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Winds Could Mean Second Consecutive Crop Failure

Dryland Wheat Farmers Facing Disaster

By JIM STEIERT
Brand Farm Editor

The unrelenting spring winds of the Texas Panhandle have area wheat farmers over a barrel currently, and

unless Mother Nature provides some significant moisture within the next two weeks, Deaf Smith county farmers attempting to raise wheat under dryland conditions may be looking at their second crop failure in as many years, while yields of irrigated wheat may once again be seriously reduced.

ALTHOUGH A GOOD portion of the hardy dryland wheat crop could still recover with favorable weather conditions, the stage has already been set for a repeat of the major failure of the dryland wheat crop which occurred here in 1976, and all of its economic ramifications.

Some 100,000 acres of dryland wheat failed during the 1976 crop year, due to a prolonged drought which began in the fall of 1975 and carried well into the spring of last year. Irrigated wheat also yielded poorly.

That crop failure came after an outstanding wheat production year in 1975, when Deaf Smith County led the state in wheat yields with a production of 10.2 million bushels and an average yield of 31.6 bushels per acre.

Outstanding yields on the county's dryland acreage were a key factor in the top wheat production that year.

COUNTY ASCS Executive Director

John Fuston expressed amazement at the resiliency of this year's dryland wheat crop, which was sown last fall with abundant soil moisture.

"Surprisingly enough, we still have some dryland wheat left, despite the extremely rough windstorm Friday," said Fuston. "I am being optimistic, but I feel that we could still harvest some dryland wheat if we receive some moisture in the next week or so. But we will definitely lose the dryland wheat if the moisture doesn't come soon. Friday's windstorm blew so much sand onto the fields that it is going to be hard to keep any of the dryland fields from blowing without listing them up," he added.

The local ASCS director indicated that some 10,000 to 15,000 acres of dryland wheat have already been lost due to Friday's windstorm and an earlier windstorm which ravaged local cropland on February 22. Some 5,000 to 10,000 acres of dryland wheat were severely damaged in that storm.

Fuston indicated that an additional 50,000 acres of dryland wheat are at an "extremely critical" stage since being covered with sand in the Friday storm

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Onions Go In Despite Wind

A field worker goes through the process of putting out onion sets in a field southeast of Hereford during a break in last week's windy conditions. The planting date for the young and tender onions has arrived at the same time as devastating windstorms, and growers who are putting out the plants know the sets could be cut clean to the ground in the event of another sandstorm such as the one experienced here last Friday. However, the planting schedule must be followed and

workers have weaved their way through numerous fields in the county during the past week, putting the young onions in place. A spokesman for a local vegetable packing shed reported that onion acreage here should be down somewhat from last year. With the onions already going in, potato planting is close at hand, and spuds should start to go into the ground sometime next week. (Photo By Jim Steiert)

update wednesday

Abortion Testimony Given

AUSTIN (AP) - Abortions should be illegal after 22 weeks, except in cases where the mother's life is in danger or the child could not survive anyway, says the president of the Texas Right to Life Committee.

Dr. I. Erwin Ballinger testified Tuesday before the Senate Jurisprudence subcommittee on criminal matters in support of a bill establishing 22 weeks as age at which a fetus becomes viable.

The State Board of Health Resources would be charged under the bill with lowering that age if evidence at a yearly study indicated it should be lowered.

Largest Election Begins

NEW DELHI (India AP) - The world's largest election began today as India's silent masses went to the polls to elect a new lower house of Parliament and to decide whether Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will continue in power.

The voter turnout was reported heavier than usual, a development that Mrs. Gandhi's opponents had said should prove favorable to them.

Voting was scheduled today in 300 of the country's 542 election districts and continues through Sunday. First results were to be announced then, after the last balloting.

U.S. Aids Zaire

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Carter administration is spending \$1 million worth of military and medical equipment to Zaire as the central African country tries to repel what it calls an invasion by "foreign mercenaries" from Angola.

It marked the first time the Carter administration has found itself involved in foreign warfare and Carter's spokesman said the President personally made Tuesday's decision to send aid to Zaire.

U.S. officials, announcing the airlift, say they have no confirmed evidence that Cuban forces are engaged in the fighting in the southern province of Shaba, formerly known as Katanga.

Economy Bill Snowballs

WASHINGTON (AP) - The tax cut and spending program launched by President Carter to jog the lagging economy is snowballing through congress and seems certain to emerge bigger than it started.

How much bigger it will be than \$31.6 billion - the administration's latest two-year estimate - is still a question.

The answer may play a key role in determining whether Carter will be able to fulfill his promise to balance the budget by 1981.

The House on Tuesday voted a \$23.3 billion appropriation to fund major elements of Carter's program and substantial additions by Congress.

weather

West Texas: Partly Cloudy through Thursday. Warmer tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 40 Panhandle to 56 extreme south except 32 mountains. High Thursday 68 Panhandle to near 90 Big Bend.

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Mahon Sees Carter Bill Smaller Than Past

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Carter administration economic stimulus appropriation may seem like a major step to some congressmen. But not to Rep. George Mahon.

Mahon, 77, has seen a lot of stimulus proposals in his 42 years in Congress. Some of them were more momentous than the one which he, as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, steered to passage Tuesday.

C of C Directors Meet Thursday

The regularly monthly meeting of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce board of directors will be held at 6:30 a.m. Thursday in the Conference room of the Chamber building.

It will be the first meeting for Bob Duckworth, the new executive vice president of the organization. He comes from Hobbs, N.M., where he served in a similar position. An official welcome will be given by the board.

In other business, the board's agenda lists statements of receipts and expenditures for February, 1977, regular committee reports, a special committee report on Christmas decorations, Women's Division report and discussion of a leadership workshop. Standing committees reports include Fun breakfast, Water and Sports.

All board members and interested chamber members are encouraged to attend. The Chamber president is Joe Shollenberger, who will preside at the meeting.

Clayton To Seek Third Term As Speaker



REP. BILL CLAYTON
Speaker Candidate Again

AUSTIN (AP) - Speaker Bill Clayton said today he is a candidate for a third term as House speaker of the 1979 legislature.

"I'm not interested in the Agriculture Commissioner job to succeed John White and I am not interested in running against Sen. John Tower," Clayton told a news conference.

"But I do intend to run for speaker again."

Clayton said he already had 90 "firm" pledges of support for the 1979 campaign.

"There have been rumbles on the floor the last two or three weeks about the possibility of a full-fledged speaker's race breaking out, which is the last thing I would like to happen," Clayton said. "That's why I want to make clear today I am running for a third term."

Clayton said he hoped his announcement would put a stop to the widespread campaigning and let members know where he stands.

Rep. Buddy Temple, D-Diboll, has said he is a candidate for 1979 speaker and will run whether Clayton runs or not.

