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City Aid Not Necessary, Rural Firemen Say



ONE FOR ALL—In their traditional salute, these "musketeers" rehearse for the Lubbock Theatre Centre's production of—what else?—"The Three Musketeers." The cast is made up of students from four Lubbock high schools and several junior high schools. The LTC special offering runs tonight and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at the Lubbock Theatre Centre, 2508 Ave. P. Shown in their roles are Doug Rosson as Athos, Chris Horn as D'Artagnan, Tommy Jeffery as Porthos and Liz Fisher, one of the world's first female musketeers, as Aramis.

by Ed Leal

While city and county officials haggle over an agreement for rural fire service, spokesmen for area volunteer firefighters seem to feel they don't need the city's help.

Ronald Drake, Wolforth Fire chief, said their department had noticed an increase in fire calls since the City of Lubbock discontinued rural fire services for the county Oct. 1. He said well over half of these calls were in rural areas they previously did not cover.

But Drake said they haven't really missed the Lubbock fire department in terms of help. He said that in the majority of the rural fires, the Wolforth volunteer fire department's response was just as quick as the Lubbock department.

Drake estimated that 90 per cent of the calls Lubbock responded with two firemen and a small pumper truck.

He said they had responded to fire calls along with the Lubbock department several times. In each case only one crew was necessary and often, "one or the other was in the way," he said.

Fire Chief Bob Kern of the Slaton Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment said when both Lubbock and Slaton responded to a call, Slaton firemen ended up doing most of the work.

Kern said Lubbock fire fighters usually put their water in Slaton trucks and let them fight the fire.

County Judge Rod Shaw said he felt the five area volunteer departments have had excellent coverage of fires and have handled their areas well.

Shaw pointed out the county still holds fire contracts with Slaton, Shallowater, Abernathy, Idalou and Wolforth volunteer fire departments.

Under the present contract Shaw said the county pays the volunteer departments \$275 per rural call.

Shaw said the only county residents that have complained to him concerning inadequate fire protection were residents immediately south of Lubbock near Woodrow.

He said the Southern Rural Residents and Property Owners Association has asked the commissioners' court to meet with the city council and come up with a new contract.

The southern areas residents asked for the joint meeting after a residence in their area burned to the ground. According to earlier reports, city fire trucks responded but stopped at the city limits and watched the structure burn.

Neither governing body seems eager to reopen negotiations.

"The city is not in the business of selling fire service," said City Manager Larry Cunningham. He said the price charged to the county for the service reflected the cost per call as computed using the previous year's cost of operation divided by the total calls.

The commissioners' court did issue an indemnification order for the Lubbock Fire Dept., releasing the department of liability should they answer a fire call outside the city limits.

Shaw said the order was issued by the commissioners' court merely as a safety precaution for the Lubbock fire dept. should they find it necessary to fight a fire outside the city.

Cunningham said the indemnification order was legally invalid. Such an order is useless unless there is a contract between the city and county, he said.

County Commissioners let the

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Underworld Middleman

It's Difficult to Find Gap in Criminal 'Fence'

by Mary Alice Robbins

When the headline reads "Burglars Hit Local Home," it's bad news to the citizen whose home is burglarized—but it's good news to the fence.

As crime's middleman, the fence has profited from Lubbock's increasing incidence of burglaries. Every year, thousands of dollars of stolen property pass through the hands of local fences, who often also operate legitimate businesses.

According to Det. Sgt. Doyle Nelson, items that have a fast resale potential are what most burglars are likely to take. Goods such as guns, stereos, television sets, Citizens' Band radios—and in recent months, microwave ovens—are favorite theft items. These are the things fences are looking for.

But most stolen property isn't likely to sell for its full value. Texas Ranger Capt. Bob Werner pointed out that getting 25 per

cent of an item's face value is a good price—and getting 10 per cent is more common.

Nelson said that some burglars—chiefly amateurs—peddle their stolen wares on city streets, thereby acting as their own fences. Their cutomers usually are just "average citizens," the police detective noted. "They may have knowledge in the back of their minds that the goods are stolen—but they don't want to believe it."

However, much of the property stolen from Lubbock residents is quickly shipped out of the city for resale in other areas. A fence here may send stolen goods to Amarillo; an Amarillo fence may send TVs or stereos down to Lubbock.

A CB radio recovered in Arlington recently turned out to have been stolen sometime earlier in Lubbock, Nelson said.

Some of the property stolen here—especially guns or motor

vehicles—are taken to Mexico to be traded for drugs. Nelson said many burglars are drug addicts and their fences are pushers. The thief exchanges stolen merchandise for drugs or money to buy drugs. The fence sends the goods to Mexico to trade for drugs.

After stolen property moves across the border into Mexico, it's almost impossible for law enforcement officers to recover, Nelson explained. "Once it gets over there—that's all of it."

Police say burglars and fences go hand in hand. If they could stop local fencing operations, they could stop a lot of the burglaries here. But stopping the fences is the problem.

"Right off the back of my head, I could name four large fences here—ones that deal in thousands of dollars," Nelson commented. Yet, he doesn't have the evidence needed to make an arrest.

"A fence is the hardest person on earth to bust," Nelson said.

One problem is the fence isn't likely to keep stolen property for more than a few hours. He buys goods from a burglar and quickly ships the merchandise on.

According to Nelson, Lubbock police recently picked up a suspected burglar and the individual admitted selling the items he stole to a local fence. But when police hit the fence's place later that day, the stolen property was no longer there.

Another problem, law enforcement officers say, is proving a fence purchased stolen property knowing that it was stolen. "Knowing" is the key word, according to Werner. It's very difficult to prove an individual knowingly and intentionally purchased stolen goods.

Although there's no sure way to prevent a home from being burglarized—and a fence from profiting from your belongings—police recommend that all

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Firebox Removal: The Dynamics of a City Hall Decision

by Cliff Avery

You probably never had occasion to use a firebox and might have only vaguely noticed the little blue lights on the utility poles anyway.

But after this week you'll never have occasion to use the fireboxes. They've gone the way of the passenger pigeon and the nickel phone call. Extinct. Finis. Gone.

The decision to eliminate the fireboxes was made last summer, and the process shows a few things about the way things are done at city hall.

It all began during plans for the 76-77 city budget. Then-City

Manager N.B. McCullough instructed department heads that they'd be in for some belt tightening and they began, in the words of Fire Chief Tom Foster "looking for ways to reduce costs and maintain the same level of service."

Fireboxes were first installed in 1958, and there's some indication that the reason for the installation was something of a nod towards the State Board of Insurance which wanted that kind of protection to keep premiums—and claims—down.

But over the years, the fire-reporting public, if there is such a thing, didn't have many

opportunities to use the fire boxes. Officials say that now there are more telephones in homes and throughout the city than there were in 1958. "A person will pass two or three places with phones in them before he gets to a firebox," Foster said. By 1974, only 11 calls were turned in over fireboxes.

And officials note the phones inside the boxes were being more abused than used. "One good thing about it," one official said, "was that the dispatcher always knew when school was out," indicating the fake calls that youngsters turned in as pranks.

