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Coming Sunday...

The Big Spring State Hospital is a place for people to go when their mental illnesses keep them from functioning in the community.

What happens when they get there?

Staff writer Linda Schaffrina visited the hospital for a day and describes the facilities and the treatments used in a two-part series beginning Sunday.

Over in Odessa there is a pilot project in the handling of juvenile offenders that shows great promise. The Ector County Youth Center is unique in Texas, possibly in the nation.

Staff writer Brooks Keller takes a look at the center in an article with pictures in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.

It's time to start rounding up cancelled checks, pharmacists' receipts, clean erasers and sharp pencils: Income tax season is on the way.

And although Midland accountants haven't had much chance to work with the new 1040 forms, they say the 1977 tax year will be a rough one for single persons.

After visiting with several Midland CPA's, staff writer Jim Steinberg previews the upcoming taxing experience in Sunday's Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Hungary accepts crown

By STEPHEN H. MILLER

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The Hungarian government, after a wait of more than three decades, accepted the Holy Crown of St. Stephen from the United States today as a sign of improved relations between the two countries.

Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance flew here from Paris for the official ceremonies turning over the golden, bejeweled crown, Hungary's most revered symbol of nationhood.

Parliament Speaker Antal Aporok, delivering the main address, said the return of the 1,000-year-old crown and other coronation relics "illustrates well the favorable development in the world situation and, within this, in Hungarian-American relations in recent years."

"We welcome this," he said, "but we are also conscious of the fact that there are still a number of hostilities" to be dealt with.

Foreign Minister Frigyes Puza is to

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WEATHER

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Two suspended as Manpower probe continues

By The Associated Press

Two top officials of the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs, who earlier refused to testify at a Brownsville court of inquiry probing a possible misuse of federal Manpower funds, have been temporarily suspended by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

Rogelio Perez, appointed by Briscoe as GOMA director, and Joaquin Rodriguez, chief of programs at GOMA, took the Fifth Amendment on Wednesday after being asked to testify concerning records subpoenaed by the court of inquiry.

Meanwhile, GOMA Deputy Director Sergio Martinez planned to testify today in State District Judge Darrell

Hester's court of inquiry.

Ben McDonald, appointed by Briscoe as director of the Texas Department of Community Affairs, admitted in testimony Thursday that he verified an "invalid" \$248,000 contract between the TDCA and a Harlingen-based union.

The money testimony showed, was funneled into a non-union contract controlled exclusively by Don and Clarence Gray, Harlingen brothers who have become the focus of the investigation.

McDonald admitted to Hester that he verified the contract after only a personal visit at his Austin office from

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Schools found more dangerous than street

By CHRIS CONNELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teenagers run a greater risk of personal violence in schools than on the street, particularly in junior highs, according to a new government survey.

Noting that classrooms are the "safest" places in schools, the three-year, \$2.4 million study says students have the greatest chance of being attacked "during the between-class rush in the hallways and stairs."

"Other places that pose substantial risks are the restrooms, cafeterias, locker rooms and gyms," said the study, released Thursday by the National Institute of Education.

It noted that although teenagers

Disagreeing with a study by the National Institute of Education that students faced a greater risk of personal violence in schools than on the streets, Supt. Dr. Norman Hall of the Andrews school system today said:

"Their findings may be true for the East Coast, the Great Lakes area and the Pacific Coast, but I think that in Texas, especially West Texas, school is the safest place that a youngster can be."

His sentiment was echoed by Assistant Supt. Charles Walker of the Ector County Independent School District in Odessa, who said:

"We're aware of that kind of problem in the Northeast, but we don't have it in the Ector County system. Parental control seems much better here."

spend at most 25 percent of their waking hours in school, "40 percent of the robberies and 36 percent of the assaults on urban teenagers occurred in school."

The risks are highest for youths aged 12 to 15, for whom 68 percent of the robberies and 50 percent of the assaults occurred at school, compared with less than 20 percent on the streets.

The report noted that more than 5,000 secondary school teachers are attacked in an average month, almost 1,000 of whom require a doctor's attention for their injuries.

And school authorities, it said, report only a small fraction of the incidents in which someone is hurt.

Although it said the problems of

Striking farmers in El Paso

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A group of striking farmers were in this border city today, planning possible ways to prevent trucks carrying Mexican cattle from entering the United States.

"Our main object for coming to El Paso is to try to stop importation of live cattle from Mexico," said Mike McCathern, a spokesman for the American Agriculture group coordinating the strike. "Right now we don't have any definite plans. We're just playing it by ear."

No tractors were in El Paso, McCathern said, and no pickets had been

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RADIO CITY Music Hall ballet trouper Cinda Mastgough reads newspaper Thursday with headline announcing closing of the New York showplace. "We saw it coming," Miss Mastgough

said. "You could see it from the houses. When you don't see the people out there, you know the money is not coming in." (AP Laserphoto)

Carter in Belgium; bomb explodes in Paris protest

By FRANK CORMIER

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — President Carter came to Belgium today, the last stop on his foreign tour, to assure the Atlantic allies that of new nuclear arms agreement with the Soviet Union will take account of Western Europe's security concerns.

Carter flew to Brussels and the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization after a final conference in Paris with French Presi-

dent Valery Giscard d'Estaing and a meeting with Francois Mitterrand, the leader of the French Socialist Party, who is campaigning for a leftist victory in the National Assembly elections in March.

A bomb exploded before dawn today in front of the Socialist Party's Paris headquarters, damaging the main entrance and breaking windows, and a telephone caller told a radio station it was set off to protest the Carter-Mitterrand meeting.

The caller said the bomb was planted by the "Movement of French Resistance," an organization not previously heard of. But the explosion did not keep the Socialist leader from his appointment with Carter half a mile away at the Hotel Marigny, the guest house for visiting chiefs of state.

Giscard d'Estaing's term has three years to run, but a leftist win would make it very hard for him to govern. Carter for several months denied off

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Friends warm family left out in the cold

Rudy Rodriguez, like most anybody who has escaped death by a quirk of fate, has much to be thankful for — his life and that of his family.

And he has much to be sad about, too. The house he and the wife, Emma, first made into a home 14 years ago all but burned down before the sun shone on it Christmas morning.

They lost virtually everything material, and found that they, indeed, had friends they didn't even know about and even found "friends" — people to take them in — among their relatives.

The family had already celebrated the Christmas event by opening gifts and had tucked in for the night in the two-bedroom frame house at 1200 W. Dakota Ave.

Asleep in one bedroom were the children: Rudy Jr., 12; Carolyn, 11, and Chonita, 5.

Rodriguez, 34, and Emma, 28, his wife of 14 years, were in the adjoining bedroom.

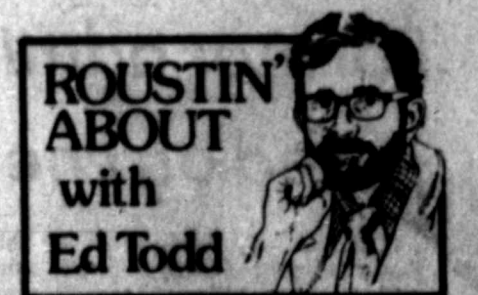
All was quiet and peaceful, and they were sound asleep when their house began burning.

The night was a bit chilly, and the couple had left an electric heater turned on in their bedroom. Somehow, the heater apparently caused the fire.

The house was ablaze, and smoke started billowing from the older house with the white sheet-rock siding.

And had not chance intervened, the Rudy Rodriguez family today surely would be only memories.

Suddenly, there came a banging at the door about 3:30 a.m. on Dec. 25.



ROUSTIN ABOUT with Ed Todd

"Two kids from Fort Worth had driven by, saw the smoke and fire, banged on the door and woke us up," Rodriguez recalled.

"If it wasn't for them, we would have smothered to death. We would have perished in the fire," Rodriguez said with certainty.

Those "kids" who came and then "left all of a sudden," were youthful musicians who just happened by in their search for a service station. Their vehicle — car or van — was running low on gasoline.

"They just happened to take that street there," Rodriguez said about two weeks after the fire.

The family rushed out of the house, which Rodriguez only recently had paneled and carpeted.

"That paneling just went up like a rag," he said.