Commissioners Call Meeting To Set Wind Erosion Policy

A called meeting of the Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court was scheduled at 1 p.m. today at the courthouse to set a procedure farmers can use to force uncooperative landowners to plow up their fields to prevent damaging wind erosion.

The commissioners met in regular session Monday to hear complaints and demands from about 10 area farmers and agriculture officials for County Judge Sam Morgan to authorize them to plow up a farmer's land which was being blown in neighboring fields. While they asked for immediate action, the judge and Criminal District Attorney Andy Shusal were hesitant to proceed without establishing the legal status of a dormant law allowing the judge to act.

The old Deaf Smith County Wind Erosion Conservation District founded in 1936, gave the original right for land to be chiseled even though the landowner was against it. Its purpose was to prevent further damage to surrounding land caused by wind blowing top soil across

the area. Plowing achieves this goal through deep set rows and larger clods of dirt which act as a barrier to the wind.

As a dormant act, the law needs only to be reinstated to have legal status. Neighboring counties of Randall and Oldham are considering resurrecting their wind erosion districts.

Morgan said this morning that 1948 was the last time the wind erosion district authority was used according to old records found at the courthouse. Farmers faced with the plight of the Dirty 30's had to file a charge on a particular landowner, wait two weeks for notifications sent to all concerned, hold a hearing and decide the matter before the county judge. First, a three-member team from each county precinct was appointed to view the land for evidence of wind erosion.

At today's meeting, each of the county's four commissioners were to appoint the three-man teams. However, Morgan said the commissioners, who are the governing body for the wind erosion district, were to discuss changes to

the area. Plowing achieves this goal through deep set rows and larger clods of dirt which act as a barrier to the wind.

Also, methods of funding the wind erosion program will be considered. It used to be financed at least partially through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Even though assessments for the work can be made against the landowner involved, current cash is needed to operate the program since all workers need to be paid.

Hugh Clearman, former assistant county extension agent, was to be present to discuss the application of the wind erosion protection in the dust bowl days and how it might properly be applied today.

"We want to change the law to meet today's times and needs," Morgan said. Farmers present at the Monday meeting were Donald Hicks, Larry Harris, and Carl Straffuss among others.

Temple told reporters it was "unreasonable" for him Clayton to have a press conference announcing he is running and say the rest of us should stop running for speaker.

He said he was "very much against a third term" and believed there are "an awful lot of people out there on the House floor who want an alternative to three terms of Bill Clayton."

Clayton said he had received numerous inquiries if he would be interested in a race for governor or lieutenant governor, provided the present incumbents do not run again in 1978.

"I don't anticipate there being an opening in either place," he said, "and I have no plans for that...down the line somewhere those are the offices that interest me the most. It might be in 1981 or earlier if there is an opening."

Clayton 48, was first elected speaker in 1975, then elected again for the 1977 session.

A native of Olney, he moved with his family to Springlake in 1931 and has called that his home since then.

He was first elected to the Texas House in 1962.

He did not dispute the speaker's claim of 90 pledges but said, "I don't think he can hold on to them, otherwise I wouldn't have a race."

Temple would not say how many pledges he has collected.

He said his main criticism of Clayton was, "I don't think he's provided any real leadership in solving the issues we have to face, such as school finance."

Wildlife Hearings Set Monday

A public hearing will be conducted at the county courthouse Monday, March 21, at 10 a.m., according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

The hearing is being held for the purpose of gathering information concerning proposed hunting, fishing and trapping regulations for Deaf Smith County.

All persons interested in commenting on seasons, bag limits and means and methods of taking wildlife within the county are urged to attend.

Local farmers and sportsmen are invited to testify on behalf of an extended

duck and goose season beginning Oct. 30 and running through Jan. 30.

Such a season would allow for greater utilization of area waterfowl resources and also reduce depredation by large concentrations of waterfowl which arrive in the latter part of January.

Family Prepares For Carter

CLINTON, Mass. (AP) - Edward Thompson's wife and eight children here in this small New England mill town call themselves the "average American family."



Assisting Quake Victims

The Outreach Department of First Christian Church amassed \$500 for the Romanian Disaster Relief Fund being administered to earthquake victims by the Red Cross. The donation was made this week by Mrs. Ted Panciera, co-chairman of the Outreach program. Accepting the contribution were Lee Umsted, chairman of the local Red Cross board of directors. [photo by Phyl Smith.]

Estates Created By Life Insurance

COLLEGE STATION—Life insurance can create an estate by providing five types of security funds—either completely or partly. Lynn Bourland, a family resource management specialist suggests:

No one policy provides all this protection—but a combination of policies can, she added.

Miss Bourland is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System—and she is author of "Life Insurance" (MP 1262) a publication available through County Extension Offices statewide. Among its several topics, the publication includes a chart to help families "size-up" their insurance needs, she said.

The five types of security funds that insurance can provide which Miss Bourland recommends considering are:

- 1) Health expense for medical and burial costs, legal fees, estate and inheritance taxes, and other bills owed by the deceased.
- 2) Income fund for living expenses of surviving dependent family members.
- 3) Mortgage fund to automatically pay the balance due on the home mortgage.
- 4) Education fund for dependent children.
- 5) Contingency fund for emergencies.
- 6) Of course, a family could supply these funds through careful savings and investments—but life insurance combined with savings and investments may give better results, she said.
- 7) Life insurance offers several advantages, Miss Bourland explained.

- 1) Death payments from life insurance to beneficiaries usually are not subject to federal income tax.
- 2) Monthly life insurance payments will not disqualify a widow from receiving full Social Security payments.
- 3) Payments to beneficiaries are usually made in a short time. Processing an estate may take months or years.
- 4) The beneficiary or policy payment terms may be changed by the owner at no cost.
- 5) Life insurance is the only way some families discipline themselves to save regularly.
- 6) Life insurance savings earn constant but smaller returns than some other investments—however remember that stock investment yields fluctuate

Ann Landers Handicapped Writes



DEAR ANN LANDERS: Why do you publish so many letters about sex when surely you must know that millions of handicapped adults who read your column are denied a sex life through no fault of their own? It would be an act of mercy, Ann, if you eliminated or cut down on such letters. -- No Can Do In Florida

DEAR FLORIDA: I have printed several letters by handicapped people who have written about their sex problems. The letter that stands out in my mind was from a young woman who wanted the world to know that simply because a person is in a wheelchair does not mean he (or she) cannot enjoy sex. Her letter was a "breakthrough." It educated millions of people. That's what this column is all about.

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DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm a 17-year-old girl with a very unusual problem. I had been having morning sickness a lot so I went to our family doctor yesterday. He is positive I am pregnant -- at least three months, he said. The tests will be back in a few days.