Plus, there were the hassles of

checking the system out. Every month, fire fighters would have to go out to the boxes and make a voice-to-voice check. If any of the equipment the city owned—like lightbulbs—needed repairing, there was that cost, too.

Rental on the boxes from Southwestern Bell ran \$28.5 thousand a year. When the State Board of Insurance eased up on its requirements, Asst. Fire Chief Haskell Keeton and Foster figured, "We're spending the taxpayers money for something that's obsolete," Keeton said.

During July, as the city council was looking for a deficit budget, the two firemen worked up

printouts and an estimate of the possible costs and saving. The pair wrote the State Board of Insurance officials who wrote back that it was probably a good idea to abandon the system and save the city some money, Keeton said.

In further discussion, the city council gave the go-ahead to plans to eliminate the system. The city still had to negotiate with Southwestern Bell, and Bell officials had to write off to San Antonio for some information while the phone company ran a survey of the city's fire reporting needs.

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EDITORIALS

President Ford . . .

In the hours before Richard Nixon resigned the presidency in well-deserved disgrace, the Associated Press ran a photo of Betty and Susan Ford. The mother and daughter were in their bathrobes, leaning against the doorsill of their pre-White House residence, holding a cup of coffee and engaging in the then-ever-present "what's gonna happen" speculation with reporters.

There was a genuine look of informality in the scene and you could have breathed a sigh of relief. After long years of public appearances orchestrated with paranoiac punctiliousness, the glimpse of the soon-to-be First Lady and First Daughter, facing the morning, just like the rest of America, was refreshing.

When we look back on our appointed president, Gerald Ford's two-year term will be noted for several accomplishments—both good and bad. But his major achievement was that he restored some sense of humanity to the presidency.

Sure, we might have snickered at his legendary losses of balance. But we were laughing at ourselves—at our own ability to snatch embarrassment from the jaws of ceremony.

Ford was one of us. While many of us disagreed with his policies and his politics—and we said so at the ballot box—none doubted that he was a decent, honorable man who carried out his unsought duties with distinction.

Ford not only kept us together in those two years after our national nightmare—he accomplished in one-third the time than his predecessor to fulfill that almost-forgotten pledge of 1968—he helped bring us together.

And President Carter

A lot of people thought that the nation needed a President from the South to restore something the government had lost—a "sense of place," a concern about how decisions affected people.

The government's responsiveness to the people it was designed to serve has been the greatest issue of the last two decades—if not the last two centuries. We are a representative democracy—our decisions are ostensibly made by those that we allow to make the decisions for us. But in fact, we elect only 537 people—435 representatives, 100 senators, a president and a largely-powerless vice president.

We give these men and women the duty of supervising a federal bureaucracy and a military that number in the millions. Small wonder that the government at times seems to plunge onward under its own initiative, uncaring and unfeeling about the effects of its juggernaut-like thrust on the people.

If we are to become a nation of the governed and not of the governors, the government with a life of its own must be made to realize that it draws its blood and its milk from the governed. That is the potential for Jimmy Carter, the first President from the Deep South in this century.



Guess who's coming to dinner?

There are signs that Carter will make good his promise to bring the government back to the people. He has solicited citizen advice on the problems of the nation. He has bolstered the role of the vice-president by embracing Fritz Mondale as an equal partner. He has indicated he will eschew some of the trappings that have come to be a part of the "imperial presidency."

But Carter, no matter how resolute his intentions and no matter how sincere his "sense of place" brought from Georgia plains, can not and should not do it alone. "We, the People"—the first three words of our national charter—have to shake off our years of disillusionment and selfish myopia and participate in our government. We must elbow a place for ourselves at the council table.

The Camelot rhetoric of the 1960s has long since passed into history. That's as it should be. There was something elitist—and something false—in the image we had of our bright young leader and his attractive wife and family. The Camelot years are better left buried.

We could not rely solely on Kennedy and we can not rely solely on Carter to insure our self-government, for democracy is an idea that transcends personality. We must in the end depend on ourselves and those that come after us to end closet complaining and to make our complaints be heard and acted upon. It will be terribly difficult, but for 200 years, so it always has been.

JACK ANDERSON'S WEEKLY SPECIAL



Rifle Association Keeps Winning Against Gun Control Legislation

by Jack Anderson
with Joe Spear

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WASHINGTON—For years the National Rifle Association has effectively blocked gun controls. Armed hoodlums, meanwhile, are terrorizing our streets. On an average day, 30 Americans die by the gun.

Nevertheless, the National Rifle Association is raising millions to defeat gun controls next year. As an indication of their success, the latest available figures show that the

association raised more than \$5 million last year for political purposes.

The association's lobbyists have admitted that some of the money was used to wine and dine their friends on Capitol Hill. Free memberships in the National Rifle Association were also offered to members of Congress. Eleven senators and 24 representatives belong to the Rifle Association.

The association even set up a special unit to handle politics, called the Institute for Legislative Action.

A secret study of the National Rifle Association describes the kind of men who run it. The study was written, ironically, by the Remington Arms Company.

The study charges that the National Rifle Association's die-hard supporters live "in a make-believe world of sacred rights, ancient skills and coonskins . . ."

The study compares them to "the inhabitants of Hitler's bunker in 1945 (who) talk only to themselves, reinforcing their own views."

China Lobby: The newspapers have been full of stories lately about the Korean lobby. But few lobbies have exerted such relentless pressure on American foreign and domestic policy as the China lobby has.

It consists of a hard core of hired lobbyists, influential friends and outspoken advocates of the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan. The China lobby reached the peak of its power in the 1950s.

In those days, the lobby was manipulated by five shrewd Chinese emissaries who formed a sort of Politburo inside the Chinese embassy. They reported directly to the late Chiang Kai-shek. They used the joint code signature, "Kung," meaning "Group."

The hidden aims of this group were revealed in a collection of secret cables that fell into American hands through a Chinese code clerk. One cable reported the likelihood that Soviet-American relations would not deteriorate.

Then an ominous sentence appeared in the message: "Our hope of a world war so as to rehabilitate our country is unpalatable to the American people." Of course, the implication was that the Nationalists hoped to embroil the United States in a third World War.

The cables contained other hints that they hoped to ride back to power in the rumble seat of an American victory. There was also evidence that they passed out cash—Korean-style. Or it might be more accurate to say that the Koreans passed out cash—Chinese-style. For the Chinese Nationalists helped to instruct South Korea's KCIA.

The China lobby, meanwhile, has kept a low profile. As long as Chiang Kai-shek was alive, its goals were never lowered. Chian continued to prepare for an invasion of the Chinese mainland until the day he died. And he never gave up hope that the United States would pave the way for him.

Today, the China lobby still operates quietly in Washington, but it has more modest, realistic goals.

Looking Back: The first week of the New Year is a time for review. We are looking back, therefore, at the top events of last year:

— The Personality of the Year, of course, has to be Jimmy Carter. He came out of political obscurity and rose to the pinnacle. Americans were captivated by his easiness of manner, his engaging sincerity, the way his personality smiles every time he breaks into a grin. Yet there is a hardness beneath the surface amiability. Few people seem to know the man behind the smile. At this crossroads in time, Jimmy Carter remains a political sphinx.

