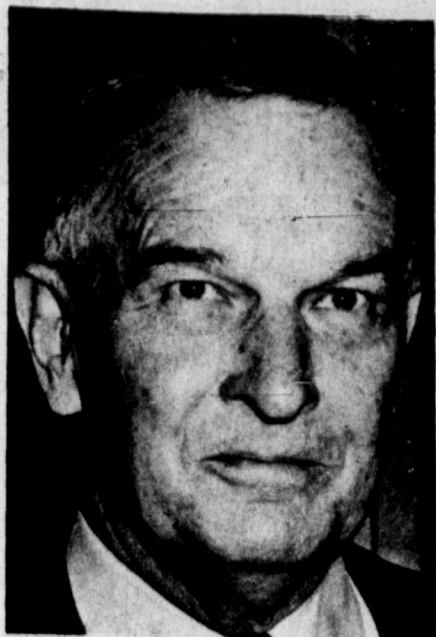




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Power to Midland County Republicans

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The pendulum of power on the Midland County Commissioners' Court has swung in favor of the Republican Party for the first time in 10 years as a result of Tuesday's local election.

Three GOP candidates, including one unopposed, were swept to victory in the general election.

"There's going to be a change next year," Win Brown, the lone Republican on the court for the past eight months, said Tuesday night following

the election.

He was one of the victors. "We (GOP'ers) will get the vote and will be looking out for the county employees for a change. The Republicans (on the court) fought to pay a living wage," rather than accept a heavy turnover by low-paid workers, Brown said.

He added a Republican leaning on the court would be more "equitable" than that by the Democrats.

However, Durward Wright, a Democratic commissioner since 1969, essentially said the court would remain the same: conservative.

"I think the people who won the

election will continue to guard the taxpayers' dollar in the same manner it has been guarded in the past."

The GOP, which was outnumbered on the court by a 4-1 margin prior to the election, will hold a 3-to-2 majority if the results are valid.

Brown was re-elected without opposition to his post he has held for eight years. Sam Snoddy won by a narrow margin over 10-year incumbent commissioner Charlie Welch, and William B. "Bill" Ahders, 62, overwhelmed County Judge Blake Hansen, 29, a Democratic appointee who was seek-

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Clements holding on; Hill blames Petroplex

DALLAS (AP) — Republican Bill Clements doggedly held his lead today over his Democratic rival, Attorney General John Hill, and moved closer to his goal of becoming Texas' first GOP governor in more than a century.

With 250 of 254 counties reporting, 190 complete, the millionaire Dallas oilman had 50.4 percent of the votes — 1,142,232 to 1,123,203. The state's most populous counties were in, and even Hill was showing doubt he could make up the 19,000-vote deficit in the returns yet to be counted.

"If we do lose the race, it looks like we lost it in Midland-Odessa," Hill

said, with a noticeable change in the amount of confidence he was showing. He had projected he would get 30 percent of the vote there, but got only about 25 percent.

Meeting with supporters at a morning breakfast in Austin, Hill added:

stopped short of claiming the office. "We may have to have a victory breakfast," he told late-staying workers at an Austin hotel.

Computer problems at counting agencies caused tabulations to trickle in. They were inconclusive at best,

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"It's just opes of a quick victory proclamation.

Clements, who pitted his business skills against Hill's political expertise, overtook Hill in the counting early today after the pair waged a see-saw battle through Tuesday night.

Hill told supporters early today, "I know we're going to win." But he

evidenced by optimistic comment from both camps.

Both Hill and Clements brought big money to the campaign, with Clements pouring in some \$6 million and Hill not too far behind.

Prior to the election, each cited polls showing him in the lead and each claimed victory in a series of televised debates.



Midland's Jim Lacy watches as returns indicate his defeat by Railroad Commission incumbent John Poerner in Tuesday's general election. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)



An abandoned or just forgotten campaign hat and a man's coat at Bush headquarters Tuesday night symbolize a Wednesday morning reality. The campaign trail for Midlander George W. Bush, who was the Republican nominee for the 19th U.S. Congressional District seat, has ended for awhile.

Although he resoundingly carried Midland County, the home-town candidate lost to Democrat Kent Hance of Lubbock in grueling fight for Congressman George Mahon's soon-to-be-vacated spot. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Midland voters hold true to GOP form

By LINDA HILL
R-T Staff Writer

Midland County voters lived up to their reputation Tuesday, giving the entire Republican slate of candidates for statewide office large margins.

The turnout was heavy, with 18,939 votes cast in the county.

But County Clerk Rosenelle Cherry said it was an "amazingly good day." No major problems were reported at the polling places, she said.

Strongest among the statewide Republican candidates was gubernatorial nominee Bill Clements.

Clements garnered 13,798 ballots to

Attorney General John Hill's 4,632 in the close race for the governor's mansion. Early returns gave Clements a narrow plurality in the state.

Minor candidates received a total of 110 votes locally in that race, with 79 going to Raza Unida candidate Mario C. Compean and 31 to Socialist Worker candidate Sara Jean Johnston.

Sen. John Tower, in his bid for re-election, received 12,672 votes, while challenger Bob Krueger got 5,448 in that race, which was still too close to call this morning.

Raza Unida candidate Luis A. Diaz DeLeon got 114 votes for Senate, with

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Midland, state agree

By SUSAN TOTH
R-T Staff Writer

Midland County voters gave a resounding yes to the Tax Relief Amendment to the Texas constitution Tuesday, but said no to the idea of allowing cities and counties to issue bonds to create jobs or redevelop blighted areas.

Midlanders also rejected the notion of expanding the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts.

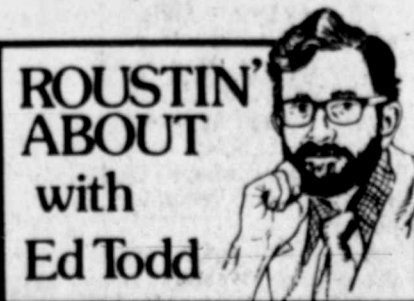
Statewide, voters agreed with the

Midland view with the exception of the proposed increase in justice of the peace jurisdictions. That amendment passed statewide, but lost by a slim 52 percent margin here.

The fate of Amendment No. 3 to allow cities to issue bonds for redevelopment of run-down areas was undecided this morning, but it seemed to be going down to defeat statewide.

The Tax Relief Amendment got the approval of 82.6 percent of the Midland voters, 11,855 to 2,489. The

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ABOUT
with
Ed Todd

One man's right is another's prerogative.

That seems to be how a witty fellow, who discreetly covers his trail with the initials "HR," views a certain, distasteful situation dividing Midland and Odessa.

It's the gift of the Ector County effluent, with which Odessa seems bountifully blessed, that is flowing on to Midland's territory.

"It occurs to me that if Ector County has the right to enhance a natural watershed, then surely we should have the right to channelize this flow within the bounds of Midland County," says Midland's friend, HR.

"The considerable bulk of federal law pertaining to the Mississippi River would seem to bear me out," says this inventive, but, surely not, devious, fellow.

He suggests the building of a dike or levee ("It need not be very high") in Midland County, and the lay of the land would spell (and smell) revenge for certain partisans.

"This should create a pretty good, er, ah, 'water hazard' more or less directly across the middle of the Odessa Country Club."

The flow would create a stench heretofore directed toward Midland,

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Carter's election influence debated

By WALTER R. MEARS

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the White House, they're boasting of President Carter's achievements in support of Democrats in the mid-term elections. Such beneficiaries as Wendell Anderson and William D. Hathaway, soon to be former senators, presumably do not share this enthusiasm.

By the same token, Senators-elect Carl Levin of Michigan and Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts, and Governor-elect Robert Graham of Florida probably do.

Carter campaigned for them all, with totally predictable results. The Democrats who got his personal campaign help won some and lost some.

Nationally, the numbers indicate that Carter's impact on the election results was negligible.

"It's one of the best off-year elections that any president has ever had," said White House Press Secretary Jody Powell, assessing the outcome while the votes were being counted Tuesday night. "No president in recent history has been so involved in the re-election of Democratic candidates."

That involvement didn't do much

for Anderson of Minnesota, Hathaway of Maine, or for Sens. Floyd K. Haskell of Colorado or Dick Clark of Iowa. They all lost.

So did Republican Sens. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts and Robert P. Griffin of Michigan.

In terms of overall party strength, the story of the 1978 elections is that there isn't any. Senate and statehouse incumbents suffered some surprise

An analysis

defeats. But the Democrats are only slightly less dominant than before.

The Republicans picked up two Senate seats, and could wind up enlarging their minority by three.

Their House gains were modest, a pickup of eight seats with the possibility that the final net change could vary a seat or two either way.

But a 60-40 Senate split isn't that much different from the 62-38 count in the last Congress.

And if the Democratic margin isn't two-to-one in the new House, it is still vast.

By gaining governors in at least five states, the Republicans strengthened their position going into the 1980 presidential campaign.

They picked up one of the big electoral vote states with the election of Richard Thornburgh as governor of Pennsylvania.

And William Clements held a narrow, nonetheless surprising edge in a Texas gubernatorial contest that probably won't be settled for sure until the official vote is tallied. He and Democrat John Hill were that close.

The real movement wasn't national. It was in the upheaval that occurred in states like Minnesota and New Hampshire.

Republican Rudy Boschwitz beat Anderson, for what used to be Vice President Walter F. Mondale's Senate seat. Republican David Durenburger won the seat once held by the late Hubert H. Humphrey. Republican Rep. Albert Quie was leading for governor. And overnight, Minnesota was a GOP state again, as Humphrey found it years ago.

None of that has much to do with Carter or national issues. Anderson arranged as governor to have himself

appointed to the Senate, and only once has a man who gained the office that way managed to gain it by election. Democratic division helped open the way for Durenburger. Quie led a Democratic governor who had a reputation for being amiable but rather disorganized.

New Hampshire ousted its ardently conservative Republican governor, Meldrim Thomson, in favor of a Democrat named Hugh Gallen. Gallen taught Thomson that two could play the campaign game of opposing a state income or sales tax, and denounced an electric utility rate increase the governor had approved.

Scratch one conservative, but don't try to read it as a trend, even in Thomson's state. For Republican Gordon Humphrey bows to no man's conservatism. And the airline pilot from Sunapee beat Democratic Sen. Thomas J. McIntyre.

The Kansas voters who elected Republican Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Alf's daughter, to be the only woman senator also turned out their Republican governor, Robert Bennett, in favor of John Carlin, Democrat, dairy farmer and speaker of the state House.

For the record, Carter campaigned personally this fall in 19 states. In those states, as elsewhere, there was no clear pattern in the outcome.

Gerald R. Ford claimed he had "a better batting average" than the president in campaigning for winners. He struck out in the effort to elect his old friend Griffin, who retired, then changed his mind, then got retired. "He regrettably said he was tired of being a senator," Ford said. "Those words came back to haunt him."

That scorekeeping system doesn't work in mid-term elections. In an Associated Press-NBC News survey of voters outside their polling places, three out of four said Carter had no impact on their election decisions. Among those who said the president was a factor, about half said it influenced them toward voting for Democrat and about half said they were swayed to vote Republican.

Next election, the national figures won't have to debate about their relative impact. They'll measure it in presidential competition. Carter will have no shortage of would-be opponents. Republican Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee won as expected and nourished his prospects as a likely candidate for 1980 nomination. So did Gov. James R. Thompson and Rep. Philip M. Crane and John Anderson, all of Illinois. Crane is the only declared candidate for the GOP nomination, but the list will be a long one by primary time.

And in California, Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. won big, promised frugality and austerity in government, and kept his Democratic options open. He isn't saying that he will or will not challenge Carter for the nomination in 1980. "I have locked nothing in and nothing out," said Brown.



A sizeable margin of victory enables William B. "Bill" Ahders to smile gleefully late Tuesday night. Election day tallies gave Republican Ahders a victory over Democrat Blake Hansen for the position of Midland County Judge. Midland's municipal court judge, Ahders unseated incumbent appointee Hansen by a margin of 11,323 to 6,258. (Staff Photo)

Totals in uncontested races point to strong vote by city Republicans

Judging by the results of local uncontested races in Midland, it appears many Midlanders hit the Republican straight-ticket lever Tuesday.

For example, Democratic state Sen. W.E. "Pete" Snelson, unopposed in his bid for re-election, received 9,610 votes in the county.

But Republican state Rep. Tom Craddock, also running unopposed for re-election, got 13,564 votes.

Barbara Culver, 318th District Court judge, got 13,197 votes in her bid for a four-year term in the post to which she was appointed.

The only other Republican on the local ballot was Win Brown, seeking re-election as commissioner from Precinct 4. He received 5,314 vote from residents of his precinct.

Other uncontested candidates received the following vote totals.

— Chief justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, 8th District: Steve Preslar,

7,912.

— Judge, 238th District Court, Vann Culp, 8,437.

— Judge, County Court at Law, Willie DuBose, 8,885.

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— District clerk, Madge Wallis, 8,990.

— County clerk, Rosenele Cherry, 10,069.

— County treasurer, Dee Thompson, 9,099.

— Justice of the peace, Precinct 1, Place 2: Robert H. Pine, 9,249.

— On the statewide ballot, Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace had only token opposition from Socialist Worker Jana Pellusch. Wallace received 8,853 votes in Midland County.

ty, to 138 for Pellusch.

State Treasurer Warren G. Harding also had a Socialist Worker opponent. Harding got 9,048 votes in Midland, to 184 for Derrick Adams.

A number of statewide candidates were entirely unopposed, yielding the following vote totals in Midland County:

— Comptroller of public accounts: Bob Bullock, 8,673, in Midland County.

— Commissioner of public lands: Bob Armstrong, 8,670.

— Commissioner of Agriculture: Reagan V. Brown, 8,610.

— Chief justice, Supreme Court: Joe R. Greenhill, 8,512.

— Associate justice, Supreme Court, Place 1: Franklin Spears, 8,521.

— Associate justice, Supreme Court, Place 2: Sam D. Johnson, 8,406.

— Associate justice, Supreme Court, Place 3: Charles W. Barrow, 8,258.

— Associate justice, Supreme Court, Place 4: Robert M. Campbell, 8,233.

— Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1: Wendell A. Odom, 8,399.

— Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Sam Houston Clinton, 8,406.

— Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: W.C. "Bill" Davis, 8,407.

Race relations minister resigns from South African Cabinet

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Connie Mulder, this white-ruled nation's race relations minister, resigned from the Cabinet after being implicated in a scandal involving a \$15 million slush fund to establish a pro-government newspaper.

The fund reportedly was used to start the Citizen newspaper in 1975. The paper still publishes six times a week. Mulder, 53, was minister of information when the paper was started.

Mulder, announcing his resignation Tuesday, said, "I have no pang of conscience about the entire matter because everything I have done I did in the conviction that I was serving my country."

Mulder has been under pressure to quit since evidence of foreign exchange violations in the secret fund showed up in an investigation by government-appointed Judge Anton Mostert.

Minutes before Mulder announced he would resign, Prime Minister P.W. Botha ended Mostert's inquiry, apparently to try to keep more information about the scandal from becoming public.

Botha set up a new three-man investigative panel last week after Mostert published his initial findings about the fund, but Mostert said he would continue his own investigation.

Botha said he suspended Mostert's inquiry because of possible "overlapping and duplication" between Mostert and the panel. He hinted that Mostert exceeded his instructions.

The judge said there was evidence that the fund was set up through Mulder's defunct Information Department to bankroll the paper, and that the money was fun-

neled to the paper through a Swiss bank but never repaid to the state.

Press reports claim the Information Department under Mulder

made an abortive attempt to buy control of the Washington Star.

Mulder was one of three National party leaders in contention for the job as prime minister.



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Krystal Lark Koch, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Koch of Midland, is congratulated by Dr. Lorene Rogers, president of The University of Texas at Austin. Miss Koch received an Alumni Scholarship from the Midland chapter of the Texas Exes Club at the club's annual fall scholarship banquet held recently in Austin.