I have NEVER messed around with boys. Right now I don't even have a steady. What do I

with Parents anonymous. Their toll-free numbers are: In California: (800) 352-0386. Outside California: (800) 421-0353. -- We Love Our Children

DEAR LOVE: I have printed information about this splendid organization in the past and am pleased to do so again. Thank you for writing.

DEAR TROUBLE: Assuming the tests came back positive -- no, dear. There was some talk a few years ago about a young girl who claimed she became pregnant from sperm picked up in the bathtub in which her brother had bathed a few minutes earlier. This was never proven scientifically and very few people believed it was possible.

When a pregnancy occurs, it must be assumed that the female has had sexual relations.

Club Women Perform Sacred Selections

"Sacred Music" was the theme of the program when members of Hereford Music Club met in the home of Mrs. J.R. Allison Monday. Mrs. Bill Brady and Mrs. Wesley Guiley were co-hostesses.

During the business meeting, the scholarship committee announced that Sabra Hacker will be the recipient of this year's scholarship.

A letter was read from the Hereford Chamber Singers, asking for donations for their White Elephant Sale.

Mrs. A.J. Schroeter and Mrs. Sam Long presented a piano and organ duet, "Panie Angelicus" by Frank and "O Rest In The

Lord" by Bartholdy was vocalized by Mrs. C.J. Mountz. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ken Walser.

A chorus composed of Mmes. Allen Cansler, Tom Burdett, Ken Walser, Thomas Betzen, Lyle Holmes and Paul Lyons sang "Oh Rise, Sun" and two numbers from "Four Sacred Songs for the Night," "Dawn" and "Sunrise" by Houston Bright.

Others present were Mmes. S.F. Clements, W.E. Dameron, Wesley Fisher, J.C. McCracken, Wayne Thomas, Harold Close, Ellis Coombes, J.D. Neill, S.L. Wilson, and a guest, Mrs. Ernest Flood.



REV. AND MRS. WARREN MCKIBBEN ...to officiate at special services

Pentecostal Church Cites Anniversary

The congregation at United Pentecostal Church, located on the corner of Ave. H and Lafayette, is conducting its third anniversary services Thursday through Sunday. Rev. Bill Mills of Odessa will be the guest speaker each night at 7:30.

The Rev. Warren McKibben, pastor of the church, came to Hereford from Lovington with his wife, Wanda and three sons, David, Wesley and Delbert. The couple also has a daughter, Jan Wheeler of Houston.

Fertilization Advice Given For Tree Growers

COLLEGE STATION—Elegant shade trees that enhance many yards are often overlooked at fertilizing time. However, a landscape specialist for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service says that most trees can tolerate the neglect and only require fertilizer every few years.

"Regular lawn fertilizer is fine for your shade trees," says Janne, "but the applications are the most beneficial when applied in three separate doses."

He recommended the first application in late fall, the second in spring just before new growth begins and the last feeding in summer.

"To assure that the tree gets the complete value from the nutrients, apply the fertilizer evenly beneath the branch spread and then water the soil thoroughly," Janne advises.

A fact sheet on "Fertilizing Woody Ornamentals" provides detailed information for interested gardeners. A copy may be obtained from any county Extension office, adds the horticulturist.

Janne recommends fertilizing a tree on the basis of its branch spread. For every 1,000 square feet of branches, apply about six pounds of actual nitrogen. This would mean 50 pounds of a fertilizer with an analysis of 12-12-12 (12 x 50 = 6).

Mrs. Vaughn Is Honored As Author

Louise Wheeler Vaughn of Hereford and her guests, the Rev. and Mrs. Dewitt Seago, were in attendance Saturday for the 9th annual Book and Author Dinner at Amarillo.

Mrs. Vaughn, who is the author of her memoirs, entitled "The Hourglass," was among numerous area writers who spoke at the dinner. Mrs. Vaughn's book was published this past year.

The Book and Author dinner is conducted yearly by Friends of the Amarillo Library as a tribute to Panhandle authors. Keynote speaker during the recent assembly was Dr. Charles R. Townsend from West Texas State University at Canyon. He is author of "San Antonio Rose," a biography of Bob Wills.

Up, Up and Away
The cost of Social Security continues to escalate. The Conference Board points out. Spending for Social Security amounted to only 1.1 per cent of the nation's taxable payroll in 1950. But this figure jumped to 3.9 per cent in 1960, to 8.1 per cent in 1970 and to 10.7 per cent in 1975. Experts say expenditures could eventually top 30 per cent of taxable income.

Resurfacing
Farmers around the world often stop plowing to remove rocks. Dutch farmers stop to remove shipwrecks. Recent news reports told how downed aircraft from World War II are surfacing as land is reclaimed from the Zaidler Zoo.

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Tickets Available For Drawing Friday

Members of Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority are still offering tickets for a fund-raising drawing to be held Friday.

Tickets may be purchased for 50 cents from any AIM member or from Jewel Smith, board member of the American Lung Association. All proceeds of the project will be given as a contribution to the Lung Association.

Kathy Nixon drawing chairman announced that eight

prizes will be awarded. Those firms offering merchandise to the drawing winners are Pitman Beef, Stairway to Fashions, Little's, Amarillo Coca-Cola Co., Li'l Charro, Western Auto and Barrack Furniture.

This is the second year that the local sorority chapter has staged a drawing as a benefit project for the Lung Association, which is concerned with the research of lung disorders and publicizing the hazards of smoking.

Speaker Recalls New England Tour

A program on scenic and historic sites of New England was presented by Mrs. L.N. Cox Monday night in the Richard Ottesen home for members of Veiled Study Club.

Illustrating her presentation with color slides, Mrs. Cox related that she and Mrs. C.C. Coffee of Lubbock toured New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. Of special interest were pictures of the Mayflower,

Plymouth Rock, rivers, mountains and covered bridges. Club members were fascinated by the glass flowers exhibited in the Harvard Museum, where the rare articles are displayed.

Members present included Mmes. Howard Burdwell, Hugh Clearman, Bill Bradley, Gid

Brown, Armon Lauderback, George Olson, Gwynne Owen, John Poundexter, George Ritter, Laurence Ruther, Bill Walden and Frank Zinser.

The next meeting is scheduled at 8 p.m. March 28 in the home of Mrs. Brady.

Legion Zone Meeting To Convene Thursday

American Legion and Auxiliary members from seven Panhandle cities will assemble here at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for the monthly Zone 2 meeting.

Also, the Legionnaires will observe the 58th national birthday of the American Legion, which was founded in 1919. A specially-decorated cake and dinner will be served at the celebration Thursday. A program is scheduled.