— The Revolution of the Year occurred in faraway Africa. Two years ago, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger offered lip service to black Africa, but secretly tilted toward the white regimes. In 1976, the Portuguese withdrew from Angola and the white regime in Rhodesia began to teeter. Cracks even appeared in the South African government. Kissinger hastily reversed his policy. Hopefully, it wasn't too late.

— The Rip-Off of the Year, of course, was the oil gouge. Oil that is produced for 12 cents a barrel in the Middle East is being sold for \$12 a barrel on the world market. Yet the oil potentates weren't satisfied; they raised prices another 10 per cent. Naturally, the oil and gas companies are taking their cut. We warned earlier that they would try to triple natural gas prices. They did. The oil squeeze, more than any other factor, is responsible for orbiting prices.

— The Mystery of the Year was solved. We spent several months trying to determine whether the phantom billionaire, Howard Hughes, was still alive. When Hughes arrived in Houston from Mexico as a shriveled, dehydrated corpse, we called Secretary of the Treasury William Simon and urged him to identify the corpse. He sent agents at once to the mortuary. Fingerprints were taken. They were the fingerprints of Howard Hughes.

— The Scandal of the Year came out of the files of the FBI and CIA. There was ugly evidence that both agencies had violated the laws they were supposed to uphold.

— The Sensation of the Year was the sex-in-Congress story.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF _____ and _____ COUNTY, TEXAS

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE

NOW COMES _____, Petitioner, complaining of _____ Respondent, and for cause of action would show the Court as follows:

I. At the time of the making and filing of this Petition, Petitioner has been a domiciliary of this State for the preceding six-month period and a resident of the county in which this suit is filed for the preceding ninety-day period.

II. The Respondent resides at _____

III. The parties were married on or about _____, 19____, and separated on or about _____, 19____, at which time they ceased living together as husband and wife.

IV. The marriage of Petitioner and Respondent has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities between Petitioner and Respondent that destroys the legitimate ends of the marriage relationship and prevents any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.

V. During this marriage certain community property was accumulated and Petitioner requests the Court to divide said property in an equitable manner.

VI. No unmarried children now under eighteen years of age were born to or adopted by this marriage and none is expected.

VII. In the event a divorce is granted _____ former name of _____ should be restored to her.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that Respondent be cited to appear and answer herein and that, upon final hearing hereof, Petitioner be granted a divorce from Respondent dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the said Petitioner and Respondent; that _____ former name be restored to her; that the property of Petitioner and Respondent be divided between them; for costs of Court and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Petitioner may be justly entitled.

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FILL IN THE BLANKS—These forms are included in a do-it-yourself divorce manual. Some forms resembling these have been filed in divorce actions in Lubbock County.

And Now, Do-It-Yourself Divorce Judges Cite Dangers in Doing Your Own Thing

by Cliff Avery

There are do-it-yourself car manuals, do-it-yourself home repair kits and do-it-yourself wills. So why not do-it-yourself divorces?

Evidently one attorney asked himself that and answered by writing a manual for the split-it-yourself set, a manual that's selling well in Lubbock according to one bookstore spokesman.

The manual is "How to Do Your Own Texas Divorce for Under \$35" by Frank Gilstrap, an Arlington attorney. A spokesman for Varsity Bookstore said that the copies are selling briskly, primarily to young people, at a rate of "about 30 every two months."

The manual or others like it are

being used in Lubbock County, as district courts here have handled a number of "pro se" (legal jargon for "do-it-yourself") divorces.

And a quick check of the district clerk's files on divorces shows that some forms, just like those printed in the back of the manual, are being torn out of a booklet and filed to get the divorce ball rolling.

The manual attempts to advise readers on when to consult a lawyer, how to divide property, how to prepare papers and how to conduct the legally required hearing without advice of counsel.

The book warns, however, that it may not be for everyone. If there are children under 18 or there is a large amount of community property, a lawyer, the manual says, should be consulted.

But by basing the divorce on the liberal grounds of "insupportability" (legal jargon for "not getting along"), the parties, if they've already agreed on the need and details for a split, can get along by paying the necessary court fees, but not the \$250-\$350 the manual says a lawyer will charge.

Local Bar Association president Joyce Hill declared that there are no minimum fees for an attorney's aid in preparing a divorce and that local attorney's will charge according to the work necessary.

Naturally, attorneys aren't real happy about losing the business. But they argue there are dangers that go along with "do-it-yourself divorces".

"While they might get by the early problems, they might still run into some problems on the long run," Dennis McGill, a local attorney said.

McGill was hired as an attorney by the respondent (defendant) in a divorce action that was filed pro

se. He said that when an attorney is hired by the defending party, the party who tried to "do-it-yourself" usually has to seek out legal advice as well.

McGill said that an attorney can scope out all the ramifications of the divorce and tailor it to a particular clients needs. "I try to ascertain all the problems," he said.

Judge William Shaver takes a dim view of the do-it-yourself kits, too. "They're as dangerous as they can be."

Shaver, who says he's handled five or six such actions in the last year, said that the do-it-yourselfers may not dispose of all the matters that need disposing, and he offers little help to the layman-turned-lawyer.

"If he (the petitioner) covers everything, fine. But we're not adversaries. We're not going to ask questions about what's going to happen later on."

"We're there to make a ruling on the evidence introduced."

Judge Tom Clinton said that most of the pro se divorces he's handled have been young couples married only a short time. No children have been involved.

"If there are children, I'm not going to do it (hear the case without attorney), because they're looking out for themselves and not the children."

Clinton says he also tries to make sure that the parties haven't relied on advice from law students, which is against the law.

While the do-it-yourself divorce may be cheaper—if all the bases are covered in the original litigation—it won't be that much quicker. There's a statutory waiting period between the date of filing the action and the date of the hearing.

Prices of Skiing Equipment Poles Apart According to Sportsman's Requirements

by Janice Jarvis

When the new year brought snow to area ski resorts, it also brought customers to local ski shops.

As skiers crowd into stores, renting and buying ski equipment, shop owners could sit back and enjoy their seasonal good fortune. Instead they say they are trying to outfit people in the best ski equipment that is affordable, in hopes of avoiding those accidents that every year turn skiers against the sport.

The kind of ski to buy should be based on what kind of skiing a person does, where he skis and how often, explained Keith Spear, Oshman's salesman.

A person should be honest about what kind of a skier he is, advised Mike Simmons, Ski Lubbock manager. Let your ego get in the way and you may find yourself with equipment too advanced for your ability.

The three basic types of skis are recreational, free style and competitive. Most beginners should buy compact skis, which reach the person's chin when standing upright.

"It's harder to ski on longer skis because they are difficult to maneuver," said Spear. Engineers design skis to give the most control in shorter lengths.

Details to look for in skis include whether the ski is hard or soft. Soft skis take the bumps easier, and are better for beginners. The longer and harder a ski is, the better the skier should be.

For beginners, skis at Oshman's run \$119 to \$193 for skis, bindings and mounting. In addition to carrying some lesser known brands, the store's line includes Rosenolle and Head skis.

Because Oshman's is part of a chain it can buy in large quantities and consequently the prices are lower, but most skis are recreational.

Ski Lubbock carries Olin and Dynastar skis, two big names in the ski world, that also have a warranty.