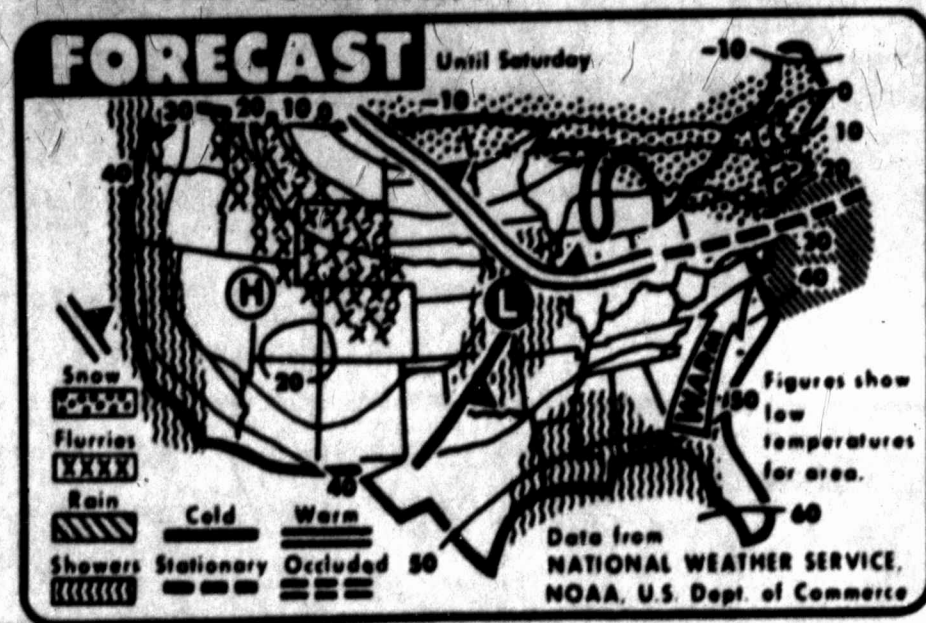
Firefighting units from the Midland Fire Department spent about an hour at the gutted house. About all that was left were the wooden walls and par-

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Rudy and Emma Rodriguez look over the remains of their house that burned on Christmas morning. The rafters have since been replaced in rebuilding their home for 14 years. (Staff Photo)

WEATHER SUMMARY



SATURDAY'S FORECAST calls for showers on the West Coast, the Gulf Coast and parts of the Plains, with rain along the upper East Coast. Flurries are expected in parts of the West and the Rockies. Snow is forecast for a band stretching from North Dakota to New England. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, DANFORTH, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Saturday. Little cooler tonight and Saturday. Low tonight in the middle 30s. High Saturday in the middle 40s. Winds becoming westerly at 10 to 15 mph tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
 Yesterday's High: 71 degrees
 Overcast Low: 34 degrees
 Noon today: 54 degrees
 Sunrise tomorrow: 7:30 a.m.
 Precipitation: none
 This month to date: 1.5 inches
 1977 to date: 2.5 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:
 12 p.m.: 50
 1 p.m.: 51
 2 p.m.: 52
 3 p.m.: 53
 4 p.m.: 54
 5 p.m.: 55
 6 p.m.: 56
 7 p.m.: 57
 8 p.m.: 58
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Texas area forecasts

North Texas—Clear to late night and morning clouds. High 60 to 65 in the north and 65 to 70 in the south. Low 35 to 40 in the north and 35 to 40 in the south. High Saturday in the middle 60s. Low Saturday in the middle 30s. High Sunday in the middle 60s. Low Sunday in the middle 30s.

Central Texas—Partly cloudy through Saturday. High 60 to 65 in the north and 65 to 70 in the south. Low 35 to 40 in the north and 35 to 40 in the south. High Saturday in the middle 60s. Low Saturday in the middle 30s. High Sunday in the middle 60s. Low Sunday in the middle 30s.

South Texas—Partly cloudy through Saturday. High 60 to 65 in the north and 65 to 70 in the south. Low 35 to 40 in the north and 35 to 40 in the south. High Saturday in the middle 60s. Low Saturday in the middle 30s. High Sunday in the middle 60s. Low Sunday in the middle 30s.

New Mexico, Oklahoma

Oklahoma—Fair to partly cloudy and mild through Saturday. High 60 to 65 in the north and 65 to 70 in the south. Low 35 to 40 in the north and 35 to 40 in the south. High Saturday in the middle 60s. Low Saturday in the middle 30s. High Sunday in the middle 60s. Low Sunday in the middle 30s.

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Farmers in El Paso

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established. McCathern said some of the bulldozer-like tractors might be brought in, however.

Imported beef hurts the domestic cattlemen, say farmers who are striking for higher prices.

Farmers in the Fort Worth suburb of Saginaw used their tractors Wednesday and Thursday to block shipments from the Burrus Mills flour mill for 30 hours before agreeing to a compromise with Burrus officials.

A statement read by William Fielding, mill general manager, said no flour trucks would be loaded and sent on their way before 7 a.m. today.

The farmers, angered when Burrus officials refused to close the mill for 24 hours in support of the nationwide farm strike against low crop prices, blocked the gates of the mill Wednesday morning.

Burrus officials obtained a temporary restraining order Thursday

morning from State District Court Judge James Wright. The order, however, only named two persons, thus the remaining farmers stayed with their tractors blocking the entrances and exits of the mill.

A person's name has to be included in any court order before he is prohibited from picketing.

After the picketers refused to leave Thursday, Saginaw Police Chief Gene Springer told the farmers he would ticket the tractors for blocking a drive to a private business. He said the fines could range as high as \$200 apiece.

There was some shuffling of tractors but most continued the blockade.

The farmers, part of a group unhappy with the prices they have been receiving for their products, had set their sights Thursday on two other mills in Saginaw — Far-Mar-Co and Union Equity Co.

Spokesmen for both said they will remain neutral in the protest and refused to shut down in sympathy.

Former administrator jailed on check charges

ODESSA — A spokesman for the Ector County Sheriff's office said early today that Floyd Joyner, former administrator of Western Hills Manor Nursing Home here, had posted \$4,000 bond Thursday night and had left the jail.

Joyner had been arrested in Odessa Thursday on charges involving a \$326 Veterans Administration check allegedly taken from a former patient of the home.

Joyner was charged with third degree felony count with taking the check from the patient, forging his name on it and passing it through an Odessa bank.

Because the check was issued by a federal agency, action by a U.S. attorney's office may follow, according to a spokesman for Veterans Administration.

In another development of the special grand jury investigation into alleged abuses against elderly patients at the home, Ector County Dist. Atty. John Green indicated that new evidence had developed involving the medical profession.

He said there was evidence that some doctors with patients in the home did not know the care the patients were receiving, and that the home may have been receiving payment for services not rendered.

Cooler weather expected

Midlanders had better enjoy the springtime-like weather the city is having because the weatherman said today that temperatures should become a little cooler tonight and Saturday with partly cloudy skies through Saturday.

The low temperature tonight is expected to drop to the middle 30s. Winds should become westerly at 5 to 10 mph tonight. Saturday's high

temperature is predicted to reach the middle 60s.

Thursday's high temperature was 71 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 38 degrees, the National Weather Service at the Midland Regional Air Terminal said.

All area towns reported cold temperatures and clear skies this morning, except for Andrews, which had cloudy skies.

Midland Downtown Rotary Club elects J. R. Wright president

J. R. "Rudy" Wright Thursday noon was elected president of the Midland Downtown Rotary Club for 1978-79 at its meeting in the Midland Hilton. He will assume the office on July 1, succeeding Ted Kerr.

Other officers elected include John R. Seay, president-elect; Ted D. Pearce, treasurer, and R. O. Smith, secretary.

New directors are David Grimes, Marvin McCree, Frank A. Vitran, James E. Crowder, Richard B. Saxe Jr., and Dr. Tom G. McIntosh.

The report of the nominating committee was submitted by Parker Humes.

The speaker at the Thursday lun-

cheon was Rotarian Bob Dutton, a Certified Public Accountant, whose subject was "Income Taxes."

The program was arranged and presented by Jack Swallow.

Dutton reviewed briefly the major provisions of the "Tax Reduction and Simplification Act of 1977," which, he said, is one of the greatest misnomers ever.

He discussed the act primarily as to how it affects individual income tax returns.

He said that again communication is one of the acts worst problems.

In the first place, Dutton explained, the new act has done away with the standard deduction plan, replacing it

with "zero bracket" calculations.

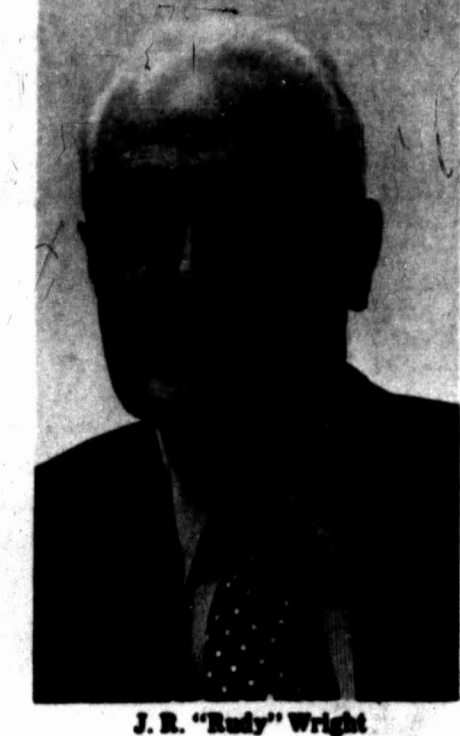
He cited the process for figuring tax returns and said the greatest reduction will come to married couples who do not itemize deductions.

The speaker also cited some of the provisions for business taxpayers, including jobs tax credit and intangible drilling costs.

Major tax legislation of the last several years was mentioned, along with proposed legislation in Congress.

Dutton pointed out that the new act does not in itself increase taxes.

A question and answer period followed Dutton's talk.



J. R. "Rudy" Wright

Two suspended; probe continues

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the Grays, who told him they represented Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 823.

Hester said the contract was invalid since it was not approved by a resolution from the union's board of directors. He noted that the Grays simply signed the document themselves.

Don Gray is business manager of the union, but Clarence Gray is not a union officer.

Tom Laramy Jr., general counsel for the TDCA, also admitted that he had not reviewed the contract.