In attendance will be the following Legion officials: Stella Beard of Amarillo, district Auxiliary president; Mrs. Bill Davis, department hospital representative; and District Commander Francis Wilhelm of Nazareth. All Legion and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend the upcoming dinner.

Zone 2 of the American Legion is comprised of seven cities, including Tulia, Hart, Happy, Nazareth, Dimmitt, Friona and Hereford. James

Jesko is commander of the local Legion Post 192 and Mrs. Ira Ott is president of the Hereford Auxiliary.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Curtsinger of Lubbock, are the parents of a son, Chad Layne, born March 13 at a Lubbock Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dub Curtsinger of 501 W. 3rd, Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woffard of Lockney.

Crematory's Namesake
Pere Lachaise is the great Parisian cemetery on the site of a religious settlement founded by the Jesuits in 1628, later enlarged by King Louis IV's confessor, Pere Lachaise. After the Revolution, the grounds were laid out for the cemetery and first used in 1804.

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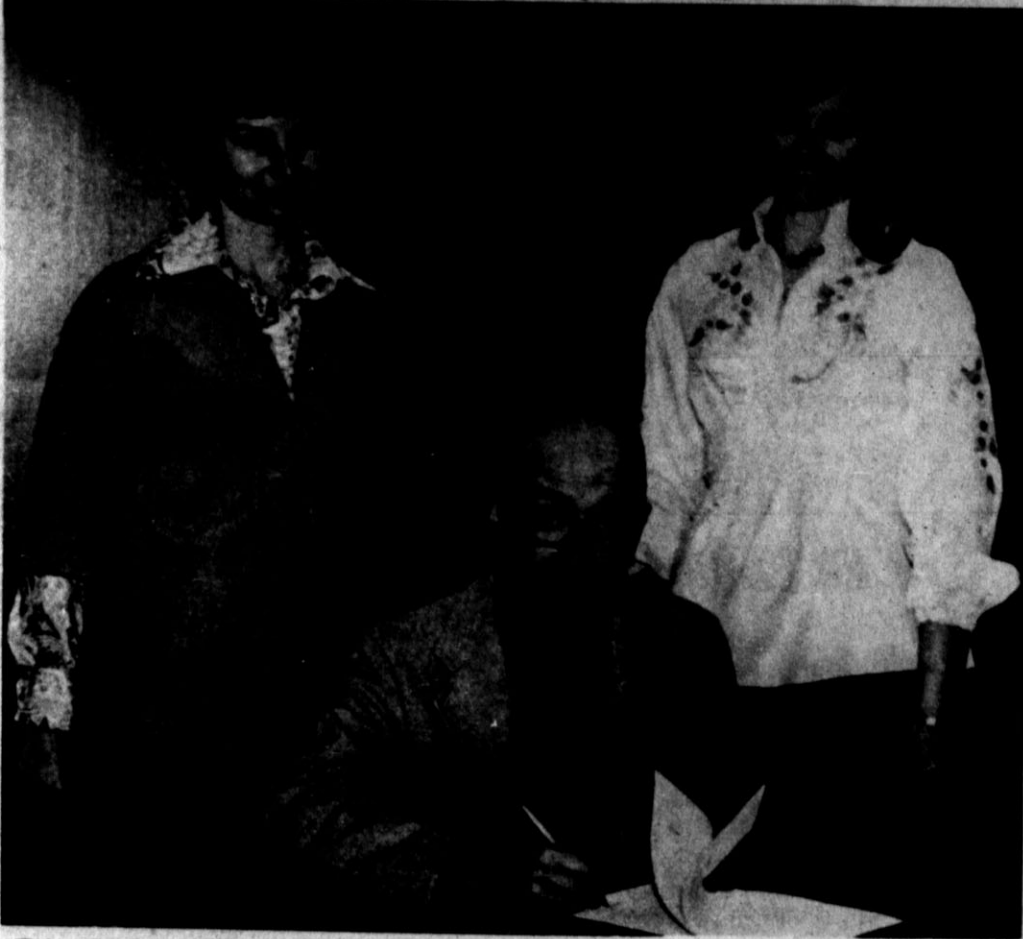


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Birthday Week Proclaimed

Mayor Jim Sears, seated, signed a proclamation declaring March 13-20 as Camp Fire Birthday Week in Hereford. Witnessing the signature were Patsy Sparkman, left, and Suzy Wall, co-directors of Camp Fire Leaders Association. Individual groups of Camp Fire Girls are observing Birthday Week through various projects. The public is invited to an open house at the Camp Fire Lodge, 903 14th St., from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday.

Dawn Musical Show Slated Tomorrow

Musical entertainment will be the feature attraction of the annual benefit show to be staged at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Community Center at Dawn.

The two-hour program will be performed by members of Dawn Music Club and other residents of the Dawn community. Admission will cost \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under the age of 12.

Children from Dawn will be cast in "The Gingerbread Castle," based on the opera "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck. This performance will include dances, songs and dialogue to portray the story of the two lost children and the wicked witch, who will present her "broomstick" dance.

The second feature will be "Thirty Minutes With Carmen" as arranged by Arthur Johnson and May Van Dyke. Based on the opera by George Bizet, this performance relates the romantic adventures of a gypsy girl employed by a cigarette factory.

Concluding the evening's program will be an old-time melodrama, "The Miner's Daughter" or "Evil Reaps Its Just Rewards," by Schubert Fendrich. This segment is the comical tale of miners pursued by devoted temperance workers, who wreak havoc. Arriving to save the day is Clementine, freshly educated at finishing school, where she has acquired her own brand of etiquette.

Each of the musical segments is expected to be approximately 30 minutes in length.

Prevent Staph Infection By Keeping Clean

COLLEGE STATION--Caretul food handling can prevent foodborne staph (staphylococcus) infections, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

In the kitchen, these infections can spread through coughs, sneezes, cuts and boils--and they form toxins in such foods as cream pies, ham, meats and fish, sandwich fillings, dairy products and custard-filled foods.

"The key is preventing the formation of toxin, because heat kills staph but not the toxin," she explained.

In the kitchen, to help keep staph out of food, keep yourself, especially your hands, clean, and do not handle foods if your hands have open cuts or boils.

Catch sneezes and coughs with a disposable tissue, then wash hands before handling foods again.

To keep toxin from forming, refrigerate foods made with eggs, meat and milk, and

always refrigerate leftovers quickly."

Always Snowing

Snow forms within most storm clouds all year round and in all climates, even the most torrid. Summer thunderstorms often produce snow but on the journey earthward the warming air takes its toll, and the flake melt into raindrops.

Information Sketchy In Wife Abuse Study

COLLEGE STATION--Why do women who are physically abused by their husbands decide not to end the marriage?

It would seem to a casual observer that no one would willingly put up with constant physical attacks by her spouse--but in fact, many do.