You may pay more for equipment, since skis alone cost \$95 to \$235, but you can also feel a lot safer on the slopes.

The Sport Haus also carries high performance skis with brand names like Rosenolle and The Ski, and price tags like \$125 to \$250. "The Ski, with each ski painted in a different color, is one of the best selling skis around," said Greg Henry, manager.

"The skier should always buy equipment a little more advanced than his current skills, to allow for growth," advised Gerald Bromwick, Sport Haus employe.

If you aren't sure what ski you want, trial runs can be made on the slopes for a rental fee.

For the person who doesn't want to invest in a complete set-up costing as much as \$800, his first ski purchase should be boots, advised all those interviewed.

"Buy the best you boots you can afford," said Henry. The best boots to buy are ones that are comfortable, durable and fit into your budget.

Unlike leather boots, which often cause injuries, today's plastic boots have support as well as warmth.

Polyurathane boots last longer and are warmer, explained Spear, while high impact plastic wear faster, are not as warm, and cost less. Avid ski enthusiasts should invest in adapreen boots which stay new looking for 20 years.

Boots should fit perfectly and conform to the foot for added

warmth. A skier can choose from wax filled boots, which are shaped to fit the foot, or flow filled, which adjust to the foot.

The next item to buy is bindings. Convenience and safety are what to look for. Self-cocking bindings make getting into skis easier, while manual bindings take a little more effort but cost less.

Finally, if the high price of skiing overwhelms you the best alternative is to rent skis.

Prices for all ski shops in Lubbock average between \$7 and \$7.50. The price includes skis, bindings and poles. Most places give you two days traveling time.

Ski Lubbock carries new Olin Mark 1 skis while the Sport Haus carries year-old skis. Downhill Racer also carries a selection of new Kmeissl skis.

Even if you rent your own equipment you can expect to pay \$60 a person for equipment, lift tickets, accommodations and food.

"Everything about skiing is extremely expensive and the only thing you can get cheap is dinner—that's if you pack your own," Moss said.

For people who enjoying skiing, equipment is a worthwhile investment, while for those mildly interested in the sport renting is advised. If you can only buy one thing, buy boots and rent skis.

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Enthusiast Well-Trained

by Mary Alice Robbins

It's all aboard for model railroading — a hobby that has increased in popularity among Lubbock residents.

But don't get the idea that running these mini trains is just a child's game. According to model railroader Rick Burford, most of those really into the hobby are adults.

"It's a great hobby," Burford said, noting that he has been involved in model railroading about nine years. His interest in the small trains led him into the business of selling models.

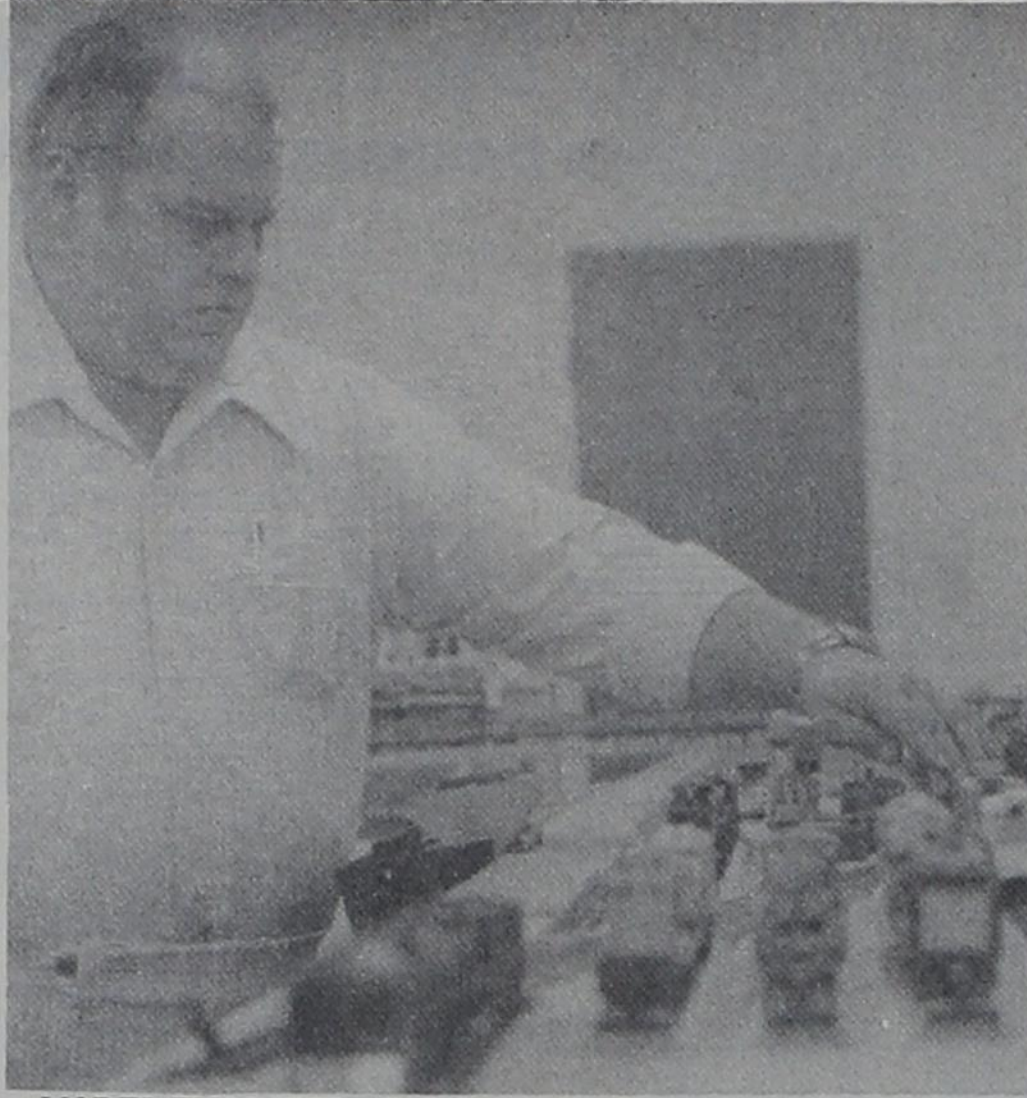
Burford said the model trains have enjoyed an increase in popularity here recently. "To my knowledge, less than six months ago there were fewer than 50 persons actively involved in model railroading here. Now, there are from 125-150."

For the past six months, Burford and Sgt. Chuck Studler of Reese Air Force Base have been busy building a model railroad yard for their trains. The scale model yard includes 58 switches and will hold about 190 cars, Burford said.

The inside track in the yard covers about 60 feet, and the outside track runs about 80 feet.

Probably the most difficult task involved in constructing the railroad yard was getting the track in gauge, Burford said. If the track is too wide or too narrow, the cars won't run on it.

Another problem was getting all the switches operating properly. Even after the hobbyist has all his equipment in good working order, there are adjustments that often must be made. "Model railroading is a hobby you never get through with because you're constantly work-



MODEL ENGINEER—Rick Burford, a model railroad enthusiast the past nine years, has been busy lately working on a scale-size railroad yard. According to Burford, model railroading can be as simple or as involved as the hobbyist wants it to be. (Times Photo)

ing on it," Burford explained.