Hester, brandishing a copy of the contract, asked Laramy to show him where Clarence Gray had signed for anyone other than himself.

"Don't you know a second-year law student knows not to let his client sign a contract without at least a certified copy of the resolution from the board of directors," said Hester.

The Grays, Hester noted, were simultaneously collecting money from the TDCA and the Hidalgo and Cameron County Manpower programs for leases on the same two vans.

"Altogether we were paying \$50,000 a year for two Dodge vans that the court-appointed auditors say were bought for \$11,000," said Hester.

Earlier Thursday, testimony at the court of inquiry showed that the Grays received state and federal contracts although they had been given unfavorable evaluations by certain state agencies.

Bruce Watson of the TDCA told Hester that his first evaluation of the Manpower program in Brownsville in

May 1977 found the program did not meet compliances in 17 areas.

Hester told Watson, "What I am particularly interested in, frankly, is stealing."

Reports filed by Watson after his May evaluation included a comment that the Grays' bank accounts were "not readily available." The report

also indicated, he said, that employees handling the funds were not bonded as required.

He also testified that the Manpower money was in an account controlled exclusively by the Grays. A third person, Eddie Long, was later allowed to sign checks out of the account, Watson said.

Long, a former employe of the Grays, was charged Wednesday on three counts of felony theft.

"Based on the information I found, I thought there might be a need to take a look at this program," Watson testified.

A follow-up evaluation in July 1977 reported the program still out of compliance.

Hungarian government accepts Holy Crown of St. Stephen

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meet with Vance to discuss one unresolved issue, Hungary's trading status with the United States.

Hundreds of officials and guests were invited to the parliament building beside the Danube River to welcome home the crown and its associated regalia, which were taken from Hungary and ended up in U.S. hands in 1945 to keep the Russians from getting them.

The event, like the airport arrival ceremony for the crown Thursday night, was an invitation-only affair. Ordinary Hungarians were promised a 45-minute television special this evening.

The official media still were not saying today when Hungarians would get a chance to see the crown or where it was to be displayed. But the

Budapest newspaper Magyar Nemzet carried a small classified ad today urgently seeking room custodians for the national museum.

The communist government planned to celebrate the return with special lighting of the Buda Heights overlooking the Danube, including the castle where the crown was kept until 1944.

Five hundred officials and other notables were invited to the airport Thursday night for the arrival of a U.S. Air Force transport with a delegation of 25 Americans bringing back the bejeweled gold crown of Hungary's first king, the orb, the royal scepter and St. Stephen's robe.

As a military band played the Rakoczi March, Hungary's most famous martial tune, the crate containing the regalia was placed inside a flag-flying blue van. The band played "God Bless the Hungarians" and "The Star Spangled Banner" as an

honor guard escorted the van from the airport.

There was no advance publicity, and only scattered groups saw the motorcade as it passed through the streets of downtown Budapest. The public first learned that the crown had been returned from a late night news program more than an hour later.

White House press secretary Jody Powell said Carter's visit with NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns and the permanent members of the NATO Council would focus on the SALT negotiations, which the U.S. president hopes will bear fruit this year.

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Ray exposed affair for publicity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Ray says she exposed her affair with former Rep. Wayne L. Hays to get publicity and now feels sorry for the deposed congressman, whom she calls "an honest, good man."

"It was just a front to get attention, to get people to notice me," Miss Ray said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Miss Ray spurred a congressional scandal in 1976 when she announced that Hays, then the powerful chairman of the House Administration Committee, paid her \$14,000 a year in public funds to be his mistress.

Within months, Hays was forced to resign his seat in Congress and retire to his Ohio farm.

Meanwhile, Hays announced on Thursday that he will "run for something" in this year's election. His political reappearance could come in a run for the Ohio legislature, where he served as a senator in 1941 and 1942.

Miss Ray said she wishes Hays well as he resumes his political career.

"I haven't talked to him," she said. "But I really do wish him well. I'm sincere in that. The other thing is, I feel he's an honest, good man."

Miss Ray said she revealed the relationship because it was a period in her life when she felt the need for attention.

At the time, she told a markedly different story. She said she was afraid of Hays.

The affair occurred about the same time as the scandal between former Rep. Wilbur Mills and stripper Fanne Foxe, and Miss Ray at the time quoted Hays as saying: "If a broad did that to me, she wouldn't be around writing books...She'd be six feet under." Miss Ray was writing a book at the time, without Hays' knowledge. She also said then that she made the affair public because of "the things he

pressed me to do," but she refused to elaborate.

Throughout the scandal, Hays admitted he had had a "personal relationship" with Miss Ray, but insisted it was not related to her job and existed prior to his marriage.

In the interview Thursday, Miss Ray also said she wants to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

"I feel good when I'm in church. I've made a lot of friends in the parish," she explained.

She also said she's studying acting and voice in New York City in preparation of a night club act — "singing and dancing" — to open this spring in Los Angeles.

"I definitely hope some day to be a superstar, so people will say, 'She can really act. She really can do that right,'" she said.

Miss Ray moved from Washington to New York three months ago to be closer to the theatrical world.

overtures from Mitterrand for a meeting in Washington but consented to see him during his Paris visit.

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LEADING the San Jacinto Junior High School band for the 1977-78 school year are Kevin Griffin, band captain, and Missy Larremore, drum major. (Staff Photo)

Friends warm family left out in the cold

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titions. Firemen were able to salvage that much.

The Rodriguez family crossed the tracks and moved in with Mrs. Rodriguez' parents, Mateo and Pauline Sotello at 1711 N. Edwards St. The family is also spending some time with Rodriguez' brother, Labro Rodriguez, at 1309 E. Jax Ave.

Meanwhile, friends and others who cared began giving clothing, furniture, some money, and whatnots to the family. Other help came and would be coming through Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and the Salvation Army.

The house, which Rodriguez finished paying for in the past year or so, was not insured. Neither were the household goods covered by insurance.

"We had it (the house) pretty well fixed the way we liked it," said Rodriguez, who earns his livelihood as a truck driver, "and everything went down the drain."

The house insurance lapsed after the mortgage was paid off.

"We didn't think anything like this was going to happen," he said. Besides, "We didn't have the money, honey," to buy a policy, Rodriguez told his wife.

Rodriguez, some friends and relatives already have started rebuilding what's left of the house. So far, they have replaced the rafters. The roof will be coming on next.

In the meantime, the family plans

to move into a small, two-room rent house just behind the burned-out dwelling.

Though he is disheartened about the family's loss, Rodriguez is grateful for the sparing of their lives.

"The most important thing of all was the kids," he said. "The house, really, I didn't care... Just the kids. I guess God didn't want to take them from us."

He seemed fatalistic in his viewpoint toward the fire, toward what happened to the family.

"If something is going to happen, it's going to happen. No doubt about it," Rodriguez said.

"We made it out fine, and that's the most important thing of all," he said.

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Children's Fire extinguisher business criticized

home tour encourages

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — An Arizona juvenile court official — put on the spot by evangelist Lester Roloff after a fact-finding tour of two children's homes — said Thursday night that Arizona youths at the homes are "in good hands."

Boyd Dover, director of Pima County's juvenile court center, toured two of Roloff's three South Texas children's homes Thursday, meeting with Arizona children living there.

Dover was to report his findings to Pima County Juvenile Court Judge John P. Collins, who has alleged that the practice of taking troublesome teenagers to Roloff's religious institutions for strict discipline is the equivalent of kidnapping.

"What kind of report are you going to give the judge?" the controversial Roloff asked Dover. "Are they in good hands?"

"From my observations, there is nothing that makes me believe they are not in good hands," replied Dover.

"You've seen everything that needs to be seen," Roloff said.

Dover, however, refused to comment to reporters about what he planned to tell Judge Collins.

Collins said he became concerned after at least 35 Arizona youths had been taken to Roloff's institutions, most in the last year.

Parents have no right, the judge said, to send their children to "private prisons" without a court order.

Collins' allegations followed the revelation that off-duty policemen aided in promoting the program to parents and transporting handcuffed youths to the South Texas homes.

Roloff admitted that many of the youths were brought to the homes in handcuffs and kept there against their will.

"I don't try to dodge that," said Roloff. "That's the only way you can keep them here until they're right with the Lord."

Roloff told Dover that the judge "owes this home an apology."

"We're not going to let it rest," added Roloff.

Dover met with Roloff's attorneys earlier Thursday and held a mass meeting with the Arizona children after the attorneys refused to allow him to interview the children individually.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A high official of the state fire marshal's office has told the State Insurance Board there are "some very unsavory practices" in the fire extinguisher business.

The Senate Consumer Affairs Subcommittee was to resume today its investigation of such practices and how State Fire Marshal Charles Meadows has handled them.

Bill Heaton, the fire marshal's director of operations, told the insurance board Thursday they had fired a man who was fighting hard against sleazy operators in the fire extinguisher business. He told them they had made a mistake.

Heaton was a key witness at a reinstatement hearing requested by Jim Cummins, who was fired Nov. 3

as chief of fire safety inspection. The board will decide later whether to rehire Cummins.

Meadows recommended Cummins' transfer or dismissal shortly after board chairman Hugh Yantis restored power taken from Meadows in 1976 by former chairman Joe Christie.

Since his dismissal, Cummins has publicly accused Meadows of lax enforcement of fire extinguisher laws.