Reasons why some women choose to remain in such marriages are complex and involve more than just the severity of the assaults, Debby Johnson, a family-life education specialist, says.

A lack of research on wife abuse represents a major hurdle for counselors and social service workers--who have so little formal training in this area--but are called upon for assistance in these cases, she added.

"In response to this need, more research is being done to shed some light on the problem."

"One study conducted recently with 80 families selected from a private social service agency and police files looked at how victims responded--and gave some answers to the question of why victims of conjugal violence stay with their husbands," the specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, said.

"First, the study indicated that the more severe the violence, the more likely the wife is to seek help from police or social agencies. And the more frequent the attacks (once a week), the more likely she is to

call the police--while the woman who is abused only occasionally (at least once a month) is more inclined to get a divorce or legal separation.

"But these indications may be somewhat misleading--perhaps divorced or separated women are ashamed to admit that they tolerated abuse as long as they did or because they fear harmful revenge," the specialist said.

Also research indicated that the courts rarely intervene unless the woman suffers fatal or near-fatal injuries, she added.

"Second, the study reported that the more a wife was struck by her own parents, the more

inclined she is to stay with her abusive husband. Having grown up in violent surroundings where this is a way of life, she may believe that husbands are 'supposed' to hit wives.

"Another explanation may be that violence begets violence, and this is carried on in the family as accepted, approved behavior."

Third, the study showed that women who are employed outside the home are more likely to seek outside help.

Wives with children to care for and fewer resources often feel "locked in" to their marriage, thinking that they would be financially unable to provide for their family.

Equal Credit Law In Effect

COLLEGE STATION--Equal credit eligibility becomes a reality March 23. Claudia Kerbel, a consumer information specialist, says.

For some consumers who had trouble obtaining credit in the past, this may help end those problems, the specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System added.

Enforced by new, more comprehensive federal rules, the new Equal Credit Opportunity Act will forbid discrimination solely on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, age or receipt of welfare benefits.

However, it is not illegal for creditors to inquire about an

applicant's marital status, age or income.

If a credit applicant is refused credit, he must be notified of that action, be told the reasons why and be advised of his rights under the law.

Those who feel they've been discriminated against may write Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Station K, Dallas, Texas 75222.

The average yield of maple sugar per tree is two or three pounds per season.

BEST THINGS IN LIFE

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Hospital Notes

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The youngest of the world's 29 reigning monarchs is the 18-year-old King Singye Wangchuck of the Himalayan country of Bhutan.

Obituaries

T.L. SPARKMAN SR.

Services for T.L. Sparkman Sr., 86, will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Gilliland-Watson Rose Chapel with the Rev. Johnny Tims, pastor of the Frio Baptist Church, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. Sam Ogan of Amarillo. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Sparkman was born in Johnson County July 20, 1890 and moved to Hereford from Childress in 1917. He married Lora E. Springer Feb. 9, 1913 in Childress.

He was a farmer-rancher in Deaf Smith and Parmer counties and a charter member of Frio Baptist Church.

Survivors include the widow; one son, T.L. Sparkman Jr. of Hereford; one daughter, Mrs. Owen Andrews of Hereford; eight grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Clark Andrews, Glenn Andrews, Joe Andrews, Tommy Sparkman, George Zetske, Herbert Bruns, Eugene Baldwin and Jerry Richardson.

MRS. GUSSIE V. JONES

Mrs. Gussie V. Jones, 75, of 218 Avenue A, died this morning at Deaf Smith General Hospital. Services are pending with Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones was born in Oklahoma on May 10, 1901 and she was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Kathryn Hubbard of Hereford, Juanita Ivey of Amarillo, and Vivian Arnold of Detroit, Mich.; one son, Dr. Franklin Jones of Sliver Springs, Md.; one sister, Jewell Summers of Oklahoma City, and one brother, Chuck Morris of Oklahoma.

BARCLAY INFANT

Graveside services for Gregory James Barclay, 5-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Barclay, were held today at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Park Cemetery at Vega with the Rev. John Mourer Sr., pastor of Forest Hill United Methodist Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be by N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

The infant was born Wednesday in Dallas and died Monday. Survivors, other than the parents, include a sister, Donna

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Super Sports Weekend Begins Thursday

By BOB NIGH
Brand Sports Editor

The annual Hereford "Super Sports Weekend" gets underway tomorrow, with 21 golf teams, seven baseball squads, and 96 track teams set to compete over the three days.

Action begins Thursday with the opening round of the baseball tournament, and the 7th and 8th grade boys track competition. Hereford's Whitefaces are the defending champs of their baseball tourney.

Six other teams will join the 'Faces on the diamond, including Borger, Pampa, Canyon, Dumas, Levelland, and Caprock. First round pairings have Canyon and Caprock

squaring off at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, the Herd and Dumas meeting at 1:30 p.m., and Levelland testing Borger at 4 p.m.

The Pampa Harvesters drew a first round bye and will play the winner of the Herd-Dumas game in the semifinals on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The 7th and 8th grade boys will run on Thursday to kick off track action. Teams from Farwell, Nazareth, Hart Friona, Springlake-Earth, Alamo Catholic, Dimmitt, Clovis Yucca, Clovis Gattis, Dumas, Vega, Muleshoe, Pampa and local entrants from La Plata and Stanton will participate.

The girls division (7th grade through high school) will compete on Friday, the same day the golf tourney is to get underway. Herd coach and girls' meet director Roy Shipp expects a total of 44 fem track squads to show up.

Varieties to be on hand include the host Herd girls, Alamo Catholic, Brownfield, Friona, Canyon, Lubbock Estacado, Monterey, Coronado, Palo Duro, Hart, Nazareth, Springlake-Earth and Vega.

Monterey Netters Down Whitefaces

The Monterey tennis teams captured a dual win over Hereford on the local courts Tuesday, but the Plainmen boys had to rally to take two of three doubles matches to down the Herd 5-4.

In the girls action the Plainmen feds proved to be virtually unstoppable and went on to post a 9-0 win.

In the boys singles play Steve Hoover, Ralph Vargas, and Kevin Downing each grabbed a win for the Herd, and Kevin Lewis went down in a close split-set match.

Lewis met Monterey's David Ribble, and fell in the first set 7-6 before coming back to take the second 7-5. Ribble outlasted the Herd sophomore 6-3 in the deciding set to take the match.

Hoover dispatched Monterey's number one player, Gary Nazareneth by a 6-3, 6-2 count, Vargas downed John Finco 6-3, 0-6, 7-5, and Downing took Rusty George in a 6-0, 6-2 breather.

In doubles action Nazareneth and Downing teamed up to take the match against Lubbock High in Lubbock Thursday and will stay in the hub city overnight to play in the Lubbock Tournament on Friday.