There's more to model railroading than just turning the trains on and off, according to Burford. Learning the switching operations is the big thing.

"You operate it just like a railroad," he noted. "You have cars you have to pick up and take from one town to another." Instrumental in this operation is an engine known as a "switcher," which picks up and transports cars for the locomotive.

Local model train tournaments often are held here. In a tournament, Burford explained, teams compete against one another and against the clock in carrying out assigned switching operations. Some cars are

unhitched and left at designated spots along the track, while other cars must be picked up and transported from one model town to another.

The next project facing Burford and Studler is building scenery for the model railroad yard. They plan to construct mountains and two towns — one complete with a waterfront and harbor — along the tracks.

Buildings can be constructed from plastic or wood kits, Burford said, or the ambitious railroader may want to build from scratch. Studler's wife, Mary Ann, has helped with the project by building a scale-size coal dump building for the yard.

One of the most complicated structures to be featured in the railroad yard is the roundhouse now under construction. Don Payne built the turntable on which engines are transported to the work sheds. Burford and Studler will complete the roundhouse.

But building the scenery for the model railroad won't be an overnight project. The two local men expect to take from three to four years to complete the mountains and towns.

SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

There are times when a team loses and people call the losers bums, dogs, or other remarks less complimentary. Then there are times when the losers are praised.

The Red Raiders covered themselves with glory in liberal portions in losing to Arkansas Tuesday night. Tech was the underdog, but for the major part of the battle the Raiders had the lead and put the pressure on Arkansas.

It was a disciplined game on the part of both teams. There were only 16 turnovers in the 40 minutes and neither team took more than half a dozen bad shots.

In the end the difference was when Mike Russell controlled a crucial tip with the score tied, but Ron Brewer beat Keith Kitchens and Steve Dunn in a floor race to take possession. It was that control that led to the Razorback victory.

The Raiders confounded Arkansas with a unique defense—a man for man outside and zone inside. Russell was stationed right under the basket and this ploy effectively shut off the height and speed that Arkansas enjoyed.

Meanwhile, the Hogs used a zone and Tech worked the ball around slowly to set up the good shot. It was anything except a slowdown in the pure sense of the word, but it did keep the score low.

In fact, it's been many a year since Tech was involved in a game where the score was only 21-16 at the half. It took me back to the 30s, when that might have been the final score in a many a game.

The only other comparable game was one time when Tech was winning everything in sight and Shelby Metcalf had his Aggies sit on the ball. I can't remember what year that was, or the score, but that was nothing like this game.

The defeat, of course, hurt Tech against probably the leading favorite. Next week the Raiders have to play the Hogs again, this time at Fayetteville. In addition, they have three of their next four games on the road and that's demanding.

The Raiders aren't strong enough to win the conference, but if they keep their poise and play alertly as they did against Arkansas, they'll finish high in the standings.

Mistakes plagued the Raiders, with the two most glaring coming with Tech holding a six point lead. They had possession, time was running down and momentum was going with them.

Then came two bad passes, badly telegraphed and intercepted by the quick, alert Hogs and turned into the tying basket. After which the four corner offense went into effect and the Raiders couldn't overcome it.

Even before I returned home from the Cotton Bowl Sunday afternoon, following a miserable trip to escape ice, snow, sleet and freezing rain that covered many miles, complaints arrived about the Tech seating at the Bluebonnet Bowl.

My daughter asked me to get four tickets for her and friends, because "you always get better tickets at Tech than we can get here." Forget it. That's a dastardly canard.

She was proud of the way Tech played, but the seats were in the end zone, with Nebraska fans next to them. The Tech band was on the other side of the field and Frances said the seats were terrible and they couldn't see anything.

Meanwhile, the Times has been receiving the same complaints and, we're told, many of the callers said that it was the last time they'd go to a bowl that Tech was in.

"Tell J.T. (King, athletic director) that he can cry about lack of support for Tech at bowl games, but the seating this time ended our support. They were the worst seats anyone ever had."

That was the general tone. People who shell out \$10 a ticket, plus motel or hotel rental, drive 550 miles and are out money for meals and New Year's Eve expect something more in good treatment. This year they didn't get it.

Armed with this information, we checked Tech officials Tuesday night. Yes, that was the best that Tech could get. Yes, Nebraska received the same treatment. Yes, Tech had complained to bowl officials, who would do nothing about it.

"The situation is," one man said, "the bowl had to make the best tickets and seats available to their season ticketholders. We did the same thing at the All America game. And we had the same bad situation in regards to seating at the Peach and Sun Bowl games, too."

It's a problem and there's no real answer. The regular season ticketholders are, after all, the ones who support home games all season. And the bowl is just one game.

But it does seem as though, in a bowl game, that it should be different, that tickets should be on a first come, first served basis—and both team's supporters should get the first shot at the best seats.

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Just One Day At A Time

by Pat Nickell

When I was a little girl, I heard a rhyme about how little girls were made of sugar and spice and everything nice, and apparently the assumption was they would behave accordingly and everyone would be happy.

At the time, I was only dimly aware that I was not a sugar-and-spice type of person, but I did not allow such trivialities to impede my progress in seeking constant outdoor adventure, which left the complexion of my extremities in a somewhat scabbed-over condition, generally speaking.

Since I have grown up, I have, of course, received my just desserts in life, or so some people would think, if they could but see me now. I have a daughter, who not only looks much as I did at her age, but also behaves in much the same manner, according to those who knew me then. Let us say they constantly marvel at the likeness.

Sometimes I gaze at my daughter and wonder why anyone would oppose child abuse. Take the morning, for instance, that I awoke late, as usual, and frantically scurried around, trying to get dressed for work.

I grabbed a pair of shoes that I wear frequently, and tried vainly to put them on. I finally decided, in my half-asleep condition, that my foot had obviously grown three inches since the last time I had worn them.

When in exasperation, I turned to replace them in the closet, I noticed that someone (I wonder who) had tightened the sling-back strap around the heel into the last position (I wear it in the first). It was obviously a measure designed to insure that the shoes would not fall off the foot of whomever had them on, in the event they were four sizes too large. Since my daughter had gone to visit her grandmother in another city, she managed to escape the prospective abuse I wanted to apply.

This is the child who, last summer, insisted on wearing a long skirt in a yellow, orange, and fuchsia Hawaiian print with a red, white, and blue plaid halter top, and a pony tail on the crown of her head so she could look like Jeannie on television. She wore this everywhere.

She, during the same time period, refused to wear thick socks with her hiking boots because they would protrude from the tops of her boots and it would look funny with her shorts.

She is the one who wants to wear a long dress, in which she climbs trees and monkey bars, plays baseball and football, and rides her bicycle. And about the long dresses, the ruffier they are, the better she likes them.

Once, recently, only moments after I got the shampoo on my hair in the shower, I got out to

answer the phone. My daughter had answered an advertisement for some weird religion and a woman wanted to come and talk to her and me about it.

My daughter once persuaded me to buy 22 boxes of her Campfire candy, then lost the money I paid her. Thanks to her selling efforts that year, and my paying for 44 boxes, she won a pass to the movies.