Nicaraguans flee to refugee camps

By TOM FENTON

CAMPO LUNA, Honduras (AP) — Some 10,000 Nicaraguans, many ill with malaria, dysentery and other diseases, are crowding Honduran refugee camps such as this one, living in misery but afraid to go home.

A Honduran camp volunteer said they fear reprisals in Nicaragua because of their support for a guerrilla uprising against President Anastasio Somoza. The refugees started crowding in during September as guerrillas battled against the Nicaraguan national guard.

"The children are full of parasites and nearly all have diarrhea. We estimate 80 percent of the people here have malaria," said Frances Crawford, 49, a nurse-midwife from Farmington, Mo., who runs a small clinic at the camp.

Near the dirt-floor clinic, 450 blue-and-white tents are spread in long lines across a field, each tent able to shelter up to 10 persons.

The camp, about 30 miles from the Nicaraguan border, is near Choluteca and is the largest of several tent communities housing refugees who fled the guerrilla war in Nicaragua. Honduras tried to maintain a neutral stance in the conflict.

Outside the clinic, a crowd of mothers silently cradled half-dressed children as they waited their turn to see Ms. Crawford.

"This little fellow's got three strikes against him," she said, taking a 6-week-old baby from its mother. She gave the baby an injection in the leg and as the infant whimpered she turned him to show a cleft palate.

"His stomach is bloated by parasites and he's got some other illness as well," Ms. Crawford added. "I'm just trying to keep him alive until we can find a way to get him to a good hospital."

The woman said several persons at the camp exhibited symptoms of typhoid and dengue fever, but she said blood samples had not yet been returned which could confirm the diseases.

"A Nicaraguan doctor who was here diagnosed the typhoid, but he was afraid he might be killed (by Somoza supporters) and fled to Costa Rica," said Ms. Crawford, who runs the clinic for the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board.

The Honduran Red Cross administers the camp. On this day, it was being run by a 19-year-old volunteer, Manuel Ismael Flores. He said many people in the camp are afraid to return home for fear of reprisals because they sympathized with the guerrillas — led by the Marxist-organized Sandinista National Liberation Front — who are fighting to topple Somoza.

Flores interrupted a tour of the camp briefly to talk to two rifle-bearing Honduran soldier who he said were there to protect the refugees from Somoza supporters.

Flores said 15 babies had been born in the camp since it was opened in late September. He proudly showed one 13-day-old infant that had been named for him.

"We're giving the people three meals a day, but we're not certain how long the food will last," he said. "We're also short of medicine."

The camp has one kitchen where workers using three-foot-long spoons stirred caldrons of stew that simmered on a wood fire. One woman cooked tortillas on an iron sheet that had been placed atop the grill.

"They line up with their plates behind these wooden railings. It only takes a few minutes," Flores said.

The tents were surrounded by trenches to drain off rainwater. Volunteers with shovels and wheelbarrows picked up litter and kept the trenches clear.

Flores said the occupants receive mail at the camp, but there is no telephone service. A loudspeaker at the center of the camp was blaring the rock record "Staying Alive, interspersed with a few announcements.

Flores said most people slept on the floor and there was an urgent need for blankets and clothing. He said many children had respiratory ailments from sleeping on the tent floor, which he said got cold at night.

Some of the tents were supplied as emergency quarters by the U.S. government for use after Hurricane Fifi struck the north coast of Honduras in 1974, Flores said.

Luis Aguirre Rodriguez, area Red Cross commander based in Choluteca, said the camp was intended to be in existence only three months when it was set up.

"Now we're looking into the possibility of setting up prefabricated buildings," he said. "Those tents won't last forever."

Honduras, with an annual per capita income of less than \$400 in contrast to more than \$7,000 in the United States, is the poorest country in Central America.

"The refugees are severely taxing our resources," said Herman Allan Padgett, spokesman for the military junta that governs Honduras.

"But what can we do? Many say they are afraid to go home. We can't send them back under those conditions. We know that many of them will never go back."

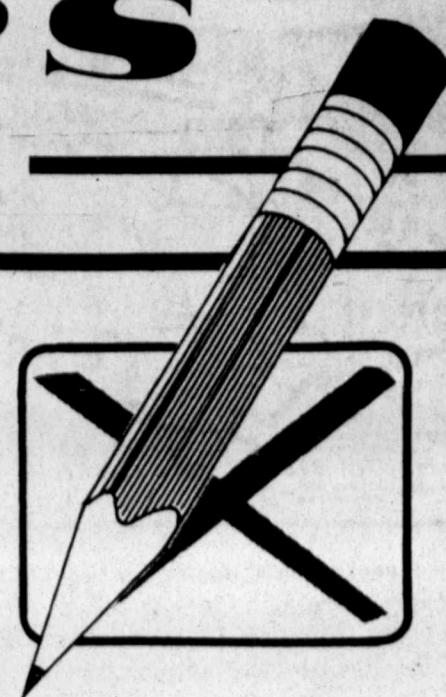
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Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, left, exchanges putters with Jack Nicklaus during an exhibition golf game. (AP Laser-photo)

Names in the news

NEW YORK — Yul Brynner, who confesses that "the real weakness I have is for spare ribs," says he's had a weakness of stomach — along with general pain and distress — since downing a double helping of the goodies four years ago at Trader Vic's.

Brynner wants \$3 million for his pain and is due to take his suit against the restaurant into Manhattan Civil Court today.

The actor, now starring on Broadway in "The King and I," says his doctors told him his meal of spareribs eaten the evening of Nov. 3, 1974, gave him trichonosis poisoning. Brynner says his sickness forced him to miss rehearsals of the show in which he was then appearing, "Home Sweet Home," and to suffer pain while on tour with "The King and I."

His lawyer, Harry Lipsig, says Brynner has been told he "will never fully recover from the effects of said infection and poisoning."

LONDON (AP) — Rock star Elton John, reportedly exhausted and overworked from weeks of promoting his latest record album, today is "resting comfortably" in a London hospital after collapsing at his Windsor home with chest pains.

John, 31, was rushed 20 miles to the exclusive Harley Street Clinic in West London Tuesday. He was admitted to the coronary care unit, but doctors said he had not had a heart attack.

"He was admitted in a conscious condition as an investigative case. He is comfortable and sat up tonight to watch television," said a clinic spokesman.

A statement issued by the clinic and Rocket Records, the recording company owned by the singer, said: "Elton John has definitely not had a coronary. Tests are being conducted, and he will be staying in the clinic overnight."

When he collapsed, John was

preparing for a trip to Paris and a widely publicized final hair transplant.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For the time being, Patricia Hearst will stay put — in prison serving a seven-year sentence on a bank robbery conviction.

U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick Jr. refused on Tuesday to set aside Miss Hearst's conviction or modify her sentence. She had alleged her trial was "reduced to a mockery, a farce and a sham because of ineffective assistance of counsel."

In denying all Miss Hearst's motions, Orrick said "none of the evidence offered in her behalf... would entitle her to relief."

Orrick also said her allegations of inadequate representation by famed trial lawyer F. Lee Bailey were "speculative, unfounded assertions completely unwarranted by the record."

Miss Hearst has already served 20 months of her sentence and will be eligible for parole July 11. She was charged with the April 15, 1974, robbery of a San Francisco bank with Symbionese Liberation Army members who had kidnapped her Feb. 4, 1974.

Miss Hearst, 24, recently announced she wants to marry a former bodyguard.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Golfer Jack Nicklaus says President Ferdinand Marcos is less dangerous on the course than his former U.S. counterpart, Gerald Ford.

"We played 14 holes, and he didn't hit a single soul," Nicklaus joked Tuesday after an exhibition round with the Philippines' chief executive. "Mr. Ford would have killed four or five."

Wayward shots by Ford struck spectators in at least two exhibitions he played while president.

County favors Bill Ahders in 2-to-1 vote on judgeship

By ED TODD
R-T Staff Writer

Midland Municipal Court Judge William B. "Bill" Ahders beat Midland County Judge Blake Hansen by

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a 2-to-1 margin Tuesday night in the race for the four-year county judge term, reclaiming the judgeship for Republicans in the process.

"Great," said Republican Ahders, 62, of his 11,323-to-6,258 win over Democrat Blake Hansen.

"I am just pleased. I am very happy with all of the people who have worked for me" in the campaign. "I have never been in politics before. I'm overwhelmed."

Ahders carried 20 of 28 voter precincts in the election, which attracted more than 18,000 voters to the polls.

Ahders, municipal court judge since his retirement in 1968 as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, ran against the 29-year-old Hansen, who was appointed to the judgeship last March in a 3-to-0 vote of the Midland County Commissioners' Court.

"We've lost," Hansen conceded even before the returns had been finalized. "I think the George Bush vote definitely got the people out. And because of it, I think a lot of people...voted straight (Republican)...just pulled the Republican lever (on the voting machines)."

Hansen was an assistant district attorney in 1976 under former District Attorney Jim Mashburn. He was appointed by the three Democratic county commissioners after County Judge Barbara Culver, 52, was named a state district court judge by Gov. Dolph Briscoe. She succeeded Joseph Mims who resigned his post as judge of the Domestic Relations Court.

Hansen expressed disappointment in his defeat.

"You work so long for something, you got to feel disappointed," he said. "When you have two candidates, one is going to have to lose."

Though Ahders outspent Hansen by

about 3-to-1 in the campaign, Hansen said he doesn't think "money had anything to do with it. It may have helped," he said.

Ahders will take office Jan. 1, when the commissioners' court apparently will lose a Democratic commissioner, Charlie Welch, and will gain a Republican, Sam Snoddy, in the Precinct 2 race.

Ahders said he would, if asked by the Midland City Council, recommend a successor to the municipal judgeship.

"If they ask me, I certainly will (suggest a successor)," Ahders said. "I'm most pleased to have worked with the city" for 11 years. "I appreciate that."

Though now in his eighth month as county judge, Hansen said he has benefited from his courthouse experience and that he has no second thoughts about accepting the judgeship appointment last March. The post pays \$24,000 annually.

"(I have) none (misgivings) whatsoever," Hansen said. "I'm sorry that I don't have the chance to serve Midland for the next four years."

"I enjoyed serving the people as county judge and wouldn't take for the experience."

Hansen said both he and Ahders ran "a very nice race and everyone ran on his merit."

In his campaigning, Ahders had focused on his maturity, judgment, "proven leadership, administrative experience and judicial responsibility."

Hansen, too, had pointed to his leadership, and to his holding "the line on taxes by keeping the county's budget within its means," by getting "the maximum benefit out of each tax dollar," and with fighting crime by the court route.

Hansen said he wishes Ahders the "best of luck" and that he would lend his expertise in county government in assisting Ahders in his transition to county government.

Judge Culver, who became Midland County's first Republican elected official and judge in a "hot" race in 1962 against incumbent Democrat Noel Cason, Tuesday night said she was "delighted that two such fine people sought this job."

"And I did encourage Judge Ahders

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Hance, citing his legislative experience, wins Mahon seat

By JIM STEINBERG
R-T News Staff

Perhaps he had been stalking Tuesday night's victory all his life.

He was the first of what turned out to be six contenders for the office of U.S. Congressman, 19th Congressional District of Texas, in the May 1978 primary.

And early this morning in Lubbock, Kent Hance of that city basked in the glow of his election to the coveted congressional seat formerly occupied by George Mahon, who retired after a distinguished 44-year career.

Hance, 35, an attorney who became one of the youngest members of the Texas Senate in 1974, said his "prior legislative experience" was the most important of several factors contributing to his warding off of rival George Bush, a Midland Republican.

Throughout his campaign, Hance hammered away at the experience he gained in Austin as his platform for higher office.

Although he received little support from the Permian Basin area — and until the final weeks of election countdown, did little to seek that support — Hance vowed Tuesday night "to be a good Congressman for the Permian Basin and a strong area advocate for the oil and gas interests of the area."

"I enjoyed having a worthy opponent like George Bush. He was good for the district," Hance noted.

"We got to be friends during the campaign. Sure we did disagree, but you can differ and disagree without being disagreeable."

Hance credited his volunteers with getting out the winning vote and overcoming any disadvantage created by Bush's superior campaign funding.

Although Hance had declared his candidacy long before his Midland challenger, his campaign lacked the sustained intensity of Bush's, and some had speculated before Tuesday's showdown that perhaps

he waited too long to really get his own campaign into high gear.

But amid the jubilation of 400 well-wishers and friends at the home of campaign treasurer Mike Higgins in Lubbock, the Dimmitt native said in a telephone interview that because of his experience in the 19th District area as a state senator, and because he and his wife were natives of another part of the district and still had relatives there, he had an unshakable public following.

During the final weeks of the campaign, Hance focused his campaign strategy on what he described as better "credentials" as a West Texan than those of Connecticut-born Bush.

Although conceding Tuesday night this strategy might have had a payoff at the polls, Hance reaffirmed his belief that his legislative experience was what people really voted for.

A touch of weariness edged the excitement of Hance's voice on Tuesday. He late last week had quipped that his campaign was the longest in the history of the 19th Congressional District. Now, at last, it was over.



Kent Hance

Ector County voters elect appointee as county judge

Ector County Judge Gary Watkins, a Democrat, racked up nearly a 5,000-vote margin over challenger Republican George Schlemeyer to win voter approval for the job he was appointed to more than one year ago.

Appointed to the Ector post when Joe Connally resigned to become district judge, Watkins, 31, wrestled the impressive margin from Schlemeyer, a real estate broker who campaigned to place a non-lawyer in the county judge post.

The final vote was 11,711 to 6,738.

The GOP, however, was able to crack one spot open on the otherwise solidly Democratic Ector County Commissioner's Court.

Bill Hicks, Ector County auditor, unseated Joe Johnson, the Democratic incumbent county commissioner for Precinct 2, with a 4,427 to 2,424 vote.

In two contested peace justice races, Charles E. McGee Jr. won Precinct 1, while Virgil Lumpee retained his position for Precinct 2.

McGee tallied 2,355 votes while his opponent Franklin "Frank" M. Nicholson received 1,450 votes. Incumbent Peace Justice Harold Sligar, who was unseated by Gee in the primary, received 692 write-in votes.

Lumpee received 3,885 votes while Ken Eason got 2,900.

In the contested race for Precinct 4 constable post, Harry Boucher overwhelmed his write-in challenger, Leonard Garcia, by a 1,885 to 85 vote margin.

DAWSON COUNTY

Although write-in candidates didn't fare well in Ector County, their fortunes were considerably better farther north.

Voters in Lamesa and the rest of Dawson County did more than their share of writing in candidates

names for the justice of the peace post at large.

Although Richard Nelson was the only name to appear on the ballot, two write-in candidates topped his tally by nearly 1,000 votes.

John F. Parchman was the victorious write-in candidate with 1,534 votes. Nelson received only 158 votes.

Other write-in candidates and the vote tallies are: Fernando Vera, 1,373; Richard W. Meador, 765; R. F. Sprayberry, 140; and Shirley H. McGlaun, 152.

In the race for county commissioner Precinct 2, the write-in candidate, A.B. Furlow, lost to Kenneth Pearson, whose name appeared on the ballot, by a 490 to 527 vote margin.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

The mood to elect write-in candidates struck Glasscock County and Garden City voters, too.

Alex Fry upset Precinct 2 Commissioner candidate G. R. Pearce by a write-in vote of 59 to 55.

And write-in candidate Curtis Palmer defeated Jerry Don Robinson by a 67 to 51 vote margin in the race for commissioner Precinct 4.

Ironically, Robinson defeated Palmer in the primary by a one vote margin.