Ever since he managed the Texas Rangers, Yankee manager Billy Martin has lived in Arlington, Tex.

Chuck Tanner, new manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is a native of New Castle, Pa. He lives there in the off season.

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Dons Blast Herd

Trini Villereal and Bill McElduff, Jr. proved to be too much for the Hereford Whitefaces Tuesday afternoon in Amarillo as the duo led the Palo Duro Dons to a 12-3 win in non-district baseball action.

Villereal rapped three safeties enroute to a four RBI performance and McElduff added a pair of hits and three RBIs as the Dons upped their season mark to 5-3. Hereford fell to 1-4 with the loss.

Senior Mitchell Guinn absorbed the loss for the 'Faces as his record fell to 0-2. Keith Holloway picked up the win for Palo Duro.

Herd catcher Greg Hennington picked up the only extra-base hit in the contest as he came away with a double.

The Dons got four runs in the second inning to erase a 1-0 Hereford lead, and added six tallies in the fourth to nab the win.

The Herd scored solo runs in the first, third and sixth innings.

The Whitefaces will host six other clubs in the Hereford

Tournament beginning Thursday, while the Dons meet El Paso Address next Saturday. Hereford 101 001-0-3-3-4 Palo Duro 040 611 X-12 10 6 Guinn, Lawson (4), and Hennington, Holloway and assucci. WP-Holloway LP-Guinn. 2B-Hennington. Hereford.

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Stanton 7th Grade Fems Finish First

The Stanton Junior High 7th grade girls track team claimed a first place finish in the Muleshoe track meet held Monday, while the Dogie 8th graders finished second.

The Stanton 7th graders got wins in the 440 relay, mile relay, 440, 80 hurdles, and shot put enroute to 176 points and the title. La Plata's 7th graders finished second with a 149 total, and were followed by Olton with 78, and Muleshoe and Farwell with 59 points each.

In the eighth grade division Olton took the team title with 131 points, while Stanton finished second with 114. La Plata was third at 104, while Muleshoe was fourth with 95, and Farwell was fifth with 76 points.

Sylvia Diaz was a double winner for Stanton, taking both the shot put and discus crowns. Cathy Trollinger took a first in the high jump for La Plata.

7TH GRADE DIVISION
Team totals—Stanton 176, La Plata 149, Olton 78, Muleshoe 95, Farwell 59.
440 Relay—1. Stanton, 57.3 (Lori Albracht, Joyce High, Lori Warren, Dawn Walser, 2. La Plata, 57.4 (Amy Schumacher, Cathy Lane, Brenda Straffus, Sandy Brownlow).
800 Relay—1. La Plata, 2:02.7 (Schumacher, Lane, Straffus, Brownlow).
3. Stanton, (Warren, Jill Pickens, Walser, Kim Sandow).
Mile relay—1. Stanton 5:05.1 (Garrie Jones, Tonya Savage, Walser, Gail Bartels). 2. La Plata, 5:06.9 M. Robinson, Joan Kalka, Rhonda Reinart, Schumacher).
440-1. Warren, Stanton (70.5) 2. Albracht, Stanton (72.9) 3. High, Stanton (72.9) 4. Reinart, La Plata (73.3).
200-2. Straffus, La Plata (28.8) 3. Pickens, Stanton (29.7) 5. Rogers, La Plata (31.4) 6. Lane, La Plata (31.6).
80-2. Cole, Stanton (7.9) 3. Brownlow, La Plata (8.5) 4. Rogers, La Plata (8.55) 6. Jensen Seif, La Plata (8.7).
80 Hurdles—Dickerson, Stanton (14.5) 3. Bartels, Stanton (15.4) 4. Vicki Reinart, La Plata (15.4) 5. Pickens, Stanton (15.8).
100-2. Albracht, Stanton, (12.7) 3. Cole, Stanton (12.9) 4. Rogers, La Plata (12.9) 5. High, Stanton (13.1) 6. Seif, La Plata (14.5).
800-1. Joyce Brown, Stanton (2:51.9) 2. Patricia Salazar, La Plata (3:00.2) 3.

Trinity Favored In Rice Tourney

HOUSTON (AP) - Trinity University, ranked No. 1 in the nation and with three of its players among the top four seeds, is the heavy favorite to defend its title beginning Thursday in the 19th annual Rice Intercollegiate Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Former Houston schoolboy Tony Giammalva is seeded first and teammate Ben McGown of Lakeland, Fla., got the second seed. Southern Methodist's Jai

DiLouie and Trinity's Larry Gottfried are seeded third and fourth.

All four players are freshmen. SMU, Pan American University and Texas are expected to provide the Tigers with competition for the team title.

Twenty-seven teams and more than 130 players are entered in the tournament making it one of the largest collegiate tennis tournaments in the nation.

Would draw power from the ocean

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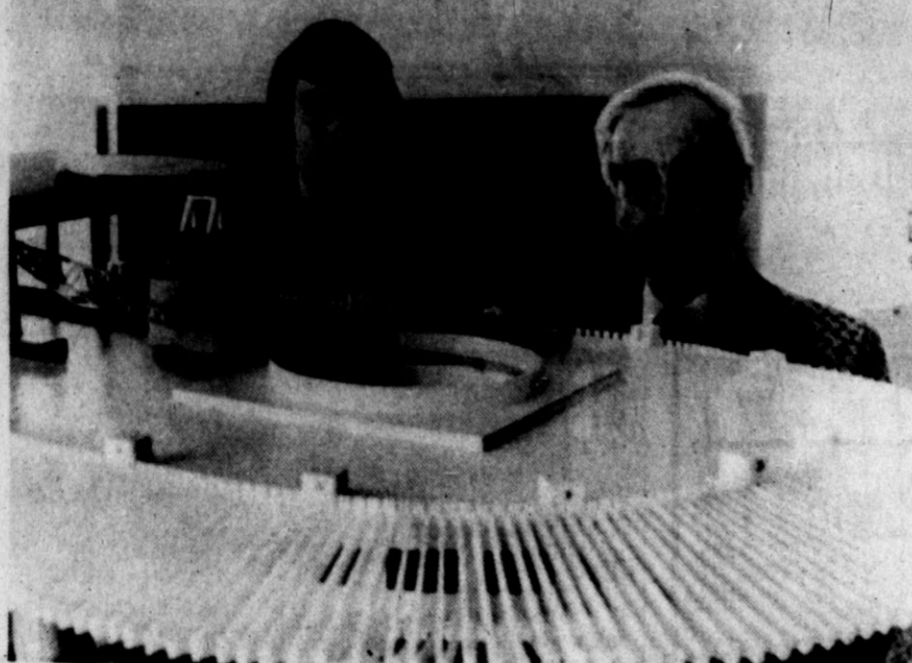
By Tom Tiede

SPRY, Pa. — (NEA) — Harry Houdini turned dimes into dollars. Doug Henning turns scarves into flowers. But J. Hilbert Anderson, no prestidigitator, can turn water into electricity and says that the real trick is to get an energy starved nation to let him do it.