However, she is also the person in my life who will bring me a drink of water anytime, fix me breakfast in bed complete with a wilted flower on the tray, fetch me anything, watch me adoringly as I vainly attempt to glue on false eyelashes with someone watching me adoringly, tell me I am beautiful everytime I get dressed (and mean it), and bring me a gift every time she goes to the drugstore.

What more could a mother ask?

Hospital Auxiliary Needs Members

The West Texas Hospital Auxiliary is now accepting new members. The organization consists of thirty women and two men who donate several hours of service weekly to the hospital.

Volunteers serve the hospital by delivering mail, flowers and newspapers to patients; providing an escort and messenger service; offering coffee and tea to visitors and assisting the admitting office in registration.

The organization plans to open a gift shop in the hospital lobby, where it will sell flowers as well as candy and other gifts.

Two daily shifts are offered on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. A two hour shift is also scheduled for Saturday morning. Work schedules are flexible.

The auxiliary, organized Oct. 6, is always in need of new members, according to publicity chairman Jo Johnson.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Cindy Ward at 765-9381.



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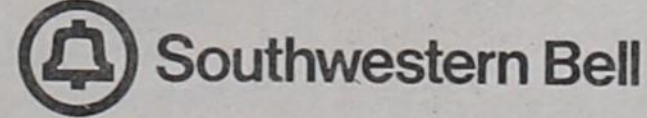
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Vehicle Registration Notices Late

Texans will begin registering their motor vehicles for fiscal 1977 February 1. Registration renewal notices will be in the mail soon.

Some vehicle registration renewal notices will arrive a little later this year. Usually they are mailed immediately after Christmas to facilitate postal distribution. However, this year, inmates

at the State Department of Corrections prison facilities at Huntsville are sorting by zip code all of the approximately 10 million renewal notices.

The 1977 stickers will have a solid red background with white year figures and state name. The sticker serial number will be printed in blue in the upper right-hand corner. Fiscal 1976

stickers had a blue background, white figures and red serial numbers in furtherance of the bicentennial theme which will be continued in 1977.

As previously, mail registrations will be accepted from vehicle owners for an additional fee between February 1 and March 1. Motorists who wish to register their vehicles in person can save time, energy and frustration by visiting county tax offices as soon as possible after February 1. Deadline for having the stickers affixed is midnight April 1.

Beginning in 1978 the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation will initiate a year-round licensing system with some registrations expiring each month thereafter. This will mark demise of the half-century-old, 60-day registration periods and one-date deadlines for acquiring and affixing new stickers without penalty.

B&PW To Meet

Business & Professional Women's Club of Lubbock Inc. will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 for a dinner and business meeting. A Board meeting will be held at 6:30.

Linda Lawson, president, will preside.

Criminal Fence . . .

Continued From Page One residents identify valuable property.

An electric engraver can be obtained, at no charge, from the Detective Division of Lubbock Police Department. After identifying numbers have been engraved on guns, television sets and other likely theft items, a decal can be placed on a window or door of your home warning thieves that your valuables can be identified. Most fences are hesitant to purchase stolen property with identifying marks.

Rural Firemen . . .

Continued From Page One contract with the city expire Sept. 30 after the city council voted to raise the charge per call from \$400 to \$1275.

Shaw said the commissioners' court will be discussing all of their city-county relationships in future meetings but could not say whether they would make any decisions on fire services.

"We have no plans to reopen negotiations at the present," Shaw said, "but there is always a possibility the newly elected commissioners may want to make an approach along these lines."

Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Boy, have they got a winner of a film down at the South Plains Mall Cinemas I-II! It's a classic howl and of all the new films that have been cramming the local movie houses during the holiday season, "The Seven-Per-Cent Solution" is my nomination for the funniest and the most original motion picture on the current scene.

The film is adapted from Nicholas Meyer's best selling novel and is a generous and clever spoof of all the Sherlock Holmes-Doctor Watson-Professor Moriarty stories ever dreamed up by the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

In this one the fun begins right off, with Sherlock Holmes pictured as a cocaine addict, with his long-suffering, admiring friend Watson trailing him through this zany adventure, as always.

For many years the late Basil Rathbone became identified as the prototype of Sherlock Holmes through such films as "The Hound of the Baskervilles" and such would, if he had a chance to see "The Seven-Per-Cent Solution" today, promptly seek the lobby and commit suicide in pure frustration!

In this caper Sherlock Holmes, as always convinced that Professor Moriarty is his nemesis finds out that there is a veritable bushel of villains and mysterious doings instead.

We find him seeking out the advice and help of the famed Viennese psychiatry pioneer, Dr. Sigmund Freud, both for cure of his cocaine addiction and for assistance in finding the "solution." It is an adroit gimmick in this Herbert Ross film and one that sparks laughs galore and no little amount of excitement as well.

London, Vienna, Monte Carlo all figure in this picture, with a sword battle in and on top of an Orient-Express type train that pits Holmes and an evil man in a fight to the death that is hilarious in the extreme.

There's really no point in trying to recap the plot here. It has to be seen and heard to be believed. It is full of quirks and surprises and when you're done you've had a marvelous exhilarating time of it.

You'll run across such diverse characters as the Baron with a weak backhand, the Pasha who has an uncontrollable passion for redheads and what the publicity describes so accurately "The Overcoat with a small man inside." I like the advertising lines, too, that says "This Story Is True." "Only the facts have been made up." That's true, enough.

The cast couldn't be better. You have Nicol Williamson positively brilliant as Sherlock Holmes. A British stage star of high stature Williamson is not so well known to American film audiences but when you see him in this one you'll see why he is ranked as one of the top technicians in his craft.

For Dr. Freud the casting gives us the popular Alan Arkin and he matches his co-players with the finesse that has now become a hallmark with him.

Vanessa Redgrave makes a return as the lovely, mysterious Lola Devereaux while Joel ("Cabaret") Grey is a howl as that little man in the big overcoat.

Sir Laurence Olivier, fresh from "Marathon Man," pops up here as the elusive and diabolical Professor Moriarty, skilled as is his wont.

Robert Duvall makes a good Doctor Watson, somewhat in contrast to the roly-poly late Nigel Bruce who assisted Rathbone in the more formal series.

And so it goes. Almost everyone of the cast is an established star in his or her own right and you'll see such distinguished names as Samantha Egger, Georgia Brown of "Oliver" fame, Charles Gray, Regine and Jeremy Kemp.

Yes, it's quite a movie, this "Seven-Per-Cent Solution." You make every effort to get down to the Mall and see it. You'll love it. It's a PG-rated film so no shock values in this one.

Incidentally, the music score in this one, by John Addison, is extremely well done.

There's an interesting documentary-type film due in today for one week only at the Winchester Theater. It's called "In Search of Noah's Ark" and tells of the discovery on Mount Arrat of an ancient ship which could be the remnants of Noah's Ark. It's an absorbing film and one that will please you if you like films of this genre.

Those doberman dogs have been back again, this time in the third of the series called "The Amazing Dobermans." The film which concluded a brief run at the Winchester Thursday was only a fair family-type film, designed for the holiday season, and the only item of more than general interest was the starring of the aging Fred Astaire in an off-beat role as the dobermans' owner.