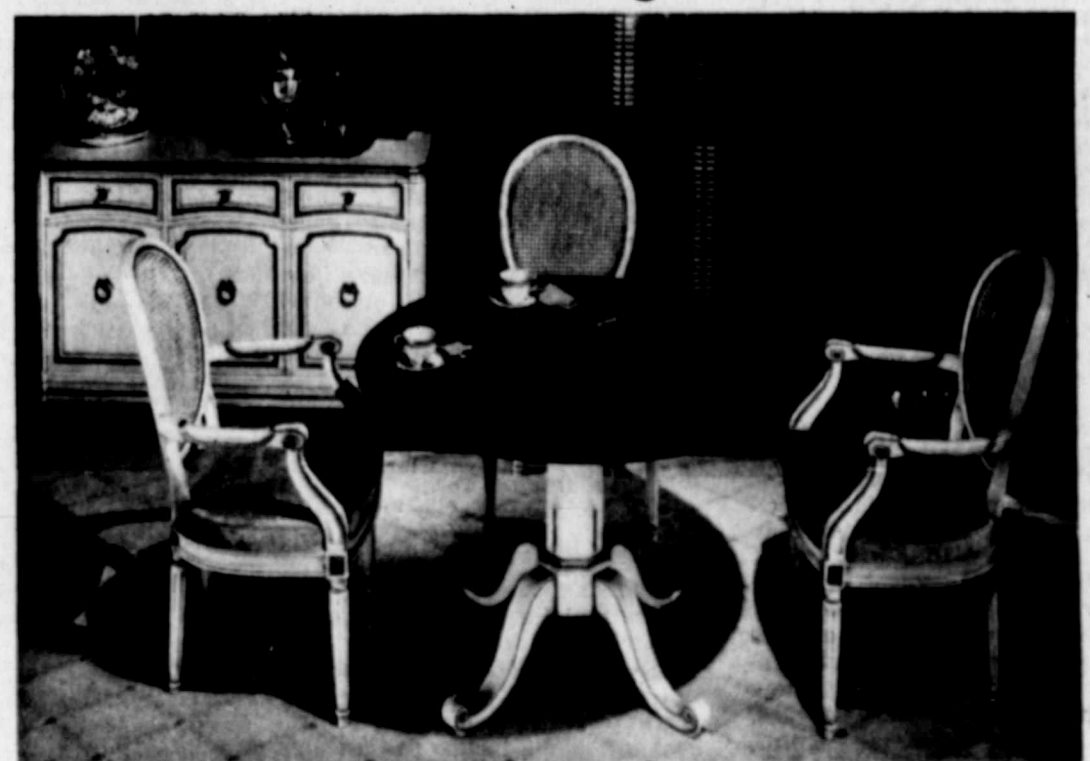
ANDREWS COUNTY

Duey Braswell, a write-in candidate for Precinct 4 constable, defeated E. G. Pritchard in Andrews County's only contested race. The vote was 1,068 to 989.

UPTON COUNTY

In the only contested race in Upton County, C. T. Fletcher defeated Willie D. Brown, a write-in candidate, by a 251 to 79 vote margin.

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Pct. 3	7	14	4	8	7	12	8	12	9	10	8	9
Pct. 4	56	121	40	142	41	140	51	122	49	113	65	105
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Pct. 15	243	792	210	836	175	871	274	730	225	748	332	678
Pct. 16	167	247	144	282	151	273	207	188	186	202	231	173
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Pct. 20	163	498	136	534	122	549	198	450	172	465	178	480
Pct. 21	261	707	243	743	208	774	341	589	278	636	353	598
Pct. 22	121	154	90	193	81	199	120	146	107	151	123	150
Pct. 23	105	378	87	406	64	424	119	351	94	377	114	363
Pct. 24	152	98	128	127	125	131	145	99	139	98	159	95
Pct. 25	54	74	37	88	40	89	68	55	49	65	63	57
Pct. 26	255	1197	172	1294	140	1326	289	1134	217	1180	308	1087
Pct. 27	82	212	67	234	58	234	110	177	78	200	106	179
Pct. 28	27	168	25	167	23	175	41	149	26	161	45	145
Absentee	567	2156	453	2299	424	2316	605	2073	509	2093	643	1978
TOTAL	5448	12672	4632	13798	4285	14159	6101	11559	5181	11986	6258	11323

Republicans gain only four Texas House positions

By LEE JONES
Associated Press Writer

Republicans gained four Texas House seats — barring upsets in El Paso's slow-moving tally — and clung tightly to their Senate holdings in Tuesday's general election.

But the increase fell short of the GOP leadership's prediction that the party realistically could expect to pick up eight to 10 House seats.

Unless the final totals in El Paso County, where faulty computer cards slowed the count to a snail's pace, change things, the GOP will have 23 seats in the 1979 House. This compares with 19 now.

The new Legislature will reflect one of the smallest turnovers in years —

24 new representatives and three new senators since the July special session.

Speaker Bill Clayton said it was "a small a turnover as we've had in the House since I've been here" — almost 16 years.

Clayton said the House probably will be "a little more conservative" than the moderate-to-conservative body of the 1977 Legislature.

Election of Rep. Bob Vale, D-San Antonio, to replace Sen. Frank Lombardino, probably will make the Senate slightly more liberal but control will remain in the hands of moderates and conservatives.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, presiding officer of the Senate, easily won re-election and is not expected to make any

major changes in the leadership.

Clayton claims more than enough votes from his fellow House members to win re-election to an unprecedented third consecutive term.

There will be one more black House member, Fort Worth businessman Bobby Webber, who defeated Republican Joe Frausto in a heavily minority district.

A federal court order redistricting Tarrant County provided blacks a good shot at the Webber district, preserved an already black district, carved out a GOP House seat and Republicans and Democrats would have to fight it out.

The result was Webber's victory, the election of Republican Bob Leonard, member of a prominent Fort Worth department store family, and the defeat of Democratic Rep. Tom

Schieffer by Republican Bob Ware.

Rep. Joe Allen, D-Baytown, a House member since 1967, fell to Ed Emmett of Kingwood, a 29-year-old oil company employee and former tennis instructor.

Tom DeLay, a Republican from Wallis, defeated optometrist Larry Wilkinson of Rosenberg for the seat held by Rep. Joe Hubenak, who quit to make an unsuccessful race for agriculture commissioner.

It was a lackluster election, with no contests for 84 of the 150 House seats and nine of 15 Senate seats.

Only 15 of the 31 senators had to stand for re-election this year.

Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Fort Worth, beat back a determined challenge from Rep. Roy English, a freshman lawmaker from Fort Worth.

Republicans were unable to gain any strength in the Senate. Their best

hope failed when Rep. Joe Robbins, R-Lubbock, was defeated for a West Texas seat by E.L. Short of Tahoka, a former House member.

Sens. Bill Meier, D-Euless; John Traeger, D-Seguin; and Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, easily defeated Republican challengers.

Re-elected without opposition were Sens. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler, chairman of the Senate Nominations Subcommittee; Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches; Lindon Williams, D-Houston; Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, chairman of the Senate Human Resources Subcommittee; Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin; Pete Snelson, D-Midland, chairman of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee; Raul Longoria, D-Edinburg; and Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls.

House committee chairmen re-elected without opposition included

Reps. Bill Presnal, D-Bryan, appropriations; Ben Grant, D-Marshall, judiciary; Bill Sullivan, D-Gainesville, environmental affairs; John Wilson, D-LaGrange, health and welfare; Tom Uher, D-Bay City, state affairs; Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, intergovernmental affairs; Jerry Donaldson, D-Gatesville, financial institutions; Tim Von Dohlen, D-Goliad, constitutional amendments; Joe Hanna, D-Breckenridge, energy resources; Lynn Nabers, D-Brownwood, criminal jurisprudence; Tom Massey, D-San Angelo, public education; Tom Craddock, R-Midland, natural resources; Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, House administration; Craig Washington, D-Houston, social services; Ben Reyes, D-Houston, rules; Jim Nugent, D-Kerrville, transportation; and Bennie Bock II, D-New Braunfels, liquor regulation.

Boren wins U.S. Senate seat in history-making campaign

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Democratic Gov. David Boren made history once and almost did it twice Tuesday with an overwhelming victory in the race to succeed ailing Republican Dewey Bartlett in the U.S. Senate.

Boren, 37, became the first sitting governor to win election to the Senate with his landslide victory over Republican nominee Bob Kamm and four independents.

His victory margin also was the second largest in an Oklahoma Senate race, ranking second only to the late Josh Lee's landslide win 42 years ago.

With 2,548 of 2,830 precincts report-

ing, Boren had 432,854 votes, or 65 percent, to 215,651, or 32 percent, for Kamm.

The independents split up the remaining small share of the vote. Glenn Hager had 4,342 votes, followed by Riley Donica with 3,199, Paul Trent with 2,822 and R.K. Carter with 2,110.

Boren carried 74 of the state's 77 counties in regaining for the Democrats the Senate seat Bartlett has held for six years.

Bartlett's recurring bouts with lung cancer prevented him from seeking re-election and Kamm, pressed into service as a late replacement, simply was no match for Boren.

More than 100 Lee students made honor society members

More than 100 Lee High School students were inducted into membership in the National Honor Society recently.

The contemporary candlelighting ceremony, conducted in the school auditorium, emphasized the society's four requisites: leadership, character, service and scholarship.

New members presented by principal Dr. Joe T. Smith and chapter officers included Allison Alvarado, Holly Bartosh, Wolfgang Bergter, Mark Bradshaw, Douglas Crawford, Thomas Dykes, Melinda Elliot, Cynthia Eppler, Galye Goodwyn and Gary Hamilton.

Also, Julia Holcomb, Christine Ile, James Lamb, Anja Lotzkat, Deborah Ledbetter, Hoa Thi Nguyen, Melissa Oestman, Wyota Adkins, Julie Anderson and Lee Andrews.

Also, Ernest Angelo, Kenneth Barton, Kevin Barton, Robert Barton, Clay Bateman, Scott Beatty, Bradley Brannon, Guy Brewer, Peter Brewer and Raymond Brickley.

PBGC to host Rotary Club

Members of the Midland Downtown Rotary Club will hold their Thursday noon meeting in the Permian Basin Graduate Center at the corner of Main and Illinois streets, J. Rudolph Wright, Rotary president, announced today.

Secretary R.O. Smith said it will be a "box lunch" session.

A tour of the new Graduate Center is on schedule for the visitors.

Hosts for the session will be Dr. Jack Elam, president of the Center, and Patricia Beck, executive director

Also, Lauri Brock, Francoise Broe, Melanie Brown, Phillip Brown, Teresa Brown, Angella Buckalew, Jon Bullock, Gary Butler, James Bynum and Joseph Cappadonna.

Also, Scott Collins, Susan Craig, Melinda Cravens, Keith Davis, Angela Deck, Richard Dolan, Deanne Durfee, Ed Ellis, Jo Elizondo and Karen Fidler.

Also, David Fishel, Timmie Fisher, Douglas Flaten, Dennis Fletcher, Robin Franke, Paul Friemel, Patricia Gilbert, James Graham, Karen Gravitt and Mary Gray.

Also, Betsy Halvorsen, Michael Harrell, James Harris, David Harwell, Mark Haynes, John Hellinghausen, Brenda Hewitt, Donald Higgins, Bryan Hill and Leonard Hobbs.

Also, Mark Igou, Kim Ile, Ezra Jay, Edward Jezisek, Carol Johnson, Mark Jungman, Mary Keel, David Keys, Warren Kyle and James Landers.

Also, Larry Ledbetter, Mark Leonard, Karen Lewis, Brent Lowery, Carol Matthews, James McCanin, Jeanene McClintick, Thomas McLaughlin, Meg Montgomery and Lisa Morris.

Also, Frances Myers, Tram Nguyen, Robert Nordling, William Nordling, Marit Olson, Charles Osborn, Cheryl Owens, Phyllis Peete, Eddie Pleasant and Stephen Post.

Also, George Price, Steven Prindle, Paul Raymond, Dennis Reeves, Russell Rhoads, Susan Roop, Jeffery Ryan, Brent Sanders, Kindra Sikes and Mark Solari.

Also, Sharla Southerland, Shelli Speck, Travis Stice, Richard Sublett, Jayme Terrell, April Tucker, Camille Victour, Christy Weber, Kim Williams, Tracy Williams and Margie Wright.

Deputy resigns

LAMESA — Dawson County Sheriff Guy Kinnison has resigned, effective Nov. 15, citing "economic reasons."

Kinnison said he has accepted another position outside of law enforcement but will continue to live in Dawson County.

Kinnison became sheriff eight years ago when he was appointed to fill a vacancy created by Shorty Hancock's resignation. The current sheriff was chief deputy at that time.

County commissioners now will have to appoint Kinnison's successor.

Bandsmen

to compete

Midland bandsmen are preparing for the Nov. 18 University Inter-Scholastic League marching contest to be held in Andrews.

Grades 7 through 12 are participating in the UIL Region 6 marching competition, announced Bill Cormack, fine arts coordinator for the school district.

Lee and Midland high schools will be in competition with other AAAA schools while Edison and Austin freshman schools will vie with the AAA schools, Cormack said.

The junior high schools will compete in the CC class.

Board to name textbook panel

BIG SPRING — Members of the Big Spring school board will appoint the textbook committee to review new books for the coming school year at a board meeting Thursday night.

Trustees also are scheduled to review administrative suggestions on student suspensions at the 5:15 p.m. meeting at the senior high school.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MIDLAND INVITES ITS CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS To a Seminar on the REVENUE ACT OF 1978

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This timely seminar has been designed to explain the complex changes in the recent tax law and includes tax considerations and tax planning strategies for individuals and businesses. The seminar topics include the new capital gains and alternate minimum tax, tax shelter provisions, corporate tax changes and estate and gift tax planning opportunities. Speakers for the seminar include:

Bill Hill - Senior Vice President; First National Bank
John A. Bates - Vice President & Adm. Manager; First National Bank

Joe Davis - CPA; Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
Ken Marchetti - CPA; Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

The seminar will be held in the Fine Arts Center on the Midland College campus from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 9.



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Snoddy edges Welch by 21; Recount possible

By MARK VOGLER
R-T Staff Writer

The votes are in, but no victor has been declared in the race for Midland County commissioner, Precinct 2.

Results indicate Sam H. Snoddy tallied a slim 21-vote margin over his opponent, incumbent Charlie Welch.

But today, everyone seemed to be taking a wait-and-see attitude before claiming victory or acknowledging defeat.

Snoddy, a political novice who campaigned for county commissioner because he opposed the policies of the man in office, said he was unprepared to declare victory Tuesday night after posting the narrow win over the 10-year incumbent Democrat.

Snoddy conceded the possibility that the battle of 53-year-olds to represent Precinct 2 may be decided on a recount.

Darrell Smith, Democratic chairman of Midland County, said Tuesday night he would recommend a recount, but "it will be up to Mr. Welch."

Welch said this morning he does not know whether he will seek a recount.

"It seems to me it might be an insult to those good people who worked their heads off on the election all day and half the night," said Welch.

County Clerk Rosenelle Cherry today checked official return sheets against the tally sheet compiled Tuesday night from telephoned results and found no discrepancies.

Official canvass of the votes will take place Monday afternoon when Midland County commissioners meet.

In the meantime, Sheriff Dallas Smith said he will post a deputy at the

voting machine warehouse "so no one would have any questions about security."

That decision was made by the Election Board, consisting of Smith, Mrs. Cherry, County Judge Blake Hansen and the Democratic and Republican county chairmen, Smith said.

Snoddy jumped out to a big lead early, taking the absentee votes by a 677 to 306 margin. But after all the ballots were counted, the tally stood at 2,496 to 2,475 — too close for comfort.

Welch polled 776 more votes than when he defeated Ed Harris back in 1974 (1,699 to 1,147).

But this time he was badly beaten in

election '78

the absentee ballots, was outspent in campaign finances by more than 2 to 1 (\$8,950 to \$4,236) and was basically "out-Bushed," because of a large voter turnout in support of Midland's Republican congressional candidate George Bush.

"It's still too close to call. Before making any comments, I think I'll wait until somebody says 'you're it' or 'you're not,'" said Snoddy in a telephone interview from his home moments after the votes were counted.

Welch, meanwhile, had little to say about the results.

"I have no idea what I'll do. I haven't requested a recount and I haven't decided whether I will have one. I may not know until tomorrow (Wednesday) or a few days," Welch said.

"All I've got to say at this point is that I'd like to thank all the people who voted for me and worked hard for my campaign."