"I still don't think he (Cummins) did anything to be disciplined for. I can understand how a man could be overzealous in going out and finding some of these (fire extinguisher company) practices that would turn your hair gray," Heaton said.

"In case you don't know, there are some very unsavory practices," he said.

Heaton later told a reporter he was talking about improper installation of sprinklers and similar fire extinguisher systems in places like restaurants and night clubs.

"Some are put in by jack-leg installers so they won't work," Heaton said.

Yantis had Heaton read for the record a memo Yantis wrote himself after the two conversed on Nov. 7 about Cummins.

Yantis recalled that Meadows told him Heaton had said that if Cummins were fired, all other personnel problems would vanish.

"I do not recall ever recommending that he be terminated," Heaton said.

Then he came to a sentence where Yantis said, "Mr. Heaton did state in the continuing conversation that Mr. Cummins was difficult to work with

and difficult to supervise and had a way of being somewhat abrasive around the office."

"Frankly I don't remember saying either one of these items. This will probably cost me my job," said Heaton, who sat one chair away from Yantis around a table.

Yantis later told reporters, "His job is in no jeopardy whatever. He's too good a man."

Speaking intensely, Heaton told the board, "I still don't think he (Cummins) did anything to be disciplined for."

Meadows testified that Cummins tried to take too many cases to court when problems with fire hazards could be rectified short of that extreme.

"You feel that Mr. Cummins over-enforced?" asked Terry Weeks, Cummins' lawyer.

"In some cases," Meadows replied.

"Every bank robber and embezzler in Texas would be delighted if they had a system where if he gave it back he never would be punished, which is essentially the system he (Meadows) works under," Weeks said.

Court hears of Hughes' domicile

HOUSTON (AP) — A top executive in Howard Hughes' empire has testified he never heard the late millionaire reclusive say anything about which state he considered his legal residence.

Kay Glenn, an official of Summa Corp., testified Thursday in the Hughes estate trial that he arranged many of the moves made by Hughes in the final years of his life.

The Texas attorney general is attempting to prove that Hughes was a legal resident of Texas at the time of his death in 1976. If successful in its case before a three-woman, three-man jury, the state could collect an estimated \$100 million in inheritance taxes.

William Lummis, 38, a cousin, and Annette Ganol Lummis, 39, an aunt, the co-administrators of the vast Hughes estate, are attempting to prove Nevada was Hughes' legal domicile. There is no inheritance tax in Nevada.

Glenn testified that Hughes often would suggest two or three places he might want to live.

"I would check out the facilities and make a recommendation and Mr. Hughes would make the final decision," he said. "But Mr. Hughes, nor any of his aides, suggested Houston as a place to move."

Glenn said at various times he traveled to Canada, England and the Bahamas to line up hotel suites where Hughes and his staff lived.

Glenn said plans to buy a multi-million dollar penthouse in the Houston area that might have been occupied by Hughes were never fully developed.

Glenn said a plush highrise was checked to determine if it "would be suitable for Mr. Hughes or his belongings." This was done in December, 1975, he said, and information was retained for several months. However, he said he never heard more about it from his superiors and it was forgotten.

Glenn said Hughes knew nothing about the possible purchase and added the idea was the thinking of others within the Hughes operation.

Frank William Gay, an executive vice president of Summa, was called to testify Thursday but his appearance on the witness stand lasted only a few minutes because of legal problems.

He said he would "gladly renounce" any financial gain from the Mormon will, "because I believe it is a forgery."

However, Gay also is a member of the executive committee of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, another potential beneficiary of the alleged will.

Gay said he could not make such a renouncement in connection with the institute because it might affect other members of the executive committee.

He was expected to testify later if the matter can be resolved.

China opening doors to overseas Chinese

TOKYO (AP) — Reversing a decades-old policy, China is telling 20 million overseas Chinese it is all right to come home if they want — even if only to visit.

It also is saying Chinese living on the mainland should be allowed to visit relatives abroad.

The new line, first partially disclosed in Hong Kong Communist newspapers, was elaborated on in a long article by Liao Cheng-shih, chairman of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, in the Peking People's Daily. The text was distributed by Peking's Hsinhua news agency and received in Tokyo.

Liao wrote: "To all those who have been subjected to investigation or persecution in the past several years on account of their 'overseas relations,' correct conclusions should be drawn in accordance with the par-

government's. But even ty's policies as soon as while receiving this possible so that they will much-needed hard curb be cleared of all slanders, rancor, and false charges."

He said facilities should mainland relatives often be provided for overseas were treated with con-

Blame for this hostile policy has been placed by the new leadership on the radical "Gang of Four," the late Defense Minister Lin Biao and the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung's purged personal secretary, Chen Po-ta.

He added that a warm welcome should be given to those who wish to return to China to live and that preparatory schools and universities should make it easy for overseas Chinese students to enroll for study.

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Decision brings betrayal charge

HOUSTON (AP) — Nikki Van Hightower, Houston's former official women's advocate, says new Mayor Jim McConn has "definitely betrayed women" in announcing he will fire her from her city job.

McConn, on his third day in office, said Thursday she could see no purpose Ms. Van Hightower could serve in the city government.

The City Council last year abolished the position of women's advocate but Mayor Fred Hofheins then appointed her as an affirmative action specialist with essentially the same duties.

The decision drew applause from the mostly male audience of the Houston Rotary Club where McConn delivered his State of the City address.

However, most of Houston women leaders said they would take a "wait and see" position on the announcement.

"I just figured this administration could do well without Nikki Van Hightower," McConn said. He said her payroll status will be terminated after the next pay period. She has been making about \$20,000 a year.

Ms. Van Hightower said she met with McConn last week and said he sounded optimistic about continuing her position.

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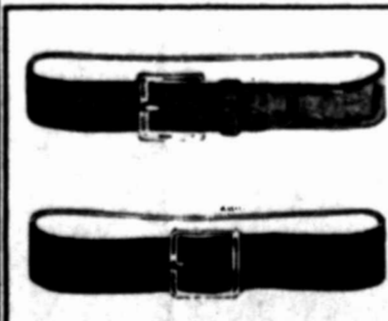
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DEATHS

Mae Miller

Mae Miller, 88, of 1101 W. Illinois Ave., died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Wilbarger Memorial Park in Vernon directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miller was born Jan. 31, 1889, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She was reared near Madill, Okla. She moved to Vernon in 1929, to Wichita Falls in 1958, to Abilene in 1961 and to Midland in 1971.

Survivors include a son A. O. Miller of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. C. W. Cox of Waco, a granddaughter, Mrs. Ray Overby of Midland; a brother, Pat Riley of California, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

O. A. McGary

BALLINGER — Oscar A. McGary, 74, died Wednesday at his home after a sudden illness. He was the stepfather of J. W. Trammel and Rodney Trammel, both of Hobbs, N. M.

Services were to be at 2 p. m. today in the First Assembly of God Church with burial in the Evergreen Cemetery.

McGary was born Feb. 25, 1903, in Mills County. He married Evelyn Trammel Sept. 4, 1964, in San Angelo. He was a retired potash miner. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Other survivors include his wife, three stepdaughters, two sons, a sister and a brother.

Doctor James

Services for Doctor James, 73, were to be at 1 p.m. today in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. H. F. Doyle, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Fairview Cemetery directed by Jackson Funeral Home.

James died Monday in a Midland nursing home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1904, in Weldon. He had been a resident of Midland for about 28 years. He was a deacon in the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Lucille Gooden of Los Angeles, Calif., and Greta Goode of San Antonio; two sons, Eddie James of San Antonio and Marvis James of Midland; a sister, Annie Lee of Gonzales; a brother, Frank James of Snyder, 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were to be Joe L. Williams, Elmo Cook, Wallace Davis, Charlie Coleman, Leonard Johnson and Joseph Solomon.

Alvie Farrars

BIG SPRING — Alvie Farrars, 88, died Thursday in a Big Spring hospital after a long illness.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Coahoma Baptist Church in Coahoma with the Rev. Jim Taylor, pastor, and the Rev. Elva Phillips, retired Methodist minister, officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Eula Cemetery, located southwest of Clyde, directed by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Farrars was born July 19, 1889, in Mississippi. He married Laura Hurst Oct. 11, 1908, in Abilene. She died March 20, 1969. They moved to the Big Spring area in 1926 and were engaged in stock farming. They moved to Abilene in 1940 and then later to Clyde, where he owned a furniture store until his retirement. After retiring, he returned to Big Spring.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Pete Thomas of Sand Springs and Mrs. Elmo Birkhead of Midland; three sons, Worth Farrars of Pasadena, Troy Farrars of Granada Hill, Calif., and Paul Farrars of California, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Fred Howe

ODESSA — Fred D. Howe, 93, of Midland, died Thursday in an Odessa hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home here with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Howe was born March 25, 1884, in San Marcos. He married Lilly Taylor in 1906 in Sweetwater.

Survivors include a son, Don Howe of Brady; two daughters, Daphne Marcum and Faye Hawthorn, both of Odessa, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Fred Ethridge

GOLDTHWAITE — Fred Ethridge, 80, father of Rudolph Ethridge of Big Lake, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday in a Goldthwaite hospital.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Wilkins Funeral Home with burial in the Oak View Cemetery at Mullin.