Other names that contributed to this mild exercise included James Franciscus, Barbara Eden and Jack Carter.

Next time around we'll comment on "Silver Streak" holding forth at the Showplace 4 and some other items of interest both current and coming up.



Firebox Removal . . .

Continued From Page One

In the meantime, it was determined that the fire department could save some room within its dispatcher's office by eliminating a lot of the individual phone lines running in from businesses and industries protected by commercial fire alarm firms. A new operation, tied in with the elimination of fire boxes, with one central line from each of the city's three fire alarm firms will clear out some space, Asst. City Manager Jim Blagg said.

By October, Southwestern Bell had determined what it could do for the city, so city officials and a representative from Bell sat down and decided to proceed. In December, Linda Walker of Bell, Keeton, Asst. City Manager Larry Dyer and City Communications Supervisor Lou Protro met, and the work order to remove the fire boxes was placed, Keeton said.

Monday, Southwestern Bell crews began dismantling the system.

Now you may be wondering what happened to the \$28.5 thousand. Well, the city's budget for the Fire Department included about \$37 thousand for the communications system. The city will have to pay a pro rata amount for the use of the service during part of its fiscal year.

The remainder, Foster said, will go into the general funds, or more accurately, will never be taken out. Foster said the money might—"and I emphasize the word 'might'"—go to replacement of firefighting equipment.

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Lubbock Schools To Offer Courses

The Lubbock public schools next week will offer courses in shorthand, typing, sewing and Spanish for adults who want to learn new skills.

Defensive driving may also be taught if enough people sign up for the course. The courses, to be offered at the Adult Learning Center, 2013 13th, will be taught in evening session—with one afternoon class of shorthand. Registration begins Monday.

The school district will charge tuition and textbook fees which run from \$18 for a typing course down to \$10.70 for Spanish courses. The courses are not offered for high school credit, school public information officer Gordon Downum explained.

Two levels of shorthand and three levels of conversational Spanish—beginning, intermediate and advanced—will be offered. Beginning and advanced typing are also offered.

For further information, contact the Adult Learning Center at 765-9338. Interested persons may register at the center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 6 to 9 p.m., Mondays through Thursday.

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Kin Searching

by Marleta Childs

Since many researchers do not have a genealogical library at their convenience, there is a growing need for surname compilations. For this reason, Harry D. Roberts has published many of his notes in "Early Clark-Clarke Clues, Volume I." The 50-page mimeographed work is bound in a sturdy 3-hole brief cover. Although the book lacks an index, this problem is partly overcome by a geographical listing of families in the table of contents. A bibliography is included.

Some of the valuable CLARK(E) information covered in this compilation are heads of family in the 1820 census of Illinois and Indiana; Kentucky taxpayers in 1800; Boston, Mass., marriages, 1700-1751; revolutionary soldiers from North Carolina, Maryland, and Litchfield Co., Conn.; tombstone inscriptions in Washington Co., Va.; a list of Virginia wills; and miscellaneous records from Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Most of the material concerns families prior to 1850.

If you have a Clark/Clarke line, send \$5.00 to Mr. Roberts, 29500 Heathercliff Rd., #168, Malibu, Calif., 90265.

Ms. Nina Ruth Buckner, 2815 65th St., Lubbock, Tex., 79413, is seeking information on the KUYKENDALL family of northwestern Arkansas. Her great grandfather was John Simon KUYKENDALL, b. Dec. 22, 1877; d. March 20, 1945. His

brothers and sisters were Jeff, Lee, Dee, Martha (m. Bud HENDRICKS), Emma (m. R. Cass FARMER, Nov. 3, 1907), and Molly (m. Buddy BOREN—pronounced Bowen or BOWENS). Who were their parents?

John Simon KUYKENDALL m. Amanda Isabel (CASTEEL) FITE (b. July 13, 1881; d. March 21, 1965) on March 9, 1899. Their children were Maggie, b. 1897; male infant, b. 1900; Odes Lee, b. 1901; Grace, b. 1902; Fred, b. 1903; Jesse Simon, b. 1906; Maybelle, b. 1907; Ray, b. 1913; Faye, b. 1913; Beulah, b. 1916; Johnny, b. 1919; and Lillian KUYKENDALL, b. 1923. Ms. Buckner said she would be happy to exchange any information on this family or on related families.

If you are a descendant or know of a descendant of Anne PATTON SHEFFIELD, Clementine HATTON SHEFFIELD, Sis HATTON PAULK, or Wade HATTON of Shelby Co., Tex., please contact E.C. Hatton, Box 5185, Lubbock, Tex., 79417.

If anyone knows the marriage date of Sam OWENS and Holland HATTON of Shelby Co., Tex., please contact E.C. Hatton (address above).

Mrs. Anna J. (Munday) Hubble, Route 2, Whitefish, Montana 59937 maintains files on all MUNDAY, MONDAY, MUNDY, MONDY, MUNDIE, etc., anywhere. She writes: "Please let me add your Munday's to my files and exchange with you what I already have. My grandfather, John Cameron Munday, was a cousin to Reuben Pope Munday, for whom Munday, Texas (Knox County) was named."

In addition to research in libraries, a good way to try to find information on your family is to exchange information with someone who has the same surname or is interested in that particular family. A researcher comes across many families as he tries to gather information on his own. You never can tell who will be able to help you in your research. When you request information from someone, it is customary to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Send your queries today to Marleta Childs, 2308 21st St., Lubbock, Texas, 79411.

Society Offers Varied Programs

A varied fare of programs, classes and library study sessions all related to learning more about family history research is being offered by the South Plains Genealogical Society during the first part of its 1977 season, states Mardema Ogletree, president.

The opening program of the new year will feature Mrs. Owen Egger, of Plainview, former president of the area-wide organization, who will present a lecture on genealogical research in Virginia, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 13 at the Garden & Arts Center, 4215 University Ave.

At 6:30 p.m., preceding this program, a class for beginning researchers will be held for all persons wishing to learn basic techniques of family history research. This session will be conducted by Mrs. Harold Russell.

