter Taco made its debut in San Antonio, where tacos are eaten as often as hamburgers or hot dogs. Rodriguez made about 10 of the new tacos and passed out samples to some of his customers.

The customers prevailed upon Rodriguez to add the item to his menu.

"Some say the peanut and egg taco doesn't sound very good and so they never try it. And a lot of people think I use peanut butter," Rodriguez said.

Actually, dried roasted peanuts are mashed down to match-tip size and scrambled with eggs. In the process, some of the peanut bits are fried and get a new flavor of their own, Rodriguez explained.

And, he added, for some reason Democratic seem to like the peanut and egg tacos better than Republicans.

Sad Chapter Of Vietnam Era Ends With Reclassification

WASHINGTON (AP)— The Pentagon can resume the grim business of reclassifying the 728 Americans still officially listed as missing in action in Vietnam.

A special House committee reported Wednesday that it could find no evidence to indicate that any Americans are still held captive in Indochina or that any of those considered missing are in fact alive.

Fifteen months ago, when the committee began its probe, the Pentagon halted its case-by-case reclassification of the MIA's in deference in the committee's investigation.

The House panel stopped just short of flatly declaring that the 728 remaining MIAs were dead, a job the Pentagon would have to do. But Rep. G.G. Montgomery, D-Miss., made it plain that there was no hope.

"There comes a time when you have to make sad statements, and that's what the committee has done. This is a final, sad chapter to our involvement in Southeast Asia," he told a news conference.

The report said the committee had been led "to the belief that no Americans are still being held alive as prisoners in Indochina."

Montgomery and another committee member, California Republican Paul McCloskey,

said the report should not deter the United States from pressing for any information the Vietnamese might have about missing Americans. Envoys of both countries are currently negotiating in Paris, with the MIAs a major issue.

The United States has vetoed Vietnam's applications for United Nations membership because of the MIA issue.

But a spokeswoman for the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia said the Paris talks between Vietnam and the United States are a continuing argument against the committee's conclusion.

"For the first time, we have an opportunity to obtain actual information on what happened to these missing Americans," a league spokesman said.

The committee report said 2,546 Americans did not return from the war, including 41 civilians. The Pentagon still lists 728 as officially missing.

It said that the percentage of men unaccounted for in Vietnam was quite low in comparison to previous wars. In World War II, and Korea, 22 per cent of those killed were first listed as missing. None was ever found alive after being officially listed as missing, the panel said.

In Vietnam, the number of men reported missing amounted to only 4 per cent of the total of American casualties, the panel said.

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Mayors Present Spending Plans

ATLANTA (AP)— A \$12.3-billion federal spending plan designed to create more than a million new jobs is being laid before Jimmy Carter by a group of hopeful big city mayors.

Leaders of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities were providing Carter today with an extensive laundry list of legislation they say is needed to revitalize the nation's cities.

A conference plan calls for a \$20-billion economic stimulus, including a \$7.7-billion tax rebate.

Several favorable economic and political factors have raised the mayors' hopes.

Carter is known to be weighing several spending and tax packages to stimulate the sagging economy. He has made it clear that job creation is his top priority.

The President-elect won huge pluralities throughout the nation's cities en route to narrow presidential victory, with key support from several of the mayors who gathered here today—especially Abraham Beame of New York, Coleman Young of Detroit and Henry Maier of Milwaukee.

"The \$20-billion economic stimulus must be acted upon immediately to get the economy moving," said Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson.

He outlined a plan that included \$4 billion for public works, \$3.5 billion in antirecession aid to the cities, \$2.5 billion for public employment, \$1 billion for education and a total

of \$1.3 billion in several other areas.

"The \$12.3-billion job-producing program would be used for rehabilitating cities through a deferred maintenance plan," and Gibson, the conference president.

"What we are talking about is a labor-intensive program for the repair and rehabilitation of major cities across the country. Transit systems, streets, parks, public buildings, sewer and water lines cry out for rehabilitation."

Gibson said a tax rebate is preferable to a general tax cut because it would not cut tax revenues in future years.

In the group of 13 mayors and one city council member meeting with Carter were at least four men being mentioned for a top Cabinet job.

Among those under consideration for secretary of Housing and Urban Development have been Mayors Gibson, Young, Maier and Thomas Bradley of Los Angeles. Bradley recently disavowed interest in a Washington post and is expected to seek re-election in 1977.

CHRISTMAS, OFFICIALLY

NEW YORK (AP)— Alabama in 1836 was the first state to grant legal recognition to Christmas. By 1890 all states and territories acknowledged Christmas, including the District of Columbia in 1870.

Christmas is the only annual religious holiday to receive this official commendation.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 17, the 352nd day of 1976. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful airplane flight in history, soaring over sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

On this date: In 1538, Pope Paul III excommunicated King Henry VIII of England.

In 1718, England declared war on Spain.

In 1830, the South American liberator Simon Bolivar died in Colombia.

In 1914, Britain proclaimed a protectorate over Egypt.

In 1919, a U.S. arsenal at Pictiny, N.J., blew up, causing damage estimated at \$1 million.

In 1939, during World War II, the crew of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee scuttled the ship off Uruguay rather than let it fall into the hands of the British.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon said U.S. warplanes were subjected to one of the heaviest surface-to-air missile attacks of the Vietnam War during recent raids on Hanoi.

Five years ago: India and Pakistan ended a two-week war.

One year ago: Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Federal court in Sacramento, Calif., to life imprisonment for attempting to kill President Ford in Sacramento on Sept. 5.

Today's birthdays: Boston conductor Arthur Fiedler is 82. Writer Erskine Caldwell is 73.

Thought for today: Life's too short for chess. - Lord Byron, English poet, 1788-1824.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, the American Continental Congress, which had moved from Philadelphia to Baltimore, was informed that British troops were in New Jersey in Morristown and Haddonfield, across the Delaware a few miles from Philadelphia.

A ROYAL INVITATION

NEW YORK (AP)— His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, on a recent visit here expressed appreciation for the hospitality shown by Americans to visitors to this country in its bicentennial year. He invited Americans in return to go to Britain next year to join in that country's celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the 25th anniversary of her accession to the throne in 1952.

The main celebrations, involving much pageantry, will take place in London in June. But there will be special commemorative events throughout the year all over Britain.

The 32-year-old duke is a professional architect, a graduate of Cambridge University who practices with a firm of London architects. But he also carries out a substantial number of public duties and is president of the East Midlands Tourist Board.

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