He was born Oct. 21, 1897, in Texas. He was married to Ester Davee in Jan. 1918. She died Oct. 8, 1961. Ethridge then was married to Lula Hobbs on March 11, 1963, at Gatesville. He was a lifelong resident of Mullin and a member of the Church of God. He was a retired rancher.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, five sons, 18 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

V. Martinez

MCCAMEY — Victor Delgado Martinez, 58, brother of Eledario Martinez of Midland, F. D. Martinez of Rankin and Lupe Martinez of Big Spring, died Tuesday in a Baytown Hospital.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCamey with burial in Resthaven Cemetery directed by Larry Sheppard Funeral Home.

The Mont del Viue resident was born June 5, 1919, in Christoval. He was a Catholic. He was a veteran of World War II. He was married to Felicitia Hinojosa on June 8, 1946, in Mertzon.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, three sisters, four brothers and three grandchildren.

Jay Simmons

WINTERS — Jay Simmons, 72, brother of Mrs. Virgil (Hazel) Reed of Andrews, died Thursday in a Winters hospital after a long illness.

Services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman. Burial was to be in the Valera Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 13, 1905, in Talpa. He married Evelyn Harris in August of 1946 in Cairo, Ga. They moved to Winters in 1965. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Talpa and was a World War II

veteran. Survivors include his wife, one daughter, two sisters, several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Welch

PORT ARTHUR — Mrs. Troy Welch, 62, died Wednesday in a Port Arthur nursing home. She was the daughter of Bertie Moore of Andrews and the sister of Cecil Moore and Troy Moore, both of Andrews.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Cate-Spencer Funeral Home in Sweetwater with burial in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Welch was born Oct. 27, 1915, in Longworth. She lived in Sweetwater until 1954 and then moved to Port Arthur.

Other survivors include her husband, a daughter, a sister, two brothers and two granddaughters.

Buddy King

LITTLEFIELD — Services for Buddy Mont King, 48, father of Mrs. Sue McDonald of Midland, are pending with Hammons Funeral Home here.

King died Thursday in Littlefield. The Farmersville native was a longtime Littlefield resident. He was a singer. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, a son, five daughters, his mother, a brother, two sisters and four grandchildren.

December temperatures average above normal

December is never thought of as a warm month in this part of Texas, but according to statistics compiled by the National Weather Service at the Midland Regional Air Terminal, the average monthly temperature during the month just past was 3.5 degrees above normal.

Actually, the highest temperature did reach what is generally thought to be a warm 83 degrees on Dec. 8, 1977.

The average monthly temperature for December was 49.4 degrees, which was 3.5 degrees above normal, according to the National Weather Service.

The average maximum temperature for December was 64.9 degrees, 4.8 degrees above normal.

The average minimum temperature was 33.8 degrees, 2.2 degrees above normal.

Big Lake chamber

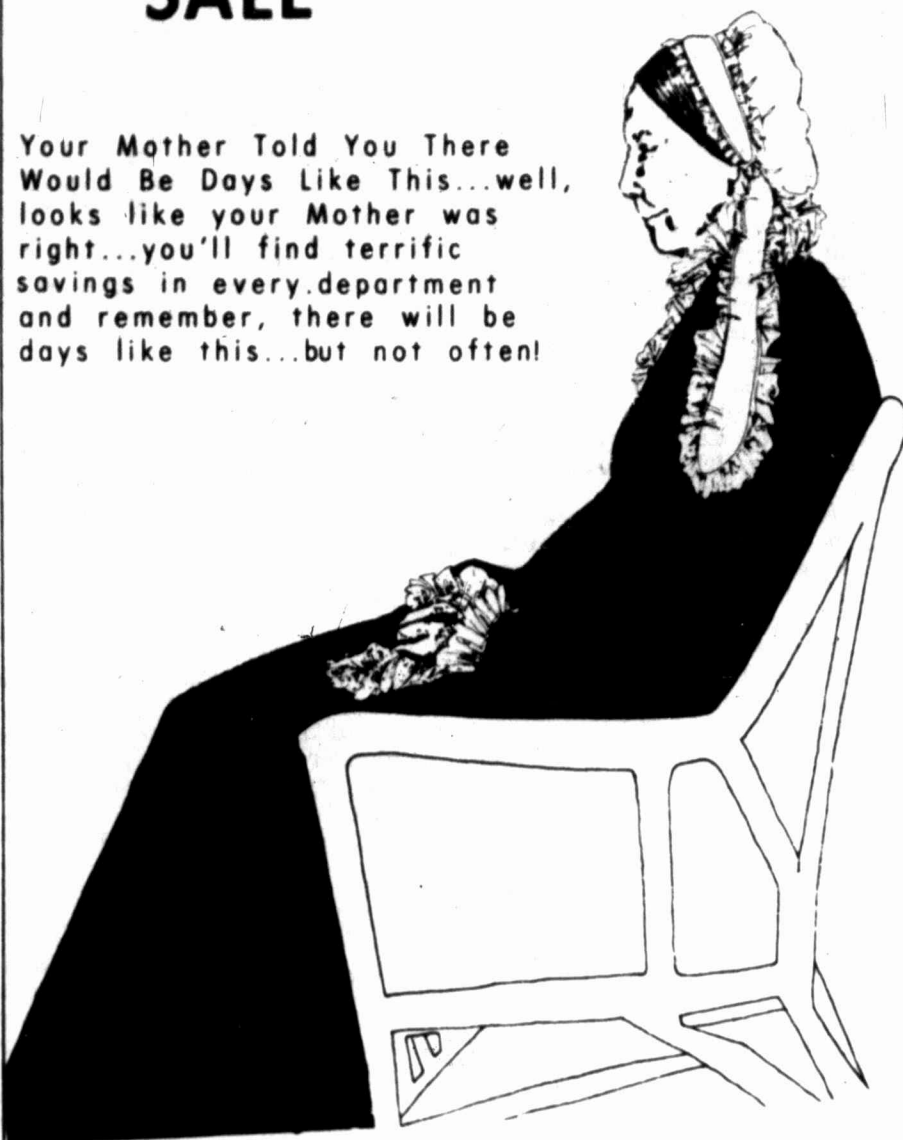
conducting drive

BIG LAKE — The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce is conducting a membership drive. The board of directors had decided to contact non-members and ask their support by joining.

Interested persons and businesses may contact the chamber office to set up an account.

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Lecture on computers planned

LUBBOCK — An educational lecture and demonstration of personal size computers (microcomputers) as they apply to homes, farms, ranches and small businesses will be presented from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 13 in the Lubbock Woman's Club.

The program will be sponsored by the West Texas Group of Home Economists in Business. The speaker will be Dr. Randal E. Null, manager of the Neighborhood Computer Store, Lubbock.

The presentation is designed to be of interest to professionals and non-professionals, regardless of prior computer knowledge. The program will pre-

sent the many possibilities for using the microcomputer, including: budgeting, food inventory, heating and cooling control, farm, ranch and home book-keeping and general accounting.

The meeting will be open to the public, and there will be no admission charge.

Family wins election

BRASELTON, Ga. (AP) — Election Day in Braselton was a family affair — and a ho-hum affair. All the candidates were unopposed and all were related. J.L. Braselton was re-

elected to his 22nd one-year term as mayor Wednesday, and his cousins, city council candidates H.F., H.E., H.B. and H.H. Braselton all managed to keep their seats.

Exhibit honors Rayburn

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum will honor one of Texas' greatest political leaders today in observance of the "Sam Rayburn Day."

The museum exhibit will include photographs of the northeast Texas politician from childhood through his activities with various presidents during his political life and personal belongings of Rayburn's.

The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and there is no admission charge. The museum is located in the lower level of the Ector County Library at 7th and Lee Streets in Odessa.

Savings, loan banks report deposits up

Deposits in Midland's three savings and loan associations at the end of 1977 were almost \$35 million above deposits at the end of 1976.

The three associations totaled \$210,030,039, in deposits at the end of 1977, up from \$175,228,267, at the end of 1976.

At Midland Savings and Loan, now Gibraltar Savings Association, the total at the end of 1977 was \$81,302,840, up from \$78,948,310, at the end of 1976. Deposits at First Savings and Loan at the end of 1977 were \$71,248,850, compared to \$60,115,473, the year before. Deposits during 1977 at Citizens Savings and Loan were \$47,578,419, up from \$36,163,504.

Program scheduled

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stickney will present a special program Sunday afternoon at the January meeting of the Midland County Historical Society.

Mrs. J. B. McKinley, president, said the meeting will convene at 3 p.m. in the Lancaster Garden Center, 1705 W. Indiana St. The public is invited.

The program will feature the screening of color slides taken by Mr. and Mrs. Stickney on a recent field trip to Texas missions.

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GRAMMER-MURPHEY

Four wildcat projects spotted in West Texas

Four wildcat operations have been staked in West Texas counties, including a 13,400-foot operation in Midland County, five miles northwest of Midland.

The Midland County test is Texaco Inc. No. 1-B-1 David Fasken. Scheduled for tests of the Devonian and Ellenburger, it is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 2, block 40, T-1-S, T&P survey.