Welch said he expected the contest to be close and added that Bush "pulled a tremendous amount of votes" for the Republican ticket, contributing to Snoddy's overall total.

Snoddy remarked "I didn't know what to expect."

"This is my first time in politics. I wrote everything I could think of, put it on campaign literature and just took care of my own business."

Snoddy, who had been conducting a door-to-door campaign two hours a day since Sept. 17, drew nearly one third of his votes from his own neighborhood in Precinct 14, where he outpolled Welch 776 to 455.

Welch ran strongest in the heavy minority 10th precinct, winning by a 541 to 104 margin.

Snoddy took Precinct 23 (301 to 177) and Precinct 12 (440 to 311). Welch claimed the 2nd (252 to 74), 16th (344 to 85) and 25th (89 to 39) boxes.

Welch, a farmer and rancher prior to becoming commissioner, ran well in the rural districts and pulled the minority vote.

Snoddy, a Midland oil man for 27 years, seemingly attracted the white collar urban vote.

Welch said that if the votes are certified as official, he plans to "go back to making a living." He said he has no future political plans.

The incumbent commissioner has lived in Midland since 1934 and has a farming background. He lists his educational background as graduation from Midland High School and "the school of hard knocks."

Snoddy, who was born and raised on a farm in Gilliam, Mo., is an independent oil operator. He received a bachelor degree in economics from Central College in Fayette, Mo.

If the votes are upheld as official, Snoddy said his first action would be to recommend a \$3,250 reduction in the salary of county commissioner. The current salary is \$13,144.

"My first priority is to decrease the commissioner's salary. When I first found out what the school board and city council get for managing budgets that are much higher, I decided that this would be proper," Snoddy said.

He sees county commissioner as only a part-time job.

"I'll continue to be an oil operator. I'm just a businessman, not a politician. I'm not going to be a career politician," he said.

Snoddy, during the campaign, had accused his opponent of being a politician rather than a county commissioner.

Welch, who oversees a farm and ranch east of town, said the commissioner's salary is adequate since the task takes three quarters of his time.

Snoddy, who had charged the Democratic-controlled commissioners court was responsible for wasting county funds, said he got "upset" over the fiscal policies of Welch, and decided to run for office.

"I've always been of the opinion that if you don't like something, you do something about it or you keep your mouth shut. So, I decided to run for office," he said.

Other policies the Marine Corps veteran hopes to implement as a freshman commissioner include "redistricting of the county commissioner precincts, adoption of a zero-based budget and withdrawing the county's endorsement of the Midland Community Action Agency."

Welch credited himself with being responsible for keeping taxes down in Midland County. He said he is proud that Midland County is still using 1967 property values, with new construction being placed on the rolls at what its 1967 value would have been.

fine man, and so is Blake Hansen."

However, Smith, who said he personally found "no great burden to support all the Democratic Party candidates," said the George Bush "charisma" was a "highly significant" factor in attracting votes to Ahders.

Bush, the Republican Party's congressional candidate, carried Midland County by a 3-to-1 margin but lost the 19th District to Democrat Kent Hance, who will succeed U.S. Rep. George Mahon.

Smith's Republican counterpart, Bill Shaner, however, said "the George Bush charisma" didn't have "anything to do with the race."

Shaner said Hansen's acceptance of the commissioner's court judgeship appointment abetted his defeat by Ahders.

"It's unfortunate that he got himself in this position," the GOP county chairman said. "It just came down to the people that the county judgeship is for the people to determine, and not the county commissioners. I think that hurt him (Hansen) more than anything else."



Midland County Clerk Rosenelle Cherry makes her last check of election tabulations this morning. (Staff Photo)

Man behind Shiite Moslem revolt in Iran living in exile in Paris

By MICHAEL GOLDSMITH

PARIS (AP) — The man who may shape the future of Iran, a country ravaged by political violence and crippling strikes, smiles gently as he speaks of his followers cutting Iranian policemen to pieces.

There is no visible sign of the firebrand fanatic in the Ayatollah Khomeini. The old man sitting cross-legged on the floor of his suburban home rarely raises his voice. But that gentle voice, exiled from Iran since 1963, has aroused revolt among Shiite Moslems, who constitute more than 90 per cent of Iran's population.

The embattled government of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi has accused Khomeini of masterminding a campaign to impose an anti-Western regime on one of the West's crucial suppliers of oil. Khomeini rejects the accusation that he is anti-Western.

"I am neither anti-Western nor anti-Soviet," he told an interviewer. "I am pro-Iranian, and I am against allowing American interests to rob Iran of its natural wealth."

Khomeini makes no secret of his hatred for the shah and has said in interviews that he wants to depose him and form an "Islamic republic." If the present effort fails, he said, he will call for all-out civil war.

He said he would reject any alliance with Iran's communists — even to overthrow the shah — because they are "against God." But he never has concealed his admiration for the late Prime Minister Mohamed Mossadegh, whose seizure of Iran's Western-run oil industry in 1951 threw the West into its first oil crisis.

Ayatollah means "sign of God." Iran's Shiite Moslems regard the 78-year-old Khomeini as one of the imams, or religious leaders, temporarily chosen by God to replace the promised "12th Imam," the bringer of ultimate salvation.

The crisis in Iran was sparked by orthodox Moslems demanding an end to the shah's westernizing reforms, which they say are contrary to the Koran, the Moslem holy book. They were joined by the political opposition and hundreds of thousands of strikers. It is estimated that more than 1,000 persons have died in civil strife since January.

The gray-bearded Khomeini was expelled from Iran in 1963 after he refused to stop inciting his followers

against the shah, the Americans and Israel. For 15 years he lived in Iraq. Early this month, Iraq expelled him too and he came to France, joining hundreds of Iranian students and exiles here.

Khomeini found a temporary home in Neauphle le Chateau, 20 miles west of Paris, in a prefabricated home heated by an old-fashioned pot-bellied stove. The walls are covered with flowered wallpaper. Cracked plates — presumably left by the former occupants — are on display on an old sideboard, the only piece of furniture in Khomeini's room.

Wearing a jet black turban and a black cloak, Khomeini is surrounded by his followers in a corner of the room.

In accordance with Islamic custom,

all visitors leave their shoes outside the door. No one dares interrupt him, but occasionally his monologue stirs them to laughter as he speaks with scathing sarcasm of the shah.

He generally avoids mentioning that the shah's police killed one of his sons years ago. But he constantly accuses the shah of ordering the police to murder the regime's leading opponents.

His statements assume that the collapse of the shah's government is imminent, and that the future revolutionary government will put the shah on trial and sentence him to "a minimum of life imprisonment."

Outside his home, French police keep guard with submachine guns.

Clements, Tower most popular among Permian Basin voters

If all Texas had voted the way of the Permian Basin, Democrats John Hill and Bob Kreuger would have been run out of Texas.

Gubernatorial hopeful John Hill would have gone without capturing a county beside a meteoric Bill Clements, while senate-seeking Bob Kreuger would have taken only two counties (Crane and Reagan) compared to John Tower's eight (Andrews, Dawson, Martin, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Reagan and

Upton) counties.

None of the winning Republican luster would have rubbed off on attorney general candidate Jim Baker who, in the 10-county area, was victorious only in Ector County against Democrat Mark White.

Likewise, Republican candidate for the Railroad Commission's unexpired term Jim Lacy of Midland took only Ector County against incumbent commissioner John Poerner.



Relaxing this morning in Midland with his 8-year-old Persian cat, Shug, is newly elected County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Sam Snoddy. In what developed into a race in the truest sense of the word, Snoddy defeated incumbent Democrat Charlie Welch by a mere 21-vote plurality. (Staff Photo)

Ahders wins with 2-to-1 margin

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to run because I knew of his qualifications and his experience.

"I am delighted that Ahders won, and I think that he will make an outstanding county judge," Culver said.

County Commissioner Win Brown said Ahders will "make an excellent county judge. And he probably will be bending over backward for the minor-

ity and other groups that might (have felt) left out in this particular race."

It was Republican Brown who abstained from voting when Democratic commissioners Wright, Charlie Welch and Jack Leonard voted to name Hansen to the judgeship. Brown had recommended a non-candidate to serve as interim county.

Darrell Smith, county Democratic chairman, said "Judge Ahders is a

Dollar under heavy selling pressure in Tokyo, losing strength in Europe

LONDON (AP) — The dollar came under heavy selling pressure in Tokyo today and started with losses in Europe, stalling for a second straight day President Carter's currency rescue hopes.

Gold bullion prices headed upward for a second day.

Following Carter's announcement a week ago of a tight money policy dollar rates clawed their way back to levels last seen a month or two ago but far short of where they were at the beginning of the long slide more than a year ago.

For example the dollar's bottom against the West German mark last week was 1.7625 marks per dollar. At midmorning today the dollar was being quoted in Frankfurt at 1.8888 marks, down from 1.8970 Tuesday and 23 per cent lower than in August 1977.

Despite help from the Japanese central bank the dollar fell more than a yen at Tokyo, closing at 1.8840, compared to 189.125 Tuesday. The

dollar has lost 22 percent against the yen this year.

One currency dealer said today's dollar-selling indicated banks are testing Carter's stated resolve to defend the U.S. currency.

The British pound, afflicted by worries over big labor wage demands, eased in London. At midmorning it was traded at \$1.9680, compared to \$1.9725 Tuesday.

Morning dollar rates at other European centers, compared to Tuesday: Zurich—1.6263 Swiss francs, down from 1.6405.

Paris—4.2975 French francs, down from 4.3175.

Amsterdam—2.0410 guilders, down from 2.0475.

Milan—838.65 lire, down from 840.70.

In Zurich, gold bullion was quoted at \$219.875 per Troy ounce, and in London the price was \$219.625. Bullion closed Tuesday in both markets at \$216.375.

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Woman recalls life as a Pinkerton private eye

SEATTLE (AP) — Sam Spade found the black bird by grilling curious characters who beat a path to his dingy office.

Nick Charles solved crimes in spare moments snatched from a life of elegant parties and late-night bourbon-quaffing.

Norma Hills painted a bathroom nine times and rode buses up and down the West Coast for a month.

Like her fictional companions in detection, Norma Hills was a private eye.

From 1929 through World War II, in fact, Ms. Hills was the lone female

operative in the Seattle office of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency.

Under the guise of repainting the bathroom, she took telephoto movies of a man across the street. He told his insurance company he'd been totally disabled by an accident, but Ms. Hills was able to prove that wasn't so.

"My cover was that I was painting the house inside," she recalls. "I painted that bathroom about nine times. He was painting his bathroom at the same time."

On another occasion, she says, she was told to keep tabs on a bus line's drivers to make sure they were honest

and courteous. One night the assignment landed her in San Francisco with no place to stay.

It was during World War II and innkeepers "didn't want single ladies in their hotels," she says. "I walked the streets of San Francisco all night long because I couldn't find a hotel room."

"I learned to my dismay that an all-night movie isn't an all-night movie. They turn on the lights at four in the morning."

Her most memorable case, she remembers, left her sitting for long hours by the potted palms in a hotel

lobby.

The divorced husband of a Seattle heiress took his son across the Canadian border where he was immune from a court custody order. Because the child stood to inherit millions, Pinkerton agents were hired to watch over the youth's welfare.

"Night and day we had to see where they (the man and his new wife) went and what they did," says Ms. Hills.

For two months, she dashed out of their hotel to tail them on their trips. When she learned the man was shipping his car East, she alerted other agents, who nabbed him when he

crossed the border into New York. The boy was returned to his mother.

Getting hired by Pinkerton's wasn't easy — and job security was nil.

"You had to be dependable, loyal. You almost had to take an oath of allegiance," says Ms. Hills. "You couldn't have had a traffic ticket they didn't know about."

"You had no identification," she adds. "The company could fire you and say they'd never heard of you if you blew your cover."

Despite the hardships, she says, "it was tremendously interesting."

"You had to be able to interview a coal miner or a lawyer or a doctor."

In the best detective tale tradition, she married her supervisor, Wilbur Hills. At the end of World War II, they bought a motel in southern Oregon and ran it for 10 years, until the motel was cut off by a freeway.

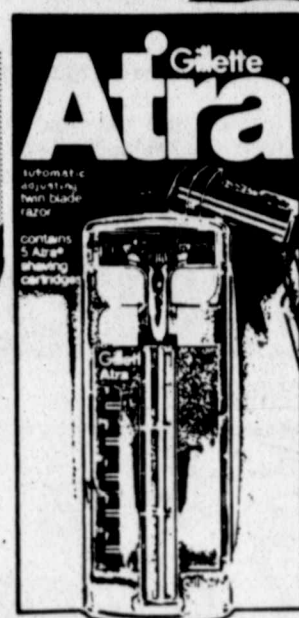
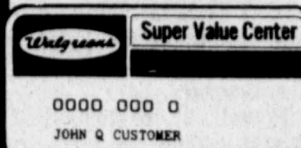
These days Ms. Hills works as a volunteer in Seattle, coordinating monthly fashion shows for Goodwill Industries' Memory Lane Museum.

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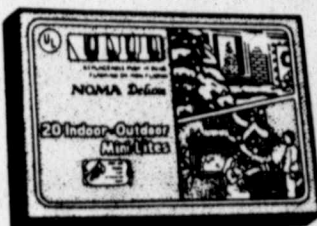
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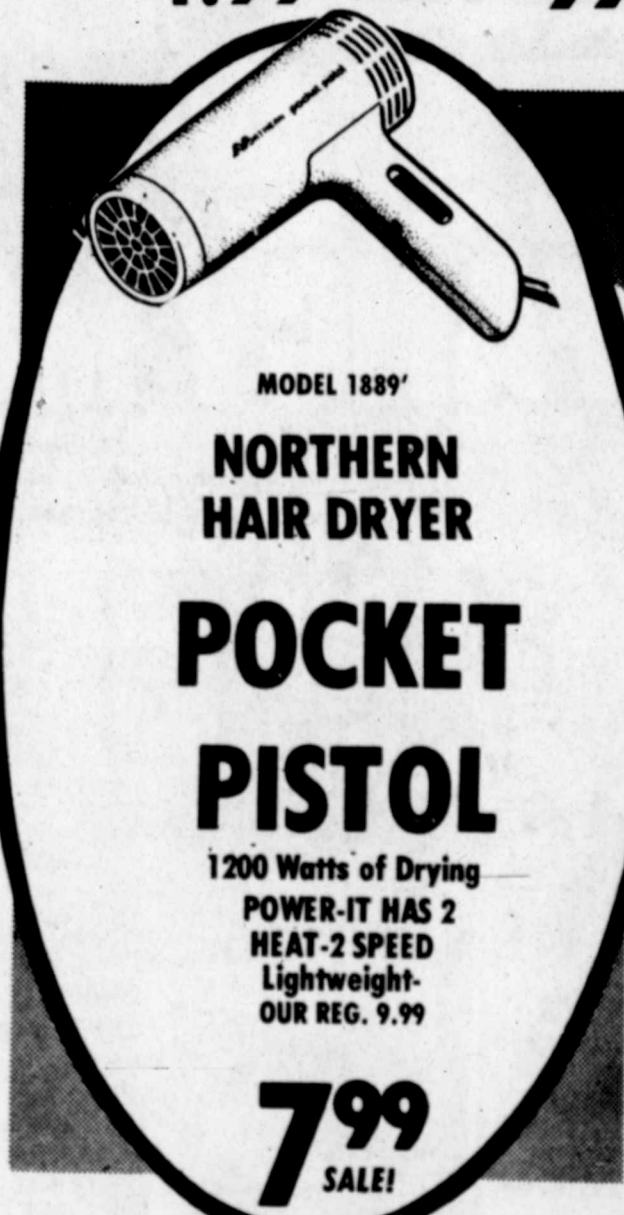
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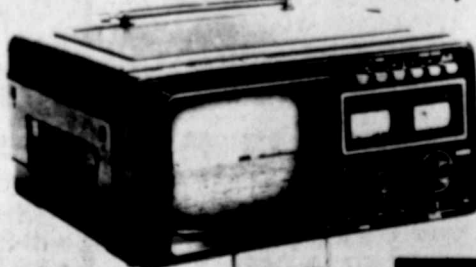
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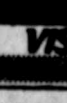
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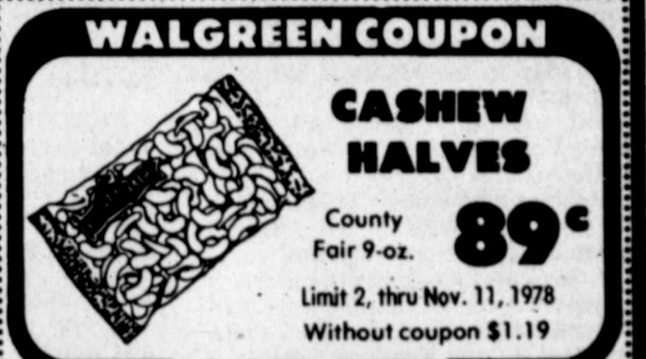
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DEATHS

Minnie Little

KERMIT — Services for Minnie Little, 81, of Kermit, sister of Mrs. Neal Pinkston of Andrews, were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with burial in Cross Plains Cemetery directed by Cooper Funeral Home of Kermit.