Abracadabra! His prop is an eight-foot-high contraption of pipes and gauges wired to electric lights. He puts warm water in one end, which vaporizes a refrigerant, which turns a turbine, which creates a spark that, presto, fires the lights. And then the vapor is cooled by cold water to become refrigerant and start the cycle again.

It's called ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC). Anderson says his model can be transformed into a 100,000-kilowatt plant off the American coast. The warm surface sea water would then vaporize the refrigerant, and turn the turbines, whereupon deeper cold water would be used to cool the vapor and hence repeat the end of paragraph two.

The idea is not crazy. The concept has been around for nearly a century, and a Frenchman named Georges Claude conducted successful experiments near Cuba in the 1920s. Now, with modern sophistications, Anderson says the Gulf stream waters off Florida alone have an energy potential 50 to 100 times the annual American



J. HILBERT ANDERSON (right) and his son, James, claim their ocean thermal conversion unit can be transformed into a 100,000-kilowatt plant off the coast. But neither big business nor the federal government is listening. (Photo by Tom Tiede)

electricity use.

And yet Anderson can't get his act on the road. He says for \$150 million he can by 1983 build an OTEC power plant that will light the homes for a city of 100,000 people. But neither big business nor the federal government is listening. Anderson is a nifty performer, they say, but like a magician he's purely illusion.

It might be different for Anderson were he with General Electric, or had influence in Washington. As it is

he is an obscure engineering consultant working out of a remodeled firehouse near country where the cows feed. The government has helped him with some minor research but makes it clear it does not regard him as another Edison.

Actually, considering his obscurity, Anderson's credentials in the underpopulated region of OTEC are good. As long ago as the early 1960s he was busy updating Georges Claude's work by making improvements in the active OTEC agents (refrigerant rather than water) and by designing cheaper and far more efficient heat exchangers.

He publicized his initial ideas in 1962, but to the enthusiastic applause of very few. Oil was then cheap, natural gas was plentiful, Saudi Arabia was something from a geography book; the world wondered why it needed a scheme to generate power from competing temperatures in the sea.

Despite this lack of interest, however, Anderson persevered. Now he is one of the foremost OTEC experts in the world. Unfortunately, this is like being adept at bird whistling — there is not much

call for the skill. When Americans discuss potential energy sources, says Anderson, OTEC ranks just above power from buffalo chips.

Anderson says the nation seems unable to unstick itself from the established concepts of energy production. For example, the government still clings to the intellectual familiarity of nuclear power. Gradually, under criticism, the government is slowly shifting some emphasis to solar energy, but other than this the thinking remains dusty.

To illustrate this dustiness, Anderson tells of two experimental power plants scheduled to be built in California. One is solar power, 10,000 kilowatt capacity, but will operate only a third of each day at a construction cost of \$100 million. The other plant is geothermal, same capacity, but will operate continually for \$5 million in starting money.

Guess which project the government is sponsoring. Anderson says he has a stake in the geothermal plant. He is helping a private corporation with its design. He says it will produce three times the power at nearly one-tenth the cost of the solar power facility, and yet the

White Wins Unanimous Approval For Ag Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texan John White won unanimous approval for the post of deputy secretary of agriculture from the Senate Agriculture Committee Tuesday.

The unanimous vote apparently indicated easy confirmation for White by the full Senate. No one asked for an opportunity to speak against him before the committee.

The confirmation hearing was amiable and friendly, starting with personal endorsements delivered for White by Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower. Four Texas House members also showed up to endorse White, who has served for the past 26 years as Texas commissioner of agriculture.

The questioning was never rugged, and the closest it got to an examination of White's personal affairs was a question from Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.

"Do you own property that might lead to a conflict of interest?" Dole asked.

"Just some cattle, and I've told them I'd be glad to divest myself of those. I've stood about as much as I can stand of that," White said. His jocular reference to the financial problems of beef producers drew laughter from the committee.

Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., was typical when his turn to question White came up. "There is not one state commissioner more highly

regarded by his peers than John White. This is as close as the administration could come to an ideal appointment. I really have no questions other than to recommend his confirmation," McGovern said.

White had laid the groundwork for the hearing last week by attempting to visit each member of the committee personally. When it was over, he laughed. "This is easier than some I've had at home," he

said. White's testimony indicated that he has no plans to push for major policy changes in the department.

The price support policy used "in the past few years is a valid one," he said.

He said he supported the food stamp program and wanted it to remain in the Department of Agriculture, rather than be shifted to another agency. He spoke in favor of reducing abuses of the program and making more aid available to those truly in need.

White said he supported the concept of the family farm, reminding the committee that he was the son of a Dust Bowl tenant farmer who got the money to buy his own farm from a government loan. "I've no hesitancy in recommending investment in family farmers," he said.

Senator Says Leave Constitution Alone

AUSTIN (AP) — A senator who was a leader in a successful 1975 effort to beat a proposed new Texas Constitution warned a state commission Tuesday not to tamper with the old one.

Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler, asked four appointees to the Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations if the commission staff was working on a new constitution.

Mayor Charles Carsner Jr. of Victoria said a committee was suggesting "non-substantive changes" in an effort to reorganize the constitution.

"I've seen these so-called non-substantive changes before," McKnight said. "Don't let anybody mislead you. You can change a period or change a comma and change the meaning, and the people of Texas have spoken very strongly" against a new constitution.

He said he recalled that during the 1974 Constitutional Convention a proposed document was presented with the claim that it included no substantive changes, and McKnight and others found 100 such changes.

"Very frankly," McKnight said, "I hate to see the time of your staff and the tax dollars of Texas spent on another wild goose chase."

Robert Honts of Austin, another commission appointee, told McKnight that the commission had spent less than 20 minutes discussing work on the constitution.

"We're involved in 60

different projects — that's just one of many," said Honts, a county commissioner.

He assured McKnight that the commission staff had been so careful in its proposed reorganization of the constitution that it had even left in the document provisions that have been declared unconstitutional but have not been formally deleted.

The commission is a research agency, Honts said, and has provided a series of reviews of local, state and federal government topics. He said the Texas Association of County Judges had recently adopted every recommendation made by the commission.

Carsner said the commission's work in coordinating state-federal efforts on solid waste disposal had been of great help.

It also has provided staff for projects initiated by the Hobby commission on efficiency in state government.

McKnight's subcommittee on nominations approved Carsner, Honts, Don Rogers of Austin and Pledger Cate Jr. of San Antonio without objection. Their appointments will now be considered by the full Senate.