There is no nearby production. Reeves Tests WTG Exploration, Inc. No. 1-15 Meeker is to be dug as a 3,300-foot wildcat in Reeves County, 12 miles

Sutton test to deepen

Amoco Production Co. will re-enter and deepen to 8,500 feet for tests of the Stawn in its No. 3-5 Edwin S. Mayer Jr., former Canyon gas producer in the Sawyer multipay field of Sutton County.

It is three miles northeast of the Whitehead (Strawn) field and 15 miles northwest of Sonora. Location is 1,145 feet from north and 1,190 feet from east lines of McMullen County School Land survey No. 4.

Operations announced, wells finished in Permian Basin areas

Union Oil Co. of California staked location for a 10,700-foot wildcat in Chaves County, and Planet, Inc., of Amarillo spotted locations for eight prospectors in the same county.

Union No. 1 Windmill-Federal will be drilled eight miles northwest of Caprock and 1,980 feet from south and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 5-10s-31e. There is no nearby production.

New wells potential in West Texas areas

Clayton W. Williams Jr. of Midland No. 11 Avary has been completed 4,000 feet southwest of production in the Rhoda Walker (5900 Canyon) field of Ward County.

The same operator also completed No. 12 Avary. It is 1,300 feet south of No. 11.

No. 11 Avary completed for a 24-hour flowing potential of 35 barrels of 46.2-gravity oil, plus 90 barrels of water, through a 4-inch choke and perforations from 5,067 to 4,258 feet. The pay was treated with 4,000 gallons of acid and fractured with 51,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Gas-oil ratio was 45,710-1. Location is 1,980 feet from southeast and southwest lines of section 130, block 34, H&TC survey and seven miles west of pyote.

The Williams No. 12 Avary reported a daily flowing potential of 150 barrels of oil and 408 barrels of water, through a 20/64-inch choke and perforations from 5,146 to 4,575 feet after being acidized with 3,200 gallons and fractured with 26,000 gallons.

Wellsite is 660 feet from southeast and 1,980 feet from southwest lines of section 131, block 34, H&TC survey.

CONGER WELL
Dorchester Exploration, Inc. No. 3-31 Terry is a new well in the Conger (Canyon) field of Sterling County.

It completed for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 5.62 million cubic feet of gas per day, no water, through perforations from 6,820 to 7,290 feet. The zone was acidized with 8,000 gallons and fractured with 60,000 gallons.

Location is 3,300 feet north of other Canyon production and 660 feet from north and 1,650 feet from west lines of section 31, block 13, SPRR survey. Gas-liquid ratio was 15,000-1, with gravity of the liquid 60 degrees.

SPRABERRY WELL
Parker & Parsley completed a second well in the Martin County portion of the Spraberry Trend Area field.

It is No. 1-D D. E. Richards, 1,650 feet from north and 1,320 feet from

south of Oria. There is no nearby production. The location is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 15, block C-21, pal survey.

SECOND TRY
The same operator will drill No. 1-18 Meeker as a 3,300-foot wildcat in the same area. Location is 1,320 feet from north and east lines

PECOS EXPLORER
Four C. Oil & Gas Corp. announced site for a 2,500-foot wildcat in the Four C (San Andres) area of Pecos County, 11 miles east of Imperial.

It is No. 4 Sibley Unit, 467 feet from north and 2,380 feet from east lines of section 14, block 2, H&TC survey. It is an east twin to the Yates discovery and one location east of San Andres producers.

STEPOUT TRY
Texaco Inc. No. 2-ET State of Texas will plug back for tests in the War-Wink, South (Wolfcamp) field of Ward County.

Originally a Fusselman producer, it is 1,867 feet from south and 1,867 feet from west lines of section 8, block 18, University Lands survey. It will be plugged back to 12,713 feet.

PLANET TESTS
Each of the Planet projects will be drilled to 3,500 feet and are approximately 18 miles south of Elkins and approximately six miles southeast of the Twin Lakes (San Andres) field.

No. 1-H Whittenburg is 330 feet from south and east lines of section 30-10s-29e.

No. 1-G Whittenburg is 330 feet from

east lines of section 26, block 36, T-1-N, T&P survey and six miles north of Stanton.

The well was potential on the pump for a daily potential of 50 barrels of 40-gravity oil and 75 barrels of water, through perforations from 7,224 to 8,578 feet. The pay was acidized with 3,500 gallons and fractured with 140,000 gallons.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,700-1. **STONEWALL TEST**
Dixon Drilling Co. of Abilene spotted location for a 3,600-foot Tannehill wildcat in Stonewall County, 5 1/2 miles north of Peacock.

It is No. 1 Rogers Estate, 1,200 feet from north and 500 feet from east lines of the north half of section 319, block D, H&TC survey.

The drillsite is 1/4 mile northeast of the three-well Metcalf (Tannehill) field, but separated from it by dry holes.

SCHLEICHER TEST
HNG Oil Co. of Midland staked No. 1-103 Johnson as a 7,100-foot wildcat in Schleicher County, two miles southwest of the Eldorado, South (Canyon sand gas) field and four miles southwest of Eldorado.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,320 feet from west lines of section 103, block A, HE&WT survey. Ground elevation is 2,410 feet. It also is 2 1/2 miles southeast of a long extension area to the Henry Speck (Canyon) field and one location south of a 6,719-foot failure.

CROCKETT WELL
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 2-J P. Bouscaren and others is a new well in the Bouscaren (Strawn and Ellenburger) field of Crockett County, four miles north of Iraan.

The second Ellenburger well in the field, it completed on the pump for a daily potential of 11 barrels of 38.9-gravity oil, and six barrels of water, through perforations from 7,970 to 7,980 feet after 2,000 gallons of acid and 25,000 gallons of fracture solution. Location is 2,600 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 37, block HH, GC&SF survey.

SPRABERRY WELL
Parker & Parsley completed a second well in the Martin County portion of the Spraberry Trend Area field.

It is No. 1-D D. E. Richards, 1,650 feet from north and 1,320 feet from

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 26, block 40, T-1-S, T&P survey. The well, a 1,400-foot from west lines of section 26, block 40, T-1-S, T&P survey, is a daily flowing potential of 115 barrels of 48-gravity oil, through a 10/64-inch choke and perforations from 10,357 to 10,677 feet after a 3,000-gallon acid treatment.

Gas-oil ratio was 3,240-1. Gulf Oil Corp. will re-enter a failure the C-Bar (Tubb) area of Crane County, 19 miles northwest of Crane and test at 5,425 feet.

It is No. 10-A Hattie Connell and others, 1,780 feet from north and west lines of section 26, block B-22, P&L survey.

New pay opened

A Wolfcamp gas discovery has been completed in Eddy County, N. M.

The strike is Depco, Inc., of Midland No. 1-B DRY state. It finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 5,285,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 8,870 to 8,942 feet.

Gas-oil ratio was 5,273-1. Total depth is 11,350 feet and plugged back depth is 10,380 feet. Four and one-half-inch casing is set at 11,348 feet.

The project was completed last May as the discovery well of the Millman (Atoka) gas field through perforations from 10,458 to 10,468 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines of section 11-19s-29e and 14 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

WILDCAT SITE
The same operator will dig No. 1 Sundance-Federal as a 9,950-foot wildcat in Chaves County, 25 miles northeast of Hagerman.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 3-12s-30e and six miles east of the White Ranch (Siluro-Devonian) field.

north and east lines of section 29-10s-29e.

Plant No. 1-F Whittenburg is 330 feet from north and east lines of section 28-10s-29e.

No. 1-E Whittenburg is 330 feet from north and west lines of section 21-10s-29e.

No. 1-D Whittenburg is 330 feet from north and west lines of section 10-10s-29e.

No. 1-C Whittenburg is 330 feet from south and 2,310 feet from east lines of section 4-10s-29e.

No. 1-B Whittenburg is 330 feet from south and 2,310 feet from west lines of section 32-9s-29e.

No. 1-A Whittenburg is 330 feet from south and east lines of section 30-9s-29e.

MORROW TEST
Cleary Petroleum Corp. of Midland spotted location for a 14,000-foot project in the Salt Lake, South (Morrow) field of Lea County, 23 miles southeast of Maljamar.

It is No. 1 Felmont-Federal, 760 feet from north and east lines of section 25-20s-32e.

UNDESIGNATED TEST
Elk Oil Co. of Roswell, N. M., announced plans to drill a 13,500-foot operation in the Kemnitz (Pennsylvanian) area of Lea County. It will be drilled as No. 3 N. E. Kemnitz, 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 16-18s-34e. It is 12 miles northeast of Maljamar.

PROJECT FLOWS
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 2-GK Eddy-State Communized, 1/4 mile northwest of its No. 1-GK Eddy-State Communized, recent extension to the Richard Knob (Morrow) gas area of Eddy County, has flowed gas from the Morrow.

Operator reported a daily flow of 3.853 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 4,478 to 4,490 feet. Testing continues. Location is 2,310 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 19-18s-25e and 11 miles southwest of Artesia.

HOCKLEY WILDCAT
Amoco Production Co. No. 2 Boyd Unit is a new wildcat in Hockley County, inside the Levelland city limits.

Scheduled for a 10,600-foot bottom, it is 525 feet from south and 949 feet from east lines of labor 4, league 28, Hood County School Land survey. It is surrounded by production in the shallow Levelland field.