Mrs. Little died in a Kermit hospital Monday morning after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Liberty Hill Jan. 7, 1897. She moved to Kermit eight years ago from Cross Plains. She was a Baptist.

Other survivors include two daughters, two brothers, two sisters, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

J.K. Norton

Services for J.K. Norton of Midland will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. H.B. Hafelln officiating. Burial will follow in Ivan Cemetery in Ivan.

Norton died Tuesday in a Big Spring Hospital.

Norton was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Ivan. He was married to Jewell Dell Brooks. He was a longtime Midland resident.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, James D. Norton and Fredrick E. Norton, both of Midland; a daughter, Norma Kay Walker of Midland; his mother, Hettie M. Norton of Breckenridge; a brother, Ralph Norton of Breckenridge; two sisters, Norma Jean Taylor of Graham and Madge Boyle of Breckenridge, and nine grandchildren.

Charles Robbins

Services for Charles "Chuck" Stuart Robbins, 26, of 2717 Franklin St. in Midland will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Roy Funeral Home in Clairmont, N.H., with the Rev. Louis Reed officiating. Burial will be in West Unity Cemetery in West Unity, N.H.

Robbins died Sunday in Midland. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; three daughters, Tammy Robbins of Connecticut, Lisa Robbins and Angela Robbins, both of Midland; his parents, Richard F. Robbins of Clairmont, N.H., and Florence Robbins of Midland; three brothers, Richard Robbins of Clairmont, N.H., Dale Robbins and David Robbins, both of Midland, and six sisters, Sherry Delorier of Austin, Elaine Robbins of Hartford, Conn., Darlene R. Fendella of Clairmont, N.H., Robin Haight of East Hampton, Conn., Patricia McCall and Diane Robbins, both of Midland.

Carter signs tax cut bill but doesn't tell a soul

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter signed voter-pleasing bills to give a break to millions of taxpayers, help the handicapped and improve the nation's roads, then let America go to the polls Tuesday without saying a word about it.

Carter had promised at a recent political rally he would approve the \$18.7 billion tax bill that will cut income taxes for about 65 million American couples and individuals.

White House spokesman Claudia Townsend confirmed today that Carter signed the tax cut bill on Monday, when he was at Camp David, Md.

But the president vetoed a bill that would have authorized special federal payments to Guam and the Virgin Islands to offset local revenue losses from the tax cut bill through 1982.

In a statement, Carter said the bill "is simply another attempt to manage territorial deficits without addressing the underlying economic and financial problems which have led to those deficits." He said he has directed a study of the situation to find a plan to help those governments achieve financial stability.

Carter signed a bill authorizing \$333 million in fiscal year 1979 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and requiring it to study the possibility of licensing federal radioactive waste storage and disposal activities not currently licensed.

His signing of the \$53.8 billion transportation bill and a measure to provide up to \$5 billion for rehabilitation of the handicapped had been in doubt. In fact, handicapped demonstrators in front of the White House had said this week they feared he was purposely waiting until after the election to announce a veto.

White House sources, who asked not to be named, said Carter also signed a bill over the weekend at Camp David to overhaul the nation's bankruptcy laws.

Mixed picture

for vote turnout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fragmentary checks of voter turnout gave a mixed picture today, with some states voting more heavily than in the last off-year election and others less so.

No reliable nationwide measure of voter turnout will be available for some time because unofficial vote counts were still incomplete in many areas and because absentee ballots generally are not yet counted.

An AP spot check showed that in Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wisconsin a greater portion of registered voters cast ballots Tuesday than was the case in 1974.

But the turnout figures declined in Colorado, Indiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Vermont and Nebraska.

James E. Beatty

HOUSTON — James E. Beatty, 53, a Midland resident from 1951 until 1968, died here Sunday.

Funeral services were to be held at 1:30 p.m. today at Howard-Glendale Funeral Home, 1015 Federal Road, Houston. Interment was to follow in Rosewood Memorial Park at Humble.

Beatty had resided here since moving from Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia; his mother, Grace Marie Beatty of Yucca Valley, Calif.; two sons, Jimmy Beatty of Pasadena and Jesse Beatty of Houston; three daughters, Janet Haynes of Diana, Jennifer Warren of Pasadena and Jana Dorsey of Houston; seven sisters, four brothers and 12 grandchildren.

Lois Myrl Burke

ANDREWS — Services for Lois Myrl Burke, 50, of Andrews will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Singleton Funeral Home here with Levon Z. Hallmark, branch president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Burial will follow in Andrews Cemetery.

Mrs. Burke died Tuesday in an Andrews hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Ohio County, Ky. She was married April 3, 1941, in New Albany, Ind.

Survivors include her husband, Joe W. Burke of Andrews; a sister, Mrs. Bonnie Allen of Marengo, Ind.; three brothers, Guy Fraime and Troy Fraime, both of Marengo, Ind., and O'Neal Fraime of English, Ind.

C.J. 'Jack' Lamb

BIG SPRING — C.J. "Jack" Lamb, 77, of Forsan died Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital after a brief illness.

Services are pending at Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home here.

Lamb was born July 21, 1901, in Fort Worth. He married Pearl Davis Aug. 18, 1923, in Fort Worth. He was retired from Continental Oil Co.

A Forsan resident since 1935, Lamb had been mayor there since 1961.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Betty Heideman of Forsan, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Still silent on the bills, he returned to the White House Tuesday night to monitor election results which showed Republicans making slight gains in Congress and in the nation's statehouses.

The White House usually takes great pains to publicize the signing of bills it considers popular, but a high administration official said today that if — just before the election — "we announced just good bills, people would say it was all political."

He also said there were logistical problems in notifying campaigning congressmen who would have wanted to share in the announcements. However, reporters first learned of Carter's actions from several of those congressmen.

No further explanations were offered.

Although the tax legislation will reduce income taxes for millions of Americans next year, many of them will have about the same or even higher total tax bills because of an increase in Social Security levies voted by Congress last year.

The new tax bill also will slash the capital-gains income tax and give a new break to older Americans who sell their homes.

The new law reduces individual tax rates and makes other changes which should result in personal reductions of roughly \$12 billion.

Key features include a \$250 increase in the \$750-per-person personal tax exemption. And the standard deduction will be increased for single persons from \$2,200 to \$2,300 and for married couples from \$3,200 to \$3,400.

The current individual tax credit of \$35 a person, or 2 percent of the first \$9,000 of taxable income, will expire this year.

The bill also increases the "earned income" tax credit that rewards poor working families for staying off the welfare rolls. The previous \$400 top credit was raised to \$500.

The bill to aid the handicapped authorizes federal payments of up to \$5 billion over the next four years to states for rehabilitation programs. It also extends a program authorizing the Department of Labor to provide jobs for about 20,000 handicapped persons.

Administration spokesmen also had indicated Carter might veto the \$53.8 billion transportation bill — \$5.3 billion more than Carter asked.

The measure includes \$13.4 billion for mass transit, authorizes construction on the last segments of the interstate highway system by 1986, provides \$20 million a year for bicycle trails and \$50 million a year for enforcement of the 55-mile-per-hour national speed limit.

The bankruptcy bill rewrites the nation's bankruptcy laws for the first time in 40 years and also elevates bankruptcy referees to the level of presidentially appointed federal judges.

Brooke defeated after 2 terms

BOSTON (AP) — He was the first and only popularly elected black senator since Reconstruction. For a dozen years, two terms, Republican Edward Brooke had served in the U.S. Senate.

Now, he stood in defeat, behind the podium, on the red carpet, dark blue velvet curtains hanging over the back

of the ballroom stage.

He stood in the glitter of lights from seven television cameras, forcing smiles, impeccably dressed in a dark blue suit with a light blue shirt and a blue striped tie. His 80-year-old mother, Helen, ailing with high blood pressure, stood at his side.

He had come to concede the election

China worried about Vietnam, Soviet links

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping said today the Soviet Union and Vietnam are attempting to encircle his country and he warned the non-communist nations of Southeast Asia to beware of Soviet and Vietnamese attempts to gain influence.

Teng, speaking at a news conference, described the 25-year friendship and cooperation treaty signed between Moscow and Hanoi as "a military pact that clearly shows that those two countries have tried to expand their hegemonic policy."

The 74-year-old Teng leaves Thailand Thursday for Malaysia and Singapore, where he also is expected to sound a tough anti-Soviet and anti-Vietnamese line. He is trying to win friends in the five-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which includes the three countries on his itinerary plus Indonesia and the Philippines.

"We are not afraid of being sur-

rounded," Teng said. But he said China would wait to see how far Moscow and Hanoi would go before it decides how to react.

The vice premier said Peking would be especially wary of Vietnam's moves against Cambodia. The one-time communist allies are engaged in a bitter border war. China is siding with the Phnom Penh regime.

Teng reiterated China's long-standing policy of separating government-to-government relations from those between China's Communist Party and other "fraternal parties." Peking has providing aid to communist insurgencies in the region, including those in Thailand, Malaysia and Burma, while seeking closer ties with those governments.

"This is not only a question between China and Thailand but a universal one," Teng said. "I have repeatedly said that party-to-party relations and government-to-government relations are two separate things."

to Democratic congressman Paul Tsongas and to tell several hundred campaign workers and supporters that there would be no party tonight, despite a band and four bars.

"Though I have wished Paul Tsongas well and he is the winner tonight," Brooke said, "in my book you are the winners and shall always be. You are the ones you really took the fight and I wish that we could have given you that grand and victorious celebration tonight that would have rocked not only this old Copley Plaza Hotel but that would have rocked this city."

At 59, Brooke was tired. Two investigations of his personal finances and a bitter divorce from his wife of 31 years, Remigia, had taken their toll. His smiling facade, his "Hi, how are you, so nice to see you," his "Thank you very, very much," his "I'm very, very grateful" to supporters who came up to shake his hand masked the moisture in his eyes.

He said in near tears that he did not cry when he was down.

"When we were down in the valley," he said in an apparent allusion to his personal problems, "I did not cry. I cried out and you answered that cry. And you have shown your faith and your confidence and it has given me great strength to carry on and to conduct this campaign."

"Now that this campaign has concluded, I trust that there will still be those who will continue to fight in the United States Senate for our senior citizens, for our minorities, for our blacks, for our Hispanics, for the

handicapped, for the poor, for the middle income people who are becoming the poor, for peace on this earth, for full equality for all women and for equal justice for all people."

The crowd roared with applause. The band struck up.

"I'm going to get a rest," Brooke said. "I want to go to bed. I haven't slept for a long period of time. I want to get back my physical, my spiritual and my emotional strength and then I'll make a decision."

Ed Brooke was going to bed, uncertain about his future. The party was over. The band played "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Midland man satisfactory

A Midland man was listed in satisfactory condition at Midland Memorial Hospital early today with facial cuts received Tuesday night during an unusual accident, said Midland City Fire Department staffers and a hospital spokesman.

Wayne Powell, 35, of 1009 W. College Ave. was rushed by ambulance to the hospital about 6:30 p.m. after a barbell with an undetermined amount of weight apparently fell on him as he was lifting it, according to authorities.

Firemen said someone at a health studio in the 200 block of West Missouri Avenue notified them the accident had occurred there.

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PLENTY OF FREE PARKING

Operators announce wildcat sites, openers

Wildcat operations have been staked in Ward, Lubbock, Schleicher and Nolan counties, and a Wolfcamp discovery has been potentiated in Eddy County, N. M., and a lower Wolfcamp gas discovery has been reported in Pecos County.

Exxon Corp. staked its No. 1 Gulf as a 17,800-foot wildcat in Ward County, 2.2 miles northeast of Barstow.

The prospect is 1,320 feet from northeast and 1,320 feet from northwest lines of section 181, block 34, H&TC survey and two and one-quarter miles northeast of Fusselman gas production in the Barstow field.

SUPERIOR TEST

The Superior Oil Co. announced plans to re-enter a former Atoka gas well in the Lion multipay area of Ward County and test it as a wildcat in zones above the Atoka pay.

It originally was completed from the Atoka through perforations from 13,494 to 13,582 feet. The total depth is 18,850 feet.

Location is 990 feet from north and west lines of section 40, block 17, University Lands survey and 3.5 miles west of Pyote.

It is the No. 1-K University.

LUBBOCK EXPLORER

McCormick Oil & Gas Corp. of Houston No. 1 Wienke is to be drilled as an 11,000-foot wildcat in Lubbock County, 4.5 miles northeast of New Deal.

Location is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 18, block X, John H. Gibson survey. It is one location west of a 9,600-foot dry hole and 4.5 miles west of the Hickville (Strawn) field. It also is 3.5 miles north of the Idalou (Strawn) pool.

BURK PROJECT

Burk Royalty Co. of Wichita Falls spotted its No. 1 L. Johnson as a 9,900-foot wildcat operation in Lubbock County, six miles north of Idalou.

It is 660 feet from north and 5,760 feet from east lines of James R. Robertson survey No. 33, abstract 272 and 1/2 mile southwest of the Strawn discovery in the Hickville pool and one mile northeast of a 9,420-foot dry hole.

SCHLEICHER TEST

Tucker Drilling Co. of San Angelo No. 1-50 Glass will be drilled as a 6,100-foot oil wildcat 14 miles northeast of Eldorado in Schleicher County.

Drill site is 1,900 feet from north and 1,400 feet from east lines of section 50, block M, GH&SA survey.

It is 5/8 mile south of the depleted R.E.G. (Tillery and 5,900 lime oil and Harkey and upper Strawn gas) field.

NOLAN WILDCAT

Texas City Refining, Inc., of Texas City spotted No. 1 Gertrude Withers and others as a 7,150-foot wildcat in Nolan County, three miles south of Sweetwater.

The location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 61, block 22, T&P survey.

The site is one and five-eighths miles northeast of the Sweetwater, South (Swastika) field. It also is one location southwest of a 6,570-foot dry hole.

PECOS STRIKE

Holly Energy, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Talbert has reopened the Hokit, Northwest (lower Wolfcamp gas) field of Pecos County, eight miles southwest of Bakersfield.

Operator reported that four-point gauges taken through perforations from 6,957 to 7,016 feet ranged from 1,207,000 cubic feet per day on an 8/64-inch choke to 2,910,000 cubic feet per day on an 18/64-inch choke. Tubing pressure ranged from 2,110 to 1,659 pounds. The calculated potential has not been reported.

Total depth is 7,150 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

The well is 1/2 mile southeast of Redco Corp. No. 1 Talbert, original lower Wolfcamp discovery for the pool. It completed in 1962 for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 44,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day through perforations from 6,548 to 6,558 feet. It became depleted in 1971.

Location for Holly No. 1 Talbert is 2,000 feet from north and west lines of section 1, block 206, Mary Timmons survey.

drill his No. 1-22 Martin 7/8 mile southeast of oil production in the Miller Block B-29 (Pennsylvanian) field of Ward County, three miles north of Royalty.