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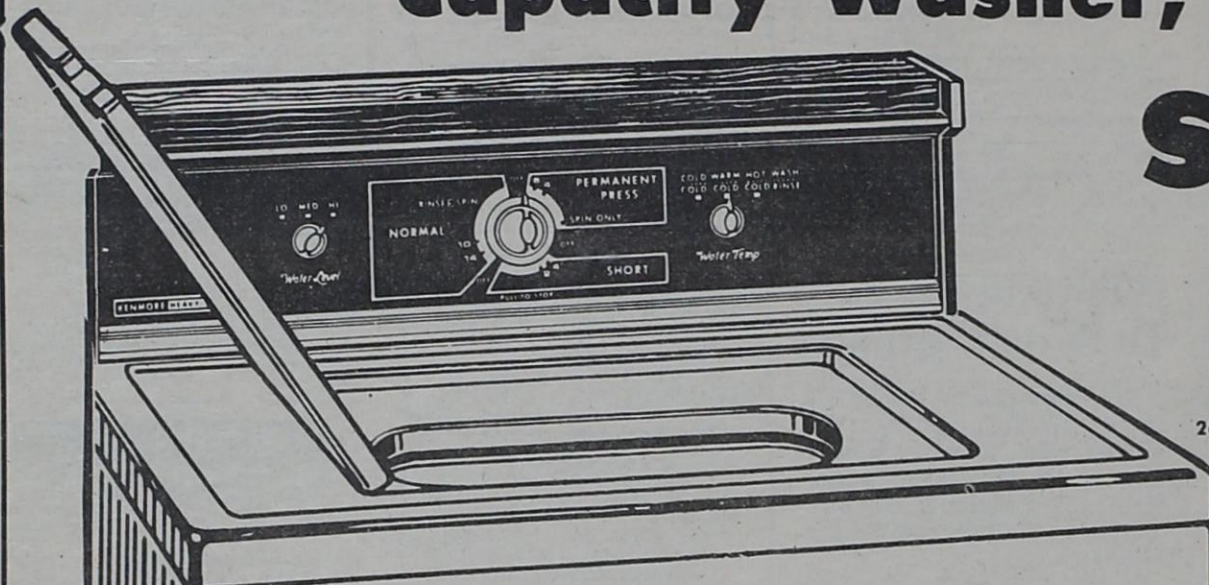
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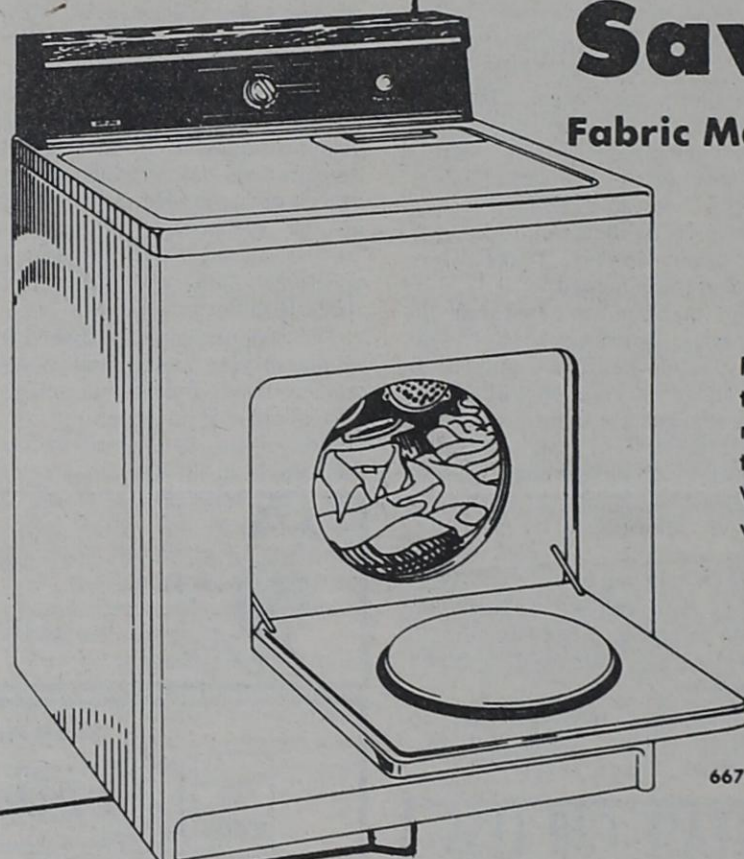
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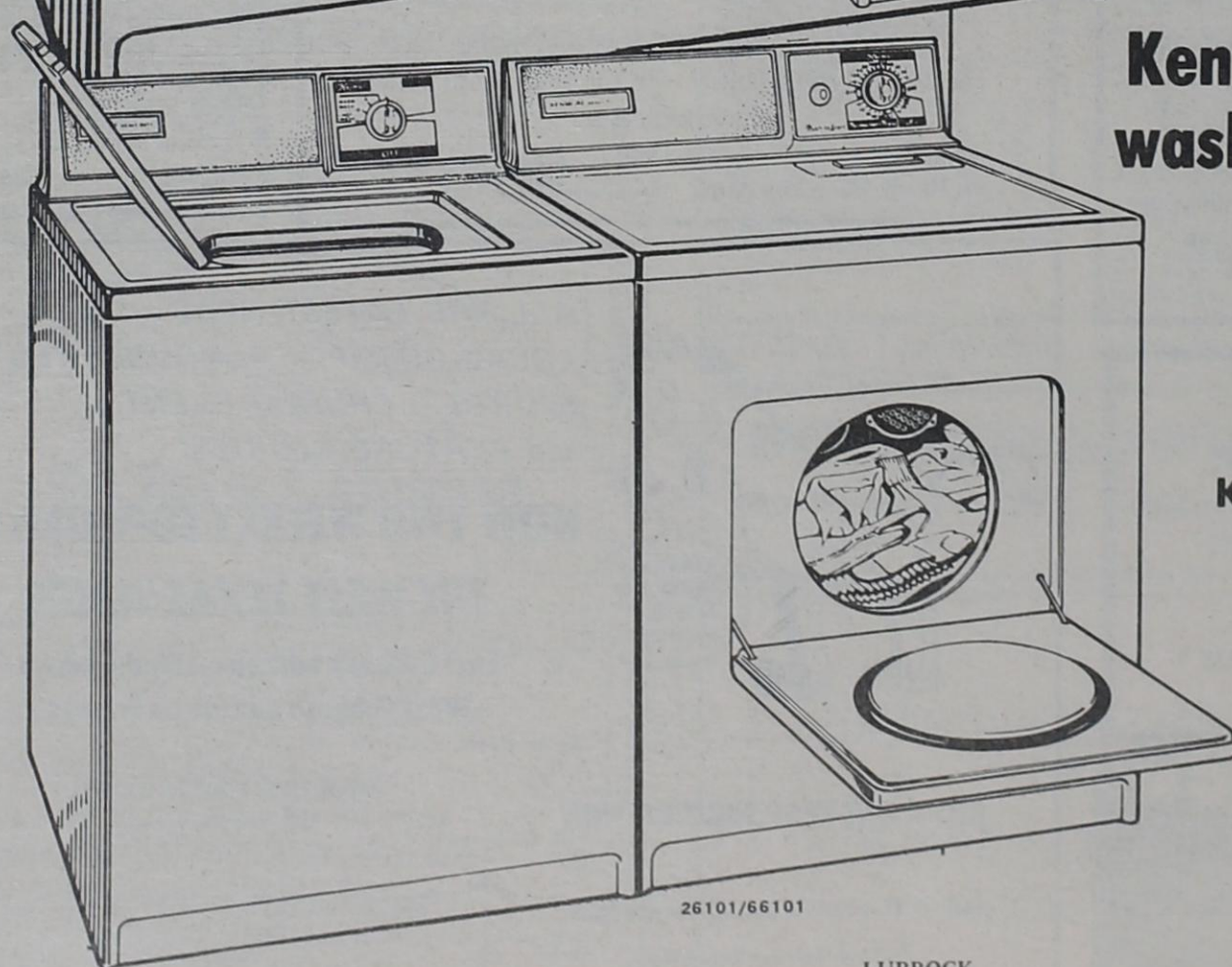
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