GOMEZ WELL
Getty Oil Co. No. 1 Laughlin-Straghan Unit has been completed in the Gomez (Wolfcamp) area of Pecos County for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 8.9 million cubic feet of gas per day. The well, 1 1/2 miles southeast of other Wolfcamp production in the field, is production through perforations from 11,518 to 11,611 feet after a 5,000-gallon acid treatment.

Total depth is 22,736 feet and five-inch liner is set at 22,731 feet. The plugged back depth is 11,900 feet. The gas-oil ratio was 690,333-1, and gravity of the fluid is 54.2 degrees. Location is 2,310 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 1, block 115, GC&SF survey. It is 11 miles northwest of Fort Stockton.

SPRABERRY OILER
Parker & Parsley, Inc. No. 1-A Stroud is a new well in the Spraberry Trend Area field of Martin County.

It finished for a 24-hour pumping potential of 85 barrels of 40-gravity oil, plus 95 barrels of water, through perforations from 7,518 to 8,800 feet. Pay was acidized with 4,600 gallons and fractured with 160,000 gallons.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 37, T-1-S, T&P survey and six miles west of Stanton. It is 3,100 feet east of other production. Gas-oil ratio was 1,452-1.

Producers, consumers still await energy plan

TULSA, Okla. — Ever since the Arab oil embargo of 1973-74, key energy decisions have been made under a veil of uncertainty, while energy producers and consumers alike waited for the U.S. government to implement a national energy plan (NEP).

They're still waiting, and part of the reason is President Jimmy Carter's reluctance to jump into the congressional fray, the Oil & Gas Journal reports.

Carter's energy proposals, after flying nonstop through the House of Representatives, hit the deck hard in the Senate. And even though House-Senate conferees have settled some of the minor issues in the plan, the toughest problems remain to be solved.

To be sure, Congress last year did pass some important energy laws not associated with the NEP, the weekly business magazine points out in its congressional roundup.

But it's the NEP that has oil-company executives watching closely, because without one they must continue to make multimillion-dollar investment decisions under a cloud of uncertainty.

Among the toughest issues to be resolved is natural-gas pricing. In fact, Sen. Russell Long, D. La., powerful chairman of the Senate energy tax conferees, made it clear just before his committee adjourned for the Christmas holidays that he would not work on the controversial crude-oil equalization tax — or probably any other energy-tax measure — until the natural-gas price dispute is resolved.

For a few hours several weeks ago, it seemed a gas-pricing compromise was about to be worked out. Before

the Senate conferees defeated the measure 16-2, the White House had the chance to enact its will.

The proposal called for a six-year roll-up in the price of new-found gas to free market levels. Meanwhile, intrastate market prices would have been controlled.

Rep. John Dingell, D. Mich., who has said he would never vote for natural-gas price deregulation, supported the plan. And Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., who feels the same way about deregulation, reported that he had assurances from Department of Energy Secretary James Schlesinger that the administration supported the compromise.

But the President said he wanted time to study the proposal. While he did so, the conferees voted it down.

Observers point out that, without White House pressure, a natural-gas pricing compromise may take a long time to emerge, especially in an election year when conferees might tend to think no gas price bill is better

than one with political liabilities. Congress did enact some new energy laws in 1977, however, among them one creating the Department of Energy.

The cabinet-level department merged the old Federal Energy Administration, Federal Power Commission and Energy Research & Development Administration as well as certain functions of other governmental agencies.

There already have been some problems stemming from the division of authority between the Energy and Interior secretaries.

Congress last year also passed some revisions of the old Clean Air Act, an antiboycott bill prohibiting U.S. firms from doing business with boycotting countries, and the Emergency Natural Gas Act that enabled interstate pipelines to make emergency purchases from intrastate pipelines during the severe winter of early 1977.

ENERGY OIL & GAS

congressional fray, the Oil & Gas Journal reports.

Carter's energy proposals, after flying nonstop through the House of Representatives, hit the deck hard in the Senate. And even though House-Senate conferees have settled some of the minor issues in the plan, the toughest problems remain to be solved.

To be sure, Congress last year did pass some important energy laws not associated with the NEP, the weekly business magazine points out in its congressional roundup.

But it's the NEP that has oil-company executives watching closely, because without one they must continue to make multimillion-dollar investment decisions under a cloud of uncertainty.

Among the toughest issues to be resolved is natural-gas pricing. In fact, Sen. Russell Long, D. La., powerful chairman of the Senate energy tax conferees, made it clear just before his committee adjourned for the Christmas holidays that he would not work on the controversial crude-oil equalization tax — or probably any other energy-tax measure — until the natural-gas price dispute is resolved.

For a few hours several weeks ago, it seemed a gas-pricing compromise was about to be worked out. Before

Gas well completion extends Andrews pool

Texas Oil & Gas Corp. has completed its No. 1 Means as a 4 1/2-mile south extension to Yates gas production in the GMK, South field of Gaines County.

The well finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 1 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 3,532 to 3,582 feet. No liquid was produced with the gas.

The well is bottomed at 5,700 feet, with 5 1/2-inch casing at that point. The Yates was topped at 3,300 feet and the San Andres at 4,920 feet. Plugged back total depth is 3,580 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 200 feet from east lines of section 68, block G, WTRR survey and 10 miles northeast of Seminole.

CRANE TEST
Lario Oil & Gas Co. No. 3-D J. B. Tubb will be drilled one mile southwest of the Sand Hills (McKnight) field in Crane County.

Sited for a 4,305-foot bottom, it is 1,980 feet from south and 880 feet from east lines of section 8, block 32, pal survey, and 15 miles northwest of Crane.

ANDREWS PROJECT
Shell Oil Co. will plug back to 8,800 feet in an old well in the Martin multipay area of Andrews County. Tests will be made at 4,800 feet in No. 1 Lockhart.

Location is 682 feet from south and west lines of section 22, block A-41, pal survey and 20 miles southwest of Andrews. It is 1,620 feet south of McKee production.

DRILLING REPORT

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Retired presidents' words long wooed by media

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN

PLYMOUTH, Vt. (AP) — NBC's problems in finding suitable employment on a talk show for former President Ford brings to mind the almost farcical retirement project undertaken by Calvin Coolidge, who was born and reared in this cheese-making village.

Ford, it will be recalled, agreed to a \$1.3 million deal with NBC for five news specials, none of which has come to pass so far because his contract with Harper & Row to publish his memoirs prevents him from discussing the presidency. Now the deal has been rejiggered and Ford will make his TV debut as an ex-president discussing foreign policy, perhaps having second thoughts about the Polish connection with the Soviets, which some think cost him the election in the debates with Jimmy Carter.

Long before David Frost coaxed Richard Nixon out of monastic seclusion in San Clemente, former occupants of the Oval Office and the big house on Pennsylvania Avenue have been sought after assiduously by the media for their words of wisdom or regret. Teddy Roosevelt laid down his elephant gun long enough to contribute occasional pieces to the Kansas City Star.

Benjamin Harrison and William Howard Taft, upon leaving the White House, became magazine writers, mostly on legal and constitutional questions. Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant, after a disastrous fling in the banking business that left him almost penniless, began churning out magazine articles about his war experiences, which led to the highly successful publication of his memoirs by Mark Twain, a \$500,000 best seller.

Coolidge, a president of spectacularly few words, was besieged with publishing offers from the moment he issued the words "I do not choose to run for president in 1928."

Club schedules square dance

The Sash-A-Way Square Dance Club will hold a dance at 8 p.m. Saturday in the M-Square Arena, on Warren Road near Midkiff Drive.

All area square dancers and anyone else interested is invited. The square dance caller is Sleepy Browning of Jayton.

He actually never uttered those famous words. He handed them out on a slip of paper to reporters summoned to his summer White House office at a high school in Rapid City, S.D. during his 1927 vacation in the Black Hills.

It was here that the idea was germinated for Coolidge's bizarre use of the fewest possible words for a gargantuan effect. A sculptor named Gutzon Borglum was hanging from a bo'sun's chair on Mount Rushmore, and Silent Cal drove over one day to have a look.

He said nothing, as befitted a president who at a White House dinner was told by the lady at his side she had made a bet that she could get more than two words out of him. "You lose," Coolidge said. But that afternoon drive in the Black Hills came back one day to haunt him.

Out of office, Vermont's Great Stone Face, as the tabloids called him, curtly turned down all interviews and speeches. He said he "wished to avoid being an officious intermeddler; I should like to be known as a former president who minds his own business."

Quietly, in his own hand, he set about writing his memoirs. Terse and to the point, he finished them in under four months and under 25,000 words, which Cosmopolitan magazine paid \$110,000 to serialize.

"He'd rather write than be president" commented one of the

Tires bounce into house

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — Donald Weaver and his wife were enjoying a quiet New Year's Day at home when two tires bounced into their house.

One tire made a 3-foot hole in the porch roof; the other a 4-foot hole in the wall of a bedroom on the second floor. Nobody was hurt.

"It sounded like a bomb," said Weaver. "A real boomer."

Sheriff's deputies at first thought the tires may have fallen from a passing airliner, but later determined they were from a passing truck.

Deputies reported that two tires from the left rear wheels of a semi-trailer truck broke free, hit a highway curb and bounced high into the air.

The driver, Bob Hicks, continued on his way, not knowing the tires were missing, the Sheriff's Department said.



wags, but the man who said "the business of America is business" was embarrassed by the record fee.