Scheduled on a 7,800-foot contract, it is 660 feet from northwest and 1,320 feet from southwest lines of section 22, block B-29, psi survey. It is 1.5 miles south of gas production.

EDDY DISCOVERY

Mesa Petroleum Co. of Midland No. 1 Penasco-State has been completed as a Wolfcamp discovery in Eddy County, 1/2 mile south of Morrow gas production in the Penasco field and seven miles west of Dayton.

The operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 3,534,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 6,498 to 6,720 feet. The zone was treated with 5,000 gallons of acid.

Total depth is 8,850 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented at 8,841 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 30-18S-25E.

THIRD WELL

The third producer has been completed in the Cal (Canyon oil) pool of Irion County, nine miles southwest of Mertzon.

It is Fortune Drilling Co., Inc., of San Angelo No. 1-36 Eckert. On potential test, it flowed 120 barrels of 41.2-gravity oil, through a 12/64-inch choke and perforations from 6,997 to 7,082 feet after 1,000 gallons of acid. Gas-oil ratio is 1,638-1.

Location is 660 feet from north and west lines of L. D. Yarbrough survey No. 36.

STERLING RE-ENTRY

Dorchester Exploration Inc. of Midland announced plans to re-enter a dry hole in Sterling County and test it for completion as a well in the Conger (Pennsylvanian) field.

Originally drilled as a wildcat by Tucker Drilling Co., Inc., and abandoned in 1965, it is No. 1-27 Westbrook, 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 27, block 13, SPRR survey and six miles southwest of Sterling City. The total depth is 7,600 feet.

REEVES LOCATION

HNG Oil Co. of Midland No. 1-22 Keasler is to be drilled as a 4,650-foot project in the Chapman (Cherry Canyon oil) pool of Reeves County, seven miles south of Orla.

Location is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 22, block 57, T-3, T&P survey.

SPRABERRY WORK

Nine Spraberry Trend area projects have been staked in Reagan County and two wells have been completed from the Spraberry Trend Area pay.

Knox Industries, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Evans will be drilled as an 8,200-foot test 10 miles north of Best and 8,104 feet from north and 6,902 feet from east lines of Andrew Roach Survey No. 1.

Saxon Oil Co. staked five projects and completed one of the wells.

No. 1-16-10 University is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 16, block 10, University Lands survey.

No. 3-15-10 University is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 15, block 10, University Lands survey.

No. 4-15-10 University is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 15, block 10, University Lands survey.

Each of the projects are scheduled for a 7,600-foot bottom. They are seven miles northwest of Stiles.

Saxon No. 1-9-9 University was completed for a daily pumping potential of 30 barrels of 40-gravity oil, plus 30 barrels of water, through perforations from 6,144 to 7,677 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid and 111,000 gallons of fracture solution.

The well is 12 miles northwest of Big Lake and 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 9, block 9, University Lands survey.

Tamarack Petroleum Co., Inc., of Midland spotted three of the Spraberry Trend Area projects.

All are seven miles northwest of Stiles and scheduled for 8,200-foot bottom.

No. 1-45 Aldwell is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 45, block C, L&SV survey.

No. 1-4 Aldwell is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 4, block D, L&SV survey.

No. 1-13 Aldwell is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 3, block D, L&SV survey.

Frank Cass of Dallas No. 5-2 Nunn has been completed 28 miles northwest of Big Lake in Reagan County.

The Spraberry Trend Area well, a re-entry, was finished for a daily pumping potential of 18 barrels of 38-gravity oil, through perforations from 6,612 to 7,544 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid. The gas-oil ratio is 1,528-1.

The total depth is 7,600 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at 7,598 feet. The plugged back depth is 7,590 feet.

China clinches first deal

ROME (AP) — China has clinched its first oil deal in Western Europe with the sale of 634,900 barrels of crude to an Italian firm.

The Garrone refinery said the oil will arrive in Genoa in two equal shipments next month.

Garrone officials declined to say how much they were paying but said the Chinese are "very willing" to make additional sales.

The refinery plans to test the oil to determine if its quality is acceptable for commercial use.

China has exported oil to Japan, but the oil has been found to have a high content of paraffin, or wax, which makes it more difficult to refine.

China also has exported oil to Romania.

Many major West European and U.S. petroleum companies have expressed interest in China's oil, including the Italian state energy group, Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi, and Pennzoil Co. of Houston, Texas.

Cox finals Upton oiler

John L. Cox of Midland No. 1-53 Hallf has been completed in the Spraberry Trend Area field of Upton County, 15 miles northeast of Rankin.

On 24-hour potential test it pumped 31 barrels of 38-gravity oil and 75 barrels of water, through perforations from 6,955 to 8,367 feet. The pay was fractured with 130,000 gallons.

Total depth is 8,420 feet and 4 1/2-inch pipe is set on bottom.

Location is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 53, block Y, TCRB survey.

Mobil well potentials

Mobil Oil Corp. No. 6 C. W. Ryburn, re-entry project in the Spraberry Trend Area field of Upton County, has been completed as a small pumper.

The operator reported a daily pumping potential from the Clear Fork pay of six barrels of oil, with a gas-oil ratio of 300-1.

Completion was through perforations from 6,657 to 6,732 feet, natural.

The total depth is 7,330 feet and 5.5-inch pipe is set at 7,075 feet.

Well site is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 1, block O, EL&RR survey, abstract 138 and 18 miles northeast of Rankin.

It is a former Spraberry sand oil producer.

No affect predicted

KUWAIT (AP) — Sheikh Ali Khalifa al Sabah, Kuwait's oil minister and president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, predicted today the cutoff of Iranian oil will not affect the world's oil supply.

"The cutback in Iran's production constitutes no danger to the supply of oil to world markets," Khalifa declared in an interview with Kuwait's daily newspaper Al-Anbaa.

"Industrialized states can use their strategic stockpiles to compensate for their reduced imports from Iran, until the Iranian production returns to its normal level," he added.

Consequently Kuwait is not going to increase its own daily output of two million barrels per day, Khalifa said.

Kuwait's maximum capacity is about three million barrels per day.

Iranian production has been cut off by the current wave of strikes and political agitation against the shah.

Iran is the world's fourth largest oil producer and the second largest exporter after Saudi Arabia, with nearly 20 percent of OPEC exports.

Thompson appointed

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Occidental Engineering Co. of Irvine, Calif., has announced the appointment of Robert G. Thompson as vice president.

Thompson is responsible for the firm's business development. He joined Occidental Engineering in 1976 from James McDonald Associates where he was vice president-Operations. His experience includes 31 years of international engineering and construction in the areas of oil production, refining, pipelines, terminals, telecommunications and heavy civil projects.

Discoveries, wildcats reported in WT areas

Morris R. Antweil of Hobbs, N. M., No. 1 Rios-State has been staked as a 9,900-foot wildcat in Eddy County, N. M., five miles southwest of Lake Wood.

The project is 1,980 feet from south and 2,310 feet from east lines of section 11-20S-25E and one and three-quarters miles northwest of the Bubbling Springs, West (Morrow gas) pool and two miles southwest of a 9,758-foot dry hole.

STRAWN WELL

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1-GZ Eddy-State Communized has been completed from the Strawn 1/2 mile northwest of Strawn production in the Millman multipay field of Eddy County, 17 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

The extender completed for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 1,199,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 9,717 to 9,742 feet after a 6,000-gallon acid treatment and a 7,000-gallon fracture job.

The total depth is 10,957 feet and the plugged back depth is 10,914 feet. Operator set 5.5-inch casing at total depth.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 12-19S-27E.

MORROW STRIKE

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1-E-GR Eddy State has been potentiated as a Morrow gas discovery 1/2 mile southeast of a recently opened undesignated Atoka area two miles northeast of Lovington in Eddy County, N. M.

The strike finalized for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 3,089,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through Morrow perforations from 12,257 to 12,364 feet. The pay was acidized with 7,750 gallons.

The hole is bottomed at 12,710 feet and plugged back to 12,669 feet.

Well site is 2,230 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 16-23S-28E.

The Atoka discovery is Cities Service Co. No. 1-A Polk.

Contract awarded

BARTLEVILLE, Okla.—The Department of Energy Division of Fuel Extraction has awarded a \$228,293, three-year contract to Energy Resources Co., Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., to study produced fluid emulsions from chemical floods applied for tertiary oil recovery.

The work will be monitored by the DOE Energy Technology Center in Bartleville. John McGhee will serve as the DOE technical project officer, and Dr. Robert Davis will be program director for Energy Resources.

In chemical flooding for enhanced oil recovery, certain surfactants, similar to detergents, are injected into the reservoir to reduce the interfacial tension between water and oil. For the process to work effectively, many chemical and geological conditions must be met.

To speed up development of the process in order to increase domestic production of crude oil, DOE is supporting research being performed by universities and other organizations in laboratories and field demonstrations being performed by industry.

The work by Energy Resources under this contract will be performed as four separate tasks.

Reservoir samples from seven DOE-supported chemical field tests will be analyzed. The types of emulsions resulting from specific combinations of flooding chemicals and reservoir fluids will be identified, as well as emulsion-related production problems.

Chemical flooding experiments will be performed on reservoir fluids to determine the effect of reservoir fluid flow rate and oil, brine, and chemical concentrations on the produced emulsions.

DRY HOLES

ANDREWS COUNTY
BTA Oil Producers No. 1 7800 J.V.P. Andrews, Block 4 (Devonian) field, 500 feet from north and 2,500 feet from west lines of section 35, block 6, University Lands survey, 30 miles northeast of Andrews, 12,700 feet.

J.C. & R.E. Williamson No. 1-11 University, re-entry wildcat, 600 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 11, block 5, University Lands survey, 30 miles northeast of Andrews, cleaned out total depth 2,756 feet.

GAINES COUNTY
Tom Brown, Inc. No. 1 Peter Flynn, wildcat, 2,310 feet from north and 960 feet from west lines of section 119, block H, DAY survey, 12 miles east of Seminole, abandoned location.

KENT COUNTY
Estoril Producing Corp. No. 1-32 Wallace, Clairmont, E. (Strawn) field, 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 32, block L, H&TC survey, seven miles west of Jayton, 6,626 feet, preparing to plug and abandon.

LYNN COUNTY
Grand Banks Energy Co. No. 1 W.G. Lumsden, Tahoka (Permian) field, 467 feet from north and west lines of section 16, block L, H&TC survey, 14 miles northwest of Tahoka, 9,862 feet.

PECOS COUNTY
Petroleum Exploration Corp. No. 1-12 Reed, wildcat, 660 feet from south and east lines of section 12, block 12, T&P survey, 11 miles north of Fort Stockton, 12,800 feet.

STERLING COUNTY
The Lovelady, Inc. No. 2 Bailey, Deck (Clare) field, 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 23, block 2, T&P survey, 18 miles southwest of Sterling City, 8,820 feet.

SUTTON COUNTY
The Lovelady, Inc. No. 1-8-A Ross Ranch, wildcat, 660 feet from north and 730 feet from west lines of section 8, block H, TW&N survey, 18 miles southeast of Sonora, 4,464 feet.

WARD COUNTY
L.R. French No. 1 Terlingua, wildcat, 1,320 feet from northeast and southeast lines of section 62, block 34, H&TC survey, 18 miles southeast of Pyote, 2,500 feet.

CHAVES DISCOVERY

Read & Stevens, Inc., of Roswell, N. M., No. 1 Calumet Ranch Unit has indicated discovery production in the Strawn in Chaves County, N. M.

It finished for a daily flowing rate of 338,000 cubic feet of gas, through a one-inch choke and perforations from 6,651 to 6,657 feet after 10,000 gallons of acid.

Testing continues.

Total depth is 7,200 feet and the plugged back depth is 6,890 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 21-12S-27E.

WOLF CAMP STRIKE

J. W. Lovelady, Inc., of Midland No. 2 Virgil J. Powell has been completed as a Wolfcamp discovery in Schleicher County, 26 miles east of Eldorado.

The operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 943,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 2,973 to 3,981 feet.

Total depth is 4,450 feet.

The well is 4,448 feet from north and 990 feet from west lines of Richard Douglas survey No. 1504.5 and one mile south of the Tillery (Strawn line gas) field.

WOLF CAMP WELL

Amoco Production Co. No. 1-P Ela Sug has been completed in the Ela Sugg (Wolfcamp) field of Irion County, 14 miles north of Barnhart.

The operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 2 million cubic feet of gas per day, with a gas-liquid ratio of 149,000-1. The gravity of the liquid is 54 degrees.

Total depth is 8,251 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 8,172 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 83, block 14, H&TC survey.

PENN STRIKE

Sayers Operating Co. of Midland

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY
South Ranch Oil Co. No. 2-34-B Biting University, 10,000 feet, preparing to take drillstem test.

Marble No. 1-24 University, drilling 6,380 feet in time and shale.

BTA No. 1 7800 J.V.P. Andrews, 12,700 feet in time, plugged and abandoned.

BTA No. 1 Corner, drilling 2,712 feet in time and shale.

Marble No. 1-8 Southland Royalty, 10,000 feet in time and shale.

Marble No. 1-3 Southland Royalty, drilling 3,807 feet in time and shale.

Marble No. 1-10 Southland Royalty, drilling 3,807 feet in time and shale.

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No. 1 Hinson has been completed as a Pennsylvanian discovery in the Mound Lake (Fusselman) field of Terry County, nine miles northeast of Brownfield.

Operator reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 265 barrels of 42-gravity oil, from open hole at 9,378 feet, where 5.5-inch casing is cemented, and total depth of 9,405 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 327-1, and completion is natural. The choke size has not been learned.

Location is 1,320 feet from north and 990 feet from west lines of section 91, block 4X, D&SE survey.

SPRABERRY WELL

MGF Oil Corp. of Midland No. 1 Brown is a new oiler in the Spraberry Trend Area of Martin County.



Actor Henry Fonda, foreground, smiles as he walks past giant photos of, from left, son Peter, himself and daughter Jane outside New York's Regency Theater earlier this week. Fonda had just

been presented the Regency's first Award of Merit for his career in films. The cinema is beginning a series of films which star members of the Fonda family. (AP Laserphoto)

Allen back to the water again in 'Beyond Poseidon Adventure'

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Undaunted by a swarm of perverse bees, film maker Irwin Allen is continuing his topsy-turvy way of capitalizing on human fears.

Allen discovered a bonanza by frightening audiences with water ("The Poseidon Adventure") and fire ("The Towering Inferno"), but he stumbled when he tried to employ insects ("The Swarm"). The irrepressible producer-director is back to water again with "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure."

Next, "Beyond the Towering Inferno" Negative. His project for 1979 is "The Day The Earth Ended."

Allen's latest project is scattered over Stages 15 and 20 at the Burbank Studios, where he is filming "Beyond

The Poseidon Adventure" for Warner Brothers. Everything is upside down, including a half-dozen new automobiles that are chained in a cargo hold. Allen was shooting a scene in which the hold slowly descended into a tank of water — warmed to 92 degrees for the comfort of the actors.

Mobile homes outside the stages bore the names of the cast: Michael Caine, Sally Field, Telly Savalas, Peter Boyle, Jack Warden, Shirley Knight, Slim Pickens, Shirley Jones, and Karl Malden.

"I believe in the star system," proclaims Allen.

Obviously, he also believes in putting his stars through the ringer, as Caine can attest.

"Every night, I go home with a fresh supply of bruises and cuts," he remarked. "Because the ship is up-

side down, the surfaces are irregular, so you're always stumbling, especially when you're waist-deep in water. Also, you encounter chandeliers and other objects and you have to step up four feet to pass through any doorway.

As he prepared to dunk his stars in the tepid water, Allen discussed the new project.

"This story begins seconds after the 'The Poseidon Adventure' ended. I commissioned the new book from Paul Gallico; it was the last thing he wrote before his death. He was kind enough to dedicate the book to me, and he explained in his forward that the new story starts not where his first book ended, but where the movie ended.