The first Christmas Seals, designed by Emily P. Bissel of Wilmington, Del., were placed on sale in the Wilmington post office on Dec. 9, 1907, the proceeds devoted to the campaign against tuberculosis.

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Italian Hijacker Seized After Record Flight

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) - An Italian hijacker was captured today by Swiss police and arrested today at the end of an 8,000-mile-giraffe flight in a Spanish airliner around Europe and West Africa. It was the second longest hijacking in distance on record and the longest by a long hijacker.

Police said the hijacker, Luciano Porcari, managed to grab his Winchester rifle and fire one shot, slightly wounding one of the three policemen who seized him inside the plane. No one else was hurt, the police said.

"Holy Mother of God, it's finished," said Porcari's estranged wife in Turin, Italy, when she heard it was over. The wife, Isabella Zavoli, had refused to surrender the couple's 5-year-old daughter to Porcari, one of his demands during the 44-hour hijacking.

Police said Porcari, a 30-year-old auto mechanic, was being held in investigative custody pending a decision on whether he should be tried in

Switzerland. Spain is expected to seek his extradition.

The three policemen entered the plane posing as members of a fresh flight crew that was to fly the Iberian Airlines Boeing 727 to Moscow. The overpowered the hijacker within moments.

The 13 passenger-hostages still aboard the plane and the seven exhausted crew members who had manned the aircraft since early Monday afternoon were released unharmed. The hijacking lasted 44 1/2 hours.

Also aboard was Porcari's 3-year-old daughter by an African mistress, but his estranged Italian wife refused to surrender their 5-year-old daughter to him.

Porcari released seven other passengers in Turin, Italy, and nine in Zurich Tuesday.

The hijacker brought the plane to Zurich from Warsaw where he had agreed to free all hostages in exchange for the new crew to fly him to Moscow. After three hours of negotiations, the Spanish ambassador

to Poland, Jesus Milarado, said: "We can't understand the man's mind. He must be crazy. It has nothing to do with politics. He just thinks he's solving his personal problems."

Porcari, an auto mechanic, seized the plane on a flight from Barcelona to Mallorca on Monday afternoon. He was armed with a pistol and a rifle and his goal was to get hold of his two daughters.

After a refueling stop in Algeria, the plane flew to Abidjan, the capital of the Ivory Coast, on the under side of the West African bulge. Porcari once worked there, and officials met his demands for delivery of his child by a local woman and \$140,000 in cash.

The plane flew back to Spain, refueled in Sevilla, and then went to Turin, where Porcari's estranged wife, Bella Zavoli, lives with their 5-year-old daughter, Consuelo. But the mother was adamant, saying: "I cannot leave my daughter in the hands of a man who can commit

terrible things."

Porcari ordered the plane to Zurich, negotiated for 90 minutes with an Italian official, ordered the plane into the air, then brought it back in 25 minutes for refueling.

The plane then circled over Turin and Porcari told his elderly mother in the airport control tower he was going to Moscow because "I do not trust the Italian police."

However, there was never any indication that the Soviets would let the plane land on their territory, and from Turin the airliner went to Warsaw.

The longest previous hijack was a 6,900-mile flight in November 1969 by Raphael Minichiello, a Vietnam veteran born in Italy, who seized a TWA jetliner on a flight from San Francisco to Denver. He had it flown to New York, Maine, Ireland and Rome because he wanted to return to Italy.

Minichiello, then 21, was jailed for 18 months. He is now a waiter in Italy.

Bill Would Limit Use Of Graduate Students As Public College Profs

WASHIN (AP) - A divided House scheduled a final vote today on a West Texas' attempt to make sure freshmen and sophomores in college get

the benefit of more experienced teachers.

The House, by a 78-60 vote, tentatively approved a bill Tuesday that would limit state-financed colleges in their use of graduate students as teachers.

The sponsor, Rep. John Hoestenbach, D-Odessa, said "it isn't going to hurt" full-time professors "to teach a little bit. It isn't going to hurt them to get some exposure to these young people. It might even give the professors a new outlook."

Senators dealt Tuesday with retirees: ex-convicts; a speed limits near schools; ready-mix concrete trucks and the right of Texans to display an old slot machine, may be in their dens without being prosecuted.

On voice vote, the Senate sent to the House a bill to appropriate \$19.5 million to increase retirement benefits for state employees who worked at least 30 years and have already retired.

Another bill by Sen. Bill Moore, D-Bryan, would provide \$2.2 million for the Texas Department of Corrections to cover utility bills and to pay discharged inmates \$200 instead of \$100. It was approved

28-0.

Sen. Frank Lombardino's bill allowing the state highway agency and local governing boards to hold one meeting a year to set speed limits near public and private schools was approved 27-0. Citizens could appeal if they thought the maximum speed should be lowered.

Good-natured opposition arose to a bill exempting persons owning gambling devices that are 35 years or older from possible prosecution.

"Does your bill cover 35-year-old bingo cards?" Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper, asked the sponsor, Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Fort Worth. "No-o-o," replied Mrs. Andujar.

Slot machines, she said, "were really invented in the United States. They are practically a matter of heritage."

"You mean I can display that slot machine I've got in the attic?" asked Moore. "Display it in the den?" asked Sen. Lindon Williams, D-Houston.

Mrs. Andujar assured them they could. The bill requires that the old machines not be used for

gambling or to promote gambling. It passed 21-6.

The Senate also approved 28-0 a bill to pay the legal fees of peace officers if they are sued for damages for an incident that occurs while they are on the job.

In other action, the Senate sent to the House bills that would:

--Dedicate all money received from driver's license fees to the Department of Public Safety. One-third now goes to the General Revenue Fund. This one-third would total approximately \$11.4 million in 1977-78.

--Raise the legal weight limit for loaded ready-mix concrete trucks from 48,000 to 64,000 pounds. At the request of Sen. A.R. Schwartz, D-Galveston, the Senate amended Sen. O.H. Harris' bill to make certain that cities and counties could set lower truck weight limits for roads under their jurisdiction.

"We've got a little duty to slow down some legislation that comes in with nothing but a special interest label on it and whizzes along," Schwartz said. "Maybe," he added after the bill had passed, "the House in its wisdom will bury it in concrete."



FORMER PRESIDENT Ford is finding retirement financially more demanding than were his presidential duties. He has developed a nagging back problem, the result, he says, of near daily rounds of golf at his new California home.

Amendments of the proposed amendments clarifying individual and state's rights in the Constitution and originally submitted to the states by the First Congress in 1789, two were not approved. These related to the apportionment of representatives to Congress and compensation of members. The 10 amendments that were adopted are known as the Bill of Rights.

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