His next public use of words was even more sparing, incredibly so, and America's highest paid writer by the word offered them for free. In

Panel still working on Rhodesian formula

By JACK FOISIE
The Los Angeles Times

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — There is growing frustration, but still a determination to succeed, by the black and white negotiators trying to hammer out a formula for turning Rhodesia into a black state — Zimbabwe — with "constitutional safeguards" for whites.

This is indicated by a reading of unofficial transcripts of most of the 11 negotiating sessions held thus far. The meetings are closed to reporters but truncated transcripts were obtained from reliable sources.

The transcripts disclose the four-sided talks that began in early December were conducted at the start in an atmosphere of excessive courtesy. Some concessions were made almost at once by both sides. Prime Minister Ian Smith, who had already announced a willingness to accede to universal suffrage for blacks wanted the voting age to begin at 21. The black leaders insisted it begin at age 18. Smith gave in.

In return, the blacks acknowledged that they wanted whites to remain in Rhodesia and so were willing to accede to constitutional guarantees for the white minority after the black majority came to power.

But since the fourth sessions there has been little progress toward broad agreement on how much political power the whites should retain. Bickering has increased, not only between the three black leaders and the prime minister but among the blacks themselves.

One session ended with an acrimonious exchange between Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole. While both are Methodist churchmen they are

political rivals. The other black leader, Chief Jeremiah Chirau, opened another session with the discomfiting note that the talks had never been started with a prayer. He wanted either Bishop Muzorewa or Rev. Sithole to do the honor, but neither man was willing. The bishop attends the negotiations in his clerical garb. Smith also declined, saying that any word of the Lord he might choose would appear to have political significance. So the meetings have continued to be prayerless.

On two occasions the bishop strayed from the main topic of discussion to ask for more gasoline ration stamps because of all the travel involved to attend the meetings.

Taller than a seven story building, the Coolidge concise history would be read like a giant's eye chart from a mile away.

The taciturn Tacitus immediately set pen to paper so his elephantine prose could be carved in place by the next July 4 (1931), when the heads of Washington and Jefferson were due to be unveiled. The first installment, released to the press by Borglum, evoked laughter and disbelief. It was riddled, but not yet chiseled, with historical errors. Silent Cal was more than speechless with anger.

Sculptor Borglum, it turned out, had taken it upon himself to revise and edit the ex-presidential copy, or what the networks now call "running it through the writers." In a wordless fury, Coolidge withdrew from the enterprise, which Borglum subsequently abandoned altogether.

Alas, the world and 5,000 centuries of readers were denied both the biggest and the smallest history of the United States ever dreamed up, which shows what happens when editors and producers get to messing around with a retired president.

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Hong Kong leads in supplying fish

The Washington Post

HONG KONG — "Breeding tropical fish requires patience," said Hung Yee Chung, who has ministered to the many varieties for 20 years. "One must understand the temperament of the different types of fish. When they become ill, one must apply medication, and when they are ready to lay eggs, one must separate them from the others."
Hung's fish farm sits on a roadside in the New Territories of Hong Kong, now the leading world supplier of the colorful creatures that are rapidly populating America's growing number of fish tanks. Trees surround the farm. As I walked through the gate, I saw four small children poking their fingers into the shallow fish ponds. The tensions of a two-hour hectic drive from Hong Kong's urban center dissipated among the trees, the laughter of the children and ponds full of goldfish. Those apparently are among the secrets of the business.

"Keeping a tank of tropical fish at home can soften one's temper," Hung said.

Last year, Hong Kong exported \$3 million in tropical fish to the United States, almost a tenfold increase compared to 10 years ago, when Hong Kong exports to the United States totaled only \$320,000.

Hung led me from his bare office to the indoor breeding room, near his family's kitchen and an open storage area where packaging boxes and tanks of oxygen are kept.

Inside the room are rows of water tanks. Some tanks are filled with baby fish; others with mother fish ready to lay eggs. One sad-looking goldfish moped in a separate tank. He was sick, I was told, and undergoing hospitalization.

The long-finned Angel fish in black and white stripes and the various types of tetra are particularly popular with American importers. Almost 10 years ago, merchants here began breeding their own fish by

importing parent fish from Brazil and Southeast Asia. At present, almost all the imported fish — close to 100 different types — are bred in Hong Kong.

The temperate weather here has helped the industry. Also, Hong Kong has a year-round supply of tiny, tasty worms the fish love. Tropical fish grow to about 7 months old before they start reproducing. Some fish produce their young alive; others lay eggs on rocks or on weeds. Some betray a maternal instinct by secreting saliva around their eggs to protect them against predators. After 24 hours, baby fish will hatch out from their dark eel.

"The popularity of tropical fish is increasing," said exporter David Lam. "A tank of tropical fish not only adds delights in the homes, it also helps to break the monotony of watching television...it can help stimulate children's interest, motivate them to read books on fish."

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Thailand leader keeps honeymoon going

By GEORGE McARTHUR
The Los Angeles Times

BANGKOK, Thailand — The people of Thailand are having what appears to be a honeymoon with their leader, Gen. Kriangsak Chamanan.

Kriangsak has to contend with a committee of 22 other generals and admirals, as well as Thailand's deep-seated aversion to stern government, but there is no doubt that he is the strong man as well as the prime minister.

For the moment the Thais seem to like it that way. The avuncular, pipe-smoking, 61-year-old general is building a popular following.

How he runs things was demonstrated recently when his appointment as prime minister was officially confirmed. Returning to his suburban home that evening, he found a dozen reporters waiting at his door.

"Come in and have dinner," he told them.

Then he put on a sportshirt, went into the kitchen and whipped up a meal of rice, noodles, beef, vegetables and hot peppers.

A few nights later he met at a downtown restaurant with the leaders of Thailand's trade union movement, men viewed largely as troublemakers or worse by Kriangsak's predecessor.

After a little beer and a peacemaking speech, the labor leaders hoisted Kriangsak to their shoulders and paraded him around the room.

That kind of thing would have been unthinkable under Thanin Kraivichien, the civilian prime minister the generals installed a year ago. A former Supreme Court judge known mainly for his fanatic anti-Communism, Thanin turned out to be more military than the military. He took to wearing a uniform and insisted that all other civil servants do likewise. The practice is being discontinued.

Since Kriangsak emerged as the leader of the coup that ousted Thanin on Oct. 20, he has been doing everything to make people forget that it was the military that installed Thanin.

Kriangsak has toured some of Bangkok's grubbier slums, looked into the overcrowded living quarters provided the poorly paid police, inspected garbage dumps and sewage plants, visited farmers and had

himself photographed in civilian clothes, chatting with the Soviet and Chinese ambassadors, as well as U.S. Ambassador Charles Whitehouse.

In the three weeks he ruled by decree, before the adoption of the interim constitution that confirmed him as prime minister, he provided substance to go with the style.

The most welcome act was the announcement that elections would be held within a year. Many thought that might be too soon and newspapers welcomed Kriangsak's later statement that elections might not be possible until early in 1979.

The lifting of censorship was greeted with skepticism, but Kriangsak has kept his word. The press still does not dare to rake up old scandals, many of them involving prominent and powerful military figures, but they are discussing current problems with vigor.

Somewhat surprisingly, none is advocating a return to the free-for-all sort of democracy that prevailed for three years before the military returned to power in October, 1976. Even Thailand's best known liberal figure, Kukrit Pramoj, who was prime minister for a year during that period, admits it was a disaster. He welcomed Kriangsak's assumption of power and promised in his newspaper column to be a constructive critic.

One of Thailand's most waspish columnists during the democratic period wrote recently, "All of us probably realize we just had too much fun last time."

In this atmosphere, the decrees coming from Kriangsak's office were welcomed with hardly a hint of criticism. A new measure imposing a capital gains tax and a levy on interest earned by large savings accounts attracted only passing comment, almost all of it favorable. A month ago that kind of measure would have enraged conservatives.

Kriangsak tightened the rules governing Bangkok's stock exchange, granted tax concessions to encourage more companies to go public and ordered a speedup on several long-stalled development contracts.

He eased the trial procedures for 18 students being tried for subversion. The students are on trial for their part in the demonstrations that led to the military takeover in 1976.

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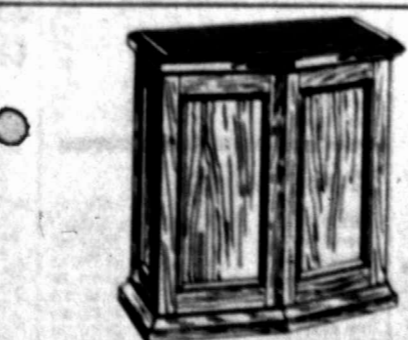
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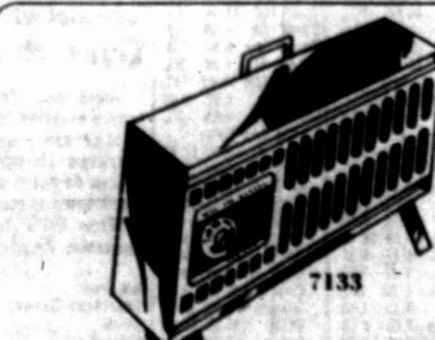
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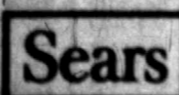
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