"Gallico sank the Poseidon in his book; I kept it afloat."

With election finished, it's time to see 'Doctor'

By JAY SHARBUTT

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With America's election business done, we suggest you now cast a ballot for good television. Tune in Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor" on public TV tonight.

Originally on Broadway in 1973, it's a nifty 1½-hour collection of seven playlets, two by Simon, the rest based on the wry, often edge-of-sadness stories of Anton Chekhov, the Russian scrivener.

They study life, love and lunacy among Russia's middle and lower-class citizens in the latter part of the 19th century. The yarns are threaded together by observations of "The Writer."

He's played by Richard Chamberlain, whose better-known good doctor show, the Kildare thing, is well behind him. Now he has a beard, a few Shakespeare credits and what I'd call a Sir Richard accent.

The other star players: Edward Asner, Lee Grant and Marsha Mason, the last Simon's wife. Supporting thespians are Gary Donzig and Bob Dishy, the latter quite gifted in scene-stealing.

You'll like him in "The Drowned Man." He essays a waterfront bum "in the maritime entertainment business" who, for three rubles, tells The Writer he'll imitate a drowned man. Fine madness, all of it.

But Dishy is tops in the show-starting "The Sneezes," cast as a minor bureaucrat who goes to the theater one night, accidentally sneezes on his harrumphing boss (Asner) and sees his career blown away.

He even sees his nostril misfire rerun in horrifying slow-motion. But Asner later tells the profusely apologetic flunky to forget it, as "I am too busy to hold grudges against noses."

But in time, Dishy's apology becomes a sneezer-rights fight followed by more apologies, then the bum's rush and a sad ending in which went home, lay down on his sofa and died.

Fortunately, The Writer has second thoughts about this finale. He proposes an alternative: "He went home, lay down on his sofa and inherited five million rubles."

("Not much point to it, but it is uplifting," he notes.)

Uplifting best describes most of the show, particularly a sprightly chapter, "The Seduction," about the sly way a bachelor playboy goes about seducing the wives of successful men.

Although a bit too Sir Richard as

The Writer, Chamberlain is dandy as this cad, likewise as a father hiring a shady lady to initiate his 19-year-old son in matters of amour in "The Arrangement."

He and Lee Grant also score in "The Defenseless Creature," a local-loony-visits-the-bank caper. And Ms. Mason may take home an Emmy for her depiction of an aspiring actress in "The Audition."

The only slow spot is a tale called "The Governess." But the rest —

well, it's all grade-A goods, and we should throw in a cheer, too, for Jack O'Brien's tasty, unobtrusive direction.

The proceedings come from WNET-TV in New York.

Summation: If your brain cries for sustenance after a diet of sitcoms, un-special specials and awful TV flicks, we prescribe "The Good Doctor" tonight. It's the best kind of nourishment.

Thousands of smoke detectors could turn into blow torches

WASHINGTON (AP)

Thousands of defective smoke detectors could turn into "blow torches" and burn down houses instead, the government says. The manufacturer, which has recalled many of the devices, now has agreed to pay a \$100,000 fine.

Pittway Corp. of Northbrook, Ill., facing the alternative of federal legal action, has agreed to pay the monetary penalty in connection with the smoke detectors, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Monday.

The commission ordered the penalty concerning the BRK Series 749 smoke detector, saying the devices are fire hazards and that Pittway violated the law by failing to tell the commission about a defect. Pittway's agreement to pay the fine does not mean the company admits violating any law.

A Pittway subsidiary, BRK Electronics, made 115,000 of the smoke detectors, and they were sold by BRK, AMF, I-T-E and Sears, Roebuck & Company.

A recall, begun after the commission learned of the problem from other sources, has resulted in 60,000 of them being returned, the commis-

sion said.

The commission alleged that the firm deliberately failed to notify CPSC of a design error in the Series 749 smoke detectors, as required by law.

The defect could cause a resistor failure, the commission alleged. "The failure of the resistors could be accompanied by a short, but intense flaming condition, referred to as the 'blow torch effect,'" the CPSC said.

The commission said that an official of the company, after learning of fires caused by the detector, tried to order a recall a year before the smoke detectors were recalled. But the commission said this official was overruled by King Harris, executive vice president of the BRK division.

Harris said in a telephone interview that he acted because he was not certain then that "it was a generic problem with the resistor" that could cause fires in any of the 115,000 units.

He said that when the recall was announced in January 1977 the company carried it out in a way that resulted in more than half of the units being returned, an unusually large percentage.

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National Arts head searching for bigger budgets, horizons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Livingston L. Biddle, finishing his first year as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, says he is "trying to look to the future to increase responsiveness to bigger budgets and broader horizons."

Biddle made the point in an interview that every dollar appropriated by the federal government for arts organizations "is invested in the quality of life — an old cliché. I see a building constituency for the arts, not only in the quality of life, but in jobs and increased property tax income and other tangible benefits."

The endowment, established by Congress in 1965, has had a phenomenal growth, although it is still tiny by federal standards, with a payroll for about 250 persons.

Its budget was nearly doubled in several years, and in the current fiscal year it is just under \$150 million, an increase of more than 20 percent from the \$123.5 million in the previous year. There have been larger percentage jumps, but none as large in dollars.

Federal officials are forbidden to talk about their discussions with the Office of Management and Budget until the White House makes decisions. Biddle adhered to the code. Presumably, he has sought another increase.

"I am not discouraged," he said, "but I think we need to present our case for an increase more vigorously than ever before."

He stressed that he supports President Carter's policy of holding down on federal spending, but said he thinks the endowment is unique in stimulating personal income and tax benefits.

Biddle took over as endowment chairman last Nov. 7, succeeding Nancy Hanks, who held the post for

eight years. He said he is happy with progress in his first year.

"I've tried to make the agency as responsible as possible to the increased demand," he said. "I am delighted that President Carter supported our budget request. I am trying to look to the future to increase responsiveness to a bigger budget and broader horizons."

One of his first acts was to name three deputy chairmen rather than a single one, which had been in the structure. One is responsible for administration, one for programs, a third for federal-state relations.

"It seemed to me the chairman should have the broadest possible horizon from a number of viewpoints," he said.

There have been complaints in the past that the federal grant-making authority treated the states, which have vastly increased their support for the arts, as junior partners to be brought in only when decisions have been made. "Exactly," Biddle said. "They need to be treated as full partners."

He has established a joint committee made up of three state representatives and three members of the National Council on the Arts, the presidentially-appointed body that advises the endowment.

In addition, he said, the endowment is placing renewed emphasis on minority concerns and increased coordination with other federal agencies becoming increasingly interested in arts programs.

He mentioned "Livable Cities," a program designed to upgrade urban life funded largely by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in which the endowment is cooperating; the Labor Department, providing funds for unemployed artists in useful jobs; and the Transportation Department, seeking to beautify highways and bridges.

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Dino Grimes, in bed, was presented with Midland High's 15-7 victory game ball over Odessa High by members of the Bulldog varsity this week. Grimes was injured in a junior varsity game last week. Those making the presentation to Grimes at Midland Memorial Stadium were, from left, David Vinson, Lance Langford, Michael Feldt and Wade Johnson. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Stadium were, from left, David Vinson, Lance Langford, Michael Feldt and Wade Johnson. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Isaac Newton had the answer to Cowboys' woes way back

By BRUCE LOWITT
AP Sports Writer

The biggest problem with the Dallas Cowboys is:

- (a) they're trying too hard,
 - (b) they're not trying hard enough,
 - (c) both of the above.
- The answer, of course, is (d) neither of the above.

THERE'S NOTHING wrong with

the Dallas Cowboys. They're simply rediscovering what Don Shula, Chuck Noll, Joe Namath, Isaac Newton and various and sundry other celebrities (Tom Landry among them) had already discovered ... what goes up must come down.

"Our problem is, we forget that we're ex-world champions," says Preston Pearson. "We were the 1977 world champions. That's over now. We have to remember that."

What the Cowboys should remember is that they were Super Bowl champions not only one season ago but six seasons before that — and in both cases they were unable to maintain that championship pace.

Green Bay, Miami and Pittsburgh, like Dallas, were two-time champions — and the Packers, Dolphins and Steelers also belied out after a while, too. "You have to have a goal you are hungry for and are willing to fight

for," says Landry. "When you have the goal on both fingers (a pair of Super Bowl rings), motivation is different."

Performances like Dallas' last two, against Minnesota and Miami, aren't something to be proud of — but

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they're hardly indications that the Cowboys are about to go on the critical list. After all, they're still 6-4, they're only one game behind Washington in the National Conference East (with a Thanksgiving Day game against the Redskins in Dallas on the schedule) and, with four wild-card berths available, they're still very much in the running for one of the two berths available in Super Bowl XIII.

"THE CHALLENGE is there right now," says Tony Dorsett, who has absorbed a lot of the blame for Dallas' so-called downfall. "If we don't rise to it now, if this isn't the incentive, then something's wrong."

What may be wrong is the lack of incentive at the moment. Only three times since the inception of the wild-card in 1970 (16 runner-up berths ago; two per season) has a team made it into the playoffs with a winning percentage under .700 (a 10-4 record under the old 14-game schedule). This year a 10-6 mark (.625 percentage) or even 9-7 (.529) may be good enough to put a team in the playoffs.

Somehow it's one step closer to the pro basketball and pro hockey system of playing out the season only to have less-than-worthy teams reach the playoffs.

The next logical step: each runner-up becomes a playoff team. But that's not the point.

The point is, the Cowboys — simply because they won the Super Bowl — were viewed before this season even began as a Super team.

"Things came so easy last year," said cornerback Mark Washington. "We had little adversity last year. Everyone's expecting us to duplicate last year ... What a lot of people forget is this is a young team that really hasn't reached its full potential."

LANDRY HAS acknowledged that last year's team actually shocked him. He didn't think it'd be nearly as good as it was. But it hit a groove when it hit the playoffs, shoved Chicago and Minnesota aside and trampled Denver for the title.

The superteam idea was reinforced when the Cowboys looked so awesome against Baltimore in their Monday night season opener. The question, 15 games away from the end of the season, was: can anyone beat this machine? Two weeks (and one loss to Los Angeles) later the question was: what's wrong with the Cowboys?

"The worst thing that could have happened to us was beating Baltimore in the first game," Landry said. "It came so easily, it looked like we could beat the world. The players felt that way. The press felt that way, too. But I didn't. Baltimore was a crippled team."

Now people are starting to talk as though the Cowboys are crippled. It's ridiculous. The Cowboys are a money team. Put 'em in the playoffs — as a wild-card team, even as the worst runner-up team — and it's a pretty good bet they'll be an even-money bet to win the whole thing.

Gunfight tension rises

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The gunfight is scheduled and tension is mounting as two historic rivals prepare to find out which is the quickest and most deadly.

Both the nation's No. 1 college football team, the Oklahoma Sooners, and their Big Eight enemies, the fourth-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers, are coming to the fight packing potentially explosive weapons.

The weapons, which take the form of the nation's most prolific running back, Billy Sims of Oklahoma, and Nebraska back Isiah Moses (I.M.) Hipp, claim to be well oiled and fully loaded for the upcoming faceoff.

Hipp has gained 846 yards on 148 attempts, averaging 94 yards a game.

Sims, on the other hand, leads the nation in the rushing category with a whopping 1,397 yards on 175 tries and an average of 155.2 yards per game and is currently on a string of three consecutive games gaining in excess of 200 yards.

The spread between the two in the

yards per carry category is also weighted in Sims favor. He has an impressive 7.9 yards per carry to 5.7 yards for Hipp.

Placed side-by-side, the pair reveal a number of similarities, with Hipp weighing in at 200 pounds and Sims at 205 and both standing at 6-foot even.

They also resemble each other in the time it takes them to cross a distance of 40 yards, with Hipp claiming a 4.4 timing and Sims boasting a 4.5.

Yet, there are some obvious differences.

"We do a lot of things differently," Sims said. "I run a lot lower than Hipp. I try to stay low to the ground and move and twist more than he does. He runs over people."

Hipp, a native of Chapin, S.C., and the runner from Hooks, Texas, also agree on the benefits of running out of the I formation.

"You can set up and come out of the I quick," Hipp said, and Sims, despite the fact Oklahoma primarily uses a

Wishbone offense, agrees.

"I think it has really helped me this year since we started using the I some," he said. "It lets me mix it up some and keep the defenses busy."

A primary difference between the two is revealed in the statistics for last season.

Hipp, probably one of the most successful walk-ons in collegiate history, gained 1,353 yards on 215 carries after missing the first two games of last season.

Sims, on the other hand, picked up a meager 406 yards on 65 carries, losing most of the season to an ankle injury sustained in the third game of the season when the Sooners squeaked by Ohio State 29-28.

"This is the best year of my career," Sims said. "And I think I am going to be able to stay healthy. But you can never really predict injuries, so I'll have to be lucky."

Hipp, a junior, should see Sims again next year, since the senior gained a year of eligibility after being red-shirted.

Cougs don't fear crowd

HOUSTON (AP) — Sixth-ranked Texas has won 53 of its last 56 home games, including an NCAA record 42 straight, but Houston Coach Bill Yeoman said Tuesday his eighth-ranked Cougars are just happy to be playing before a crowd.

"You talk about home field advantages, we've never been in a situation where that meant very much," Yeoman said. "Our kids are just excited about playing before a crowd and they don't care whose crowd it is."

MC opens cage campaign

Midland College opens its 1978-79 basketball season against McMurtry College JV in its beautiful new home, the Chaparral Center on the MC campus, at 7:30 p.m. today.

Coach Jerry Stone, beginning his second season as the Chaparrals' coach, loses some height from last year's 16-14 team, but hopes to make up for it in quickness.

Stone's club this year will be built around returning lettermen led by 5-9 Cullen Mayfield, the point guard; 6-7 Luis Alvarado; James Hicks, 6-3 forward from Midland High; 6-3 Ricky Murdock, guard-forward from Lubbock Coronado; Krieg Curry, 6-3 forward from Dallas Carter; and Henry White, the 6-3 from Chicago who arrived on campus last fall unannounced and quickly became a big contributor to the Chaps' cause. In addition, the Chaps have added a

sellout crowd of 80,000 is expected for the Southwest Conference showdown in Memorial Stadium Saturday with the winner taking a giant step toward the Cotton Bowl.

The game cannot be televised because the Cougars are on probation until the end of the regular season.

Yeoman made similar statements in 1976, the Cougars' first year in the SWC, when they shocked the Longhorns 30-0 in Austin. His opinion of the home field advantage hasn't

changed.

"A good example was down at Florida State this year," Yeoman said. "We had about 110 people there and they had about 45,000 and our kids loved it. I thought it was super that 64,000 saw us play at SMU. Our kids did too and they didn't care who they were cheering for."

"And I'm sure there will be a good crowd in Austin Saturday and it gives an indication of being a pretty good football game."

Houston will go into the game with a 7-1 record and a seven-game winning streak since losing its season opener to Memphis State. The Longhorns are 6-1 losing only to No. 1 ranked Oklahoma.

"I'm very appreciative of the concentration this team has shown so far this year," Yeoman said. "This is one of the best groups I've had of going about his job day by day."

Yeoman said the Longhorns played great defense and had offensive personnel capable of making the big play, primarily Olympic speedster Johnny "Lam" Jones.

"I don't know how many times they've had third and 20 or more yards to go and wound up scoring," Yeoman said after studying Texas game film. "As you can see, field position doesn't mean much to someone who can run as fast as that kid (Lam Jones) on the flanks."

Boston slugger shakes Guidry in AL's MVP race

NEW YORK (AP) — Forced to choose between two awesome statistical seasons, the Baseball Writers Association of America chose slugger Jim Rice's numbers and named him the American League's Most Valuable Player over pitcher Ron Guidry.

And, surprisingly, the result announced Tuesday wasn't really close.

Rice received 20 of the 28 first place ballots cast and finished with 352 points. Guidry took the other eight first place ballots and totaled 291 points. Larry Hise of the Milwaukee Brewers finished third with 201.

BECAUSE OF the way they had dominated their individual departments, Rice at bat for the Boston Red Sox and Guidry on the mound for the New York Yankees, there was speculation that the MVP battle would be a tight one. But the suspense hardly interfered with the routine activities of the two stars.

Rice, in Las Vegas for a tribute later this week to former heavyweight champion Joe Louis, spent the afternoon playing golf. When he returned to his hotel, he learned of the MVP vote.

"I just got back from shooting 79. That's more important," he said. "The MVP vote was a month ago. I couldn't change anything. I'm thrilled about it, but I couldn't just sit around and wait to hear."

Guidry, the unanimous winner of the AL Cy Young Award last week, spent the day hunting near his home in Lafayette, La.

"My congratulations go to Jim Rice," he said. "Definitely, his statistics were worthy of the MVP. To finish second in the vote to a player like Jim Rice is not disappointing and by not receiving this award this year gives me something to gun for in 1979."

"To all the sports writers who voted for Jim Rice, I congratulate them on naming a deserving individual, and to those writers who voted for me, I thank them for their support."

RICE EARNED the MVP award with a spectacular season at the plate. He led the major leagues with 46 home runs and 139 runs batted in. He also had 406 total bases, becoming the first American Leaguer in 41 years to go over 400. He also led the majors in hits with 213 and in triples with 15. He finished with a .600 slugging percentage and batted .315, third in the AL.

Guidry was the master of mound. The slim left-hander posted a 25-3 record with nine shutouts and a 1.74 earned run average. His winning percentage of .893 was the highest for any 20-game winner in baseball history. The nine shutouts tied Babe Ruth's

record for an American League left-hander, and Guidry's ERA was the lowest for an AL southpaw since 1914 when Dutch Leonard had a 1.01.

Guidry's MVP bid was probably hurt by the Cy Young Award. Since 1956 when the BBWAA introduced the Cy Young to honor the best pitcher in each league, only five hurlers have swept both that honor and the MVP. They were Don Newcombe in 1956, Sandy Koufax in 1963, Bob Gibson and Denny McLain in 1968 and Vida Blue in 1971.

After Guidry, the highest pitcher in Tuesday's vote was Milwaukee's Mike Caldwell, who finished 12th, behind last year's MVP, Minnesota batting champion Rod Carew.

RICE AND Guidry were the only players named on all 28 ballots.

Following Hise were Amos Otis of Kansas City, who had 90 points, Rusty Staub of Detroit, 88; Graig Nettles of New York, 86; Don Baylor of California, 51; Eddie Murray of Baltimore, 50; Carlton Fisk of Boston, 49; and Darrell Porter of Kansas City, 48.

Carew finished 11th with 46 points. Under the point system used for the MVP voting, a first-place ballot was worth 14 points, with second place worth 9, third place 8, etc.

Rice's outstanding production helped Boston build a huge lead in the American League East, and even when the Red Sox slipped back, the muscular slugger continued to pound the ball at a frightening pace.

HE REACHED the 400 total base plateau in the season's final week, an impressive accomplishment that may have sealed the MVP verdict for him. He was only the sixth player in the history of the American League to break that barrier. Ironically, when DiMaggio had his 418 total bases in 1937, the AL MVP award went to Detroit Tigers' second baseman Charley Gehringer.

Guidry's chances for the MVP probably were damaged by the existence of the Cy Young Award. Since 1956, when the baseball writers added the Cy Young to honor the best pitcher in each league to their post-season awards, only five hurlers have won both that award and the MVP. They were Don Newcombe in 1956, Sandy Koufax in 1963, Denny McLain and Bob Gibson in 1968 and Vida Blue in 1971.

Rice was the sixth Boston player to win the MVP award. Teammate Fred Lynn was the 1975 winner, when he also captured the AL Rookie of the Year Award. Other Red Sox winners were: Carl Yastrzemski in 1967, when he won the Triple Crown; Jackie Jensen in 1958; Ted Williams in 1949 and 1946; and Jimmy Fox in 1949. Fox also was the winner in 1932 and 1933 when he played for the Philadelphia Athletics.

Gene Tunney takes long count

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — For many years after he had retired from boxing, Gene Tunney, who died Tuesday night at the age of 80, had to live down the stigma of his famous "Long Count" match with Jack Dempsey.

But he always was a good counter-puncher when it came to defending himself from criticism.

"I know I was the beneficiary of the long count, but it wasn't my idea," Tunney would say. "I was down, but I wasn't out. I first heard the count at 2, and I could have gotten up any time after that. But I preferred to take the benefit of the full count."

"That was the only round he (Dempsey) won. Everybody forgets that I knocked him down with the first punch of the next round. After the long count, which couldn't have been more than 14 seconds, I had a chance to exhibit my ring generalship."

Tunney got off the canvas to beat Dempsey for the second time in two confrontations and later retired as the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

The death of the onetime "Fighting Marine" Tuesday night came more than a half-century after that legendary "Long Count" fight on Sept. 22, 1927.

Tunney's son, former U.S. Sen. John V. Tunney, D-Cal., said in Los Angeles that his father died at Greenwich Hospital of blood poisoning after suffering for some time from circulatory trouble. The younger Tunney had been appearing on a Los Angeles television program as an election night commentator.

Gene Tunney had seen combat service as a Marine in World War I, thus his nickname as the "Fighting Marine." He won 36 fights, 41 by knockouts, had one draw and lost only once.

A New York native, Tunney began fighting professionally in 1915 and seven years later outpointed "Battling" Levinsky in 12 rounds for the American light heavyweight championship, a title he lost later in the year

on a 15-round decision to Harry Greb. He later beat Greb twice and fought two no-decisions with him.

In 1925 Tunney concentrated on heavyweights and on Sept. 23, 1926, he won boxing's biggest title by outpointing the great Dempsey over 10 rounds in the rain in Philadelphia. It was Dempsey's first title defense in three years.

Then came the notorious "Long Count" battle at Chicago's Soldier Field before 104,943 fans.

In the seventh round, Dempsey cornered Tunney and smashed him to the canvas with a series of blows. Dempsey sensed victory and in his eagerness, didn't go to a neutral corner. Referee Dave Barry refused to begin the count until Dempsey did go to a neutral corner.

After a delay of about five seconds, Barry began to count and when he reached 9, Tunney got up. Whether Dempsey's failure to obey the rule cost him the title has since been a matter of dispute.

Bullpups face powerful Cooper

The Midland High Bullpups take on the powerful Abilene Cooper junior varsity at 7 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Stadium while on Saturday, the Midland Lee Stonewall Brigade travels to Abilene for a 1:30 p.m. contest with the Abilene High JV.

Midland sports a 3-5-0 mark compared to Cooper's 8-0-0 reading. Abilene, meanwhile is 5-3-0 and Lee 2-4-1 on the year.

In last week's games, Lee lost to Odessa Permian, 33-6 and Midland dropped a 42-0 decision to the OHS JV. Cooper tripped Big Spring, 39-12 and Abilene disposed of San Angelo, 42-18.

Permian stands 5-1-1 while OHS is 7-1-0 and Big Spring is 0-8-0.

In games Saturday, Permian entertains San Angelo and OHS is at Big Spring.

Joe Louis should have a national holiday

By WILL GRIMSLEY
AP Special Correspondent

They're calling it "A Night With the Champ." It's a fancy soiree Thursday evening in the lavish ballroom of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas — black tie, dinner \$500 a plate, celebrities up to your eyebrows and gorgeous women in slinky satin sashaying to the tune of ringing slot machines.

Nice. But even that is not sufficient tribute to Joe Louis. They ought to declare a national holiday.

AS TIME passes, as heavyweight boxing champions come and go, as the nation's mores and social structure continue to undergo radical change, the image of the Brown Bomber grows in stature.

He was one of the greatest — if not the greatest.

His life shall always stand as a beacon for those who come after him — a quiet, simple man who faced up to the severest pressures of an ugly era in American history, degraded by fans, betrayed by associates and ultimately abandoned by many of his friends.

The world's champion, he gained a fortune, then lost it through his own naivete and bad advice. He was

harassed by the Internal Revenue Department. His once staunch belief began to give way under strain and his health deteriorated.

He never publicly complained. Throughout his trials and the turbulent civil rights uprisings of the 1960s, he never lost his national pride. "Don't do it, you ought to compete for your country," he told black athletes, threatening an Olympic boycott in 1968.

JOE LOUIS Barrow was born in a sharecropper's cabin in Lexington, Ala., May 1914. He was a strapping teen-ager when his mother, Lillie, and a second husband threw the family of 18 into an open-bedded truck and headed for a new life in the thriving auto capital of Detroit.

Young Joe fought as an amateur, winning the Golden Gloves light heavyweight title, and worked on the Ford assembly line to help keep bread on the table of the burgeoning Barrow brood. He turned pro in July, 1934.

This was not the most propitious time for a young black heavyweight with thunder and lightning in his fists to appear on the boxing scene.

As Gerald Aster, Louis' biographer, points out, the country still had a bitter taste in its mouth over the

experiences of Jack Johnson, the black man who won the heavyweight title and married a white woman. Booker T. Washington had said, "I have never seen the colored people so discouraged and bitter." President Wilson had segregated government agencies. A bill even had been introduced in Congress to ban mixed marriages.

Although these events occurred a couple of decades before, Louis was caught up in the backwash.

ONE OF Joe's managers warned him: "For God's sake, after you beat a white man, don't smile!" Another counseled: "Above all, don't have your picture taken with a white woman."

Louis, a marvelous athlete 6-2 tall and 201 pounds with skin the color of coffee with plenty of cream, conducted himself impeccably. He never made waves. He shuffled from one fight to another — cold, phlegmatic, destructive with one of the most lethal punches the game has known.

In 1936 when he was stopped in the 12th round by Germany's Max Schmeling, a product of one of the world's most oppressive systems, people in the Jim Crow South rolled into the streets and celebrated wildly.

Two years later Louis crushed the beetle-browed German in 2 minutes, 4 seconds of the opening round. Sentiment began to change.

Joe Louis went on to become a magnificent champion, loser of only one fight before his retirement in 1949. Money pressures forced an ill-fated comeback but the Brown Bomb-

er's popularity began to soar.

Caesars Palace put him on the payroll as a sports consultant. When the Brown Bomber's 64-year-old heart began to sputter less than a year ago, singer Frank Sinatra and other true friends rallied support.

Thursday night they add the dressing. "Hail to the Champ — you're terrific."

Lou Holtz to test one-liners

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas football Coach Lou Holtz will get an opportunity to lay his one-liners on a national television audience when he appears on the Johnny Carson Show Dec. 14.

Holtz was called by an executive of the television show Monday night. "I understand you're the Johnny Carson of the football coaches," the executive said.

"No, I don't take off as much as he does," Holtz responded.

Holtz said he first thought it was a joke. He has often said: "Would you like to see me on the Johnny Carson Show. You would, then if you know

somebody associated with the show..."

Holtz said he was asked if he could appear during November and explained that his football team plays through Dec. 2.

He then asked about the first week in December and was told that Carson wanted to be the host when he was on the show and that Carson would not be available during that week.

Finally, the appearance was set for Dec. 14.

Naturally, Holtz's family found out about the show.

When he walked in the front door of his home, he was greeted with: "Heeerrre's Louie."

Martina Navratilova wins first round match

OLDSNAR, Fla. (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova defeated Zenda Liess 6-1, 6-3 in first round play Tuesday night in the \$75,000 Florida Women's Tennis Tournament.

In another first round match, Ann White of Bradenton, Fla., defeated Glynis Coles of England 6-2, 6-3.

Kerry Reid, Stacy Margolin and Regina Marsikova won earlier first round matches. Second-seeded Evonne Goolagong will make her first tournament appearance since Wimbledon on Wednesday when she faces Marlier Buehler of Darrington, R.I., in a first round match while third-seeded Virginia Wade of England will play Caroline Stoll.

Texas-Texas A&M game to be on Friday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas-Texas A&M Southwest Conference football game has been switched to Friday night Dec. 1 from Saturday Dec. 2 so it can be nationally televised, it was announced Tuesday.

The game will be televised at 8 p.m. CST over ABC-TV. The original kickoff for the game was 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Kicking game looms important

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Elections have been won and lost on the basis of a single vote and closely matched football games have also been decided by a single point.

If the upcoming meeting between the No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners and the fourth-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers is decided by a mere point, the two teams' kickers may find themselves in the limelight.

The Sooners have grown to depend on the accuracy of a young German with a soccer style who is now in the midst of an amazing string of point after completions, while Nebraska can pin its hopes on senior Billy Todd.

So far this year, Todd is the Cornhuskers' top scorer with 60 points, having completed 36 of 38 point after attempts. The Arizona native has also booted eight of 11 field goals this year and booted a 55-yarder against Kansas last year.

If statistics tell anything, Todd's kicking opponent this Saturday should be the greater threat.

Uwe Von Schamann, who was born in Berlin but reared in Fort Worth, Texas, is trying to continue a national record string of 115 consecutive PATs.

He also has scored 71 points, which ranks him 11th nationally.

Field goal kicking is also a Von Schamann specialty, as he has booted seven of nine this year for a team that doesn't resort to the field goal too often.

Also, the Sooners shouldn't feel too nervous about calling on Uwe a crucial times in the Nebraska contest since he has proven himself under pressure.

In 1977, Von Schamann kicked a 41-yard field at Ohio State University that eventually won the game.

"I used relaxation meditation that day," he claimed. "It took my mind off things that I didn't want to think about."

"When we called that first time out I did my meditation. My mind drifted to other things. Then when Woody Hayes called the second timeout, my mind was free by then."

Then Von Schamann, who came to the U.S. as a high school sophomore, surprised many observers by turning around and leading the noisy crowd in cheers.

"I just don't worry about things," he said. "Things aren't going quite as well in my kickoffs this year, but I just don't worry about things."

Simpson injury could aid 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — O.J. Simpson came to the San Francisco 49ers with a great attitude and a questionable left knee. Now he has a separated shoulder, but Coach Fred O'Connor says that the new injury could help the 49ers.

"Maybe this injury is a blessing in disguise because now he's going to rest that leg," Coach Fred O'Connor said Tuesday. His star running back, who was injured last Sunday in a game against Atlanta, will miss at least three games, perhaps the rest of the season.

Simpson, the San Francisco native who spent the first nine years of his National Football League career with the Buffalo Bills, was traded to the 49ers last March and said then, "I always dreamed of leading the 49ers to a championship." When he reported to training camp, he said the knee which required surgery last season seemed fully healed, and he predicted the young team he was joining "can win and win big."

Instead, it has lost — and lost big. The 49ers' 1-9 record is the worst in the National Football Conference.

But O'Connor, named interim head coach when Pete McCulley was fired last week, expects Simpson to be back in uniform late this season.

"He has some personal goals. He wants that NFL rushing record, and he also wants to help us win some games this year," said O'Connor, alluding to the NFL career rushing mark of 12,312 yards held by former Cleveland Browns great Jim Brown.

Simpson has 10,766 yards in 10 seasons, including 593 this year when his blockers, as well as his left knee, did not live up to his preseason expectations. So he's at least another year away from breaking Brown's record.

Will Simpson be playing in 1979?

Simpson, who won't be practicing for a week or so, hasn't said. Speculation is sure to arise soon, especially if Simpson doesn't play again this season, that this is his final year as a player.

But O'Connor said that rest, including another off-season of it, could bring Simpson's knee back to full strength and that, "He'll probably make a determination based on how the leg feels."

"People forget, because he's such a celebrity, that first of all O.J. is a football player. He loves to play and enjoys being around his teammates."

The enjoyment was dulled considerably, of course, by the 49ers' losing ways and the fact that, as he admitted, "I'm not at full strength."

O'Connor says, "O.J.'s great ability is his acceleration. When a cavity appears in a defense, he takes advantage of it. But he hasn't had that explosion this year, because of the injury."

"I think he has played as well as he could. I'm sure he played as hard as he could."

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