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What's In A Date

There is no compelling reason why we observe January 1 as the beginning of a new year.

The ancients, in their closeness to and dependence upon the cycles of nature, were actually more sensible about this calendar business than we by marking each new year with the coming of spring and the return of life to the land, or associating it with some other important seasonal event, such as the flooding of the Nile.

It is only in relatively modern times that we have arbitrarily selected January 1 as New Year's Day. The Julian calendar, which began its year on March 25, was, in fact, used by Great Britain and its American colonies until the middle of the 18th century.

We could argue that January 1 is a logical choice because it comes shortly after the winter solstice, that point in the earth's orbit when the days slowly start growing longer in the Northern Hemisphere.

However, this is purely happenstance, and anyway, for those in the Southern Hemisphere it means just the opposite, that the nights are growing longer and that summer is ending - no particular cause for celebration.

But New Year's Day also falls hard upon Christmas Day. Perhaps here is a clue to the reasoning behind our calendar, if reasons we need.

With Christmas comes the memories of Christmas past, that warm feeling of good will toward our fellows that always manifests itself at this season and infects even the Scrooges among us, as well as a sort of summing up in our minds of what we have done, or failed to do, for ourselves and for others during the previous year.

Some of that sentiment, that good will, that resolve to do better in the coming year carries over for at least a week. All the bills, of course, carry over.

Perhaps then it is highly appropriate that our New Year's Day, which in all cultures has been a time to straighten out old debts and make plans and resolutions for the future, should fall during one period in the year when we are most receptive to thoughts of a new beginning.

Let the astronomers keep track of solstices and equinoxes and solar revolutions. New Year's Day, like Christmas, is something that happens in the heart. And in every heart this day is the same wish:

May it be a Happy New Year.

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 1, the first day of 1975. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation. It read, in part, "I, Abraham Lincoln...do proclaim that on the First day of January, 1863 all persons held as slaves...shall then be, henceforth and forever, free."

On this date:

In 1622, the Papacy adopted January First as the beginning of the new year instead of March 25th.

In 1651, the Scots crowned Charles Second at Scone.

In 1735, The American patriot, Paul Revere, was born.

In 1804, Haiti became independent.

In 1942, the joint declaration of the United Nations was signed in Washington.

In 1945, France became a member of the United Nations.

Ten years ago: Soviet Premier Kosygin said Russia would carry out an active policy of peace and relaxation of tensions in 1965.

Five years ago: The arms industry was criticized by Pope Paul, who asserted that the big powers sell to nations that lack necessities.

One year ago: Premier Golda Meir's ruling labor alignment lost 13 per cent of its support in parliamentary elections in Israel but remained the only party capable of forming a coalition government.

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The Weather

North Central Texas and Northeast Texas: Decreasing cloudiness and cool Thursday. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday. Mostly cloudy with seasonably mild temperatures Saturday. Chance of rain extreme east Texas Saturday. Highest temperatures mid 40s northwest to lower 40s southeast.

South Central Texas and Southeast Texas: Partly cloudy and cool Thursday becoming a little warmer Friday and Saturday. Chance of showers Southeast Texas about Saturday.

High 48 to 60 Thursday rising to 55 to 65 Friday and Saturday. Lows 35 to 45 Thursday warming to 40 to 55 Friday and Saturday.

Northwest Texas and Southwest Texas: Partly cloudy Thursday through Saturday. Colder Thursday. Slowly warming Friday through Saturday. Lows Wednesday night mid teens mountains near 20 north to near 40 south. Highest Thursday through Saturday upper 30s mountains near 40 north to mid 50s south. Lows Thursday night and Friday night near 20 mountains lower 20s north to upper 30s south.

Who Who Drive Is Not Funny

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — It wasn't street or traffic conditions that caused the recent stir over an Eddy County residential road just north of Carlsbad.

It was the name.

Some of those who live on or near it complained that Who Who Drive isn't a proper name for a street.

H. W. Gilbert, who lives on Who Who Drive, is plenty sore about the name.

"It's not funny. It's devalued my property," Gilbert, 61, told the Eddy County Commission in a bid to get the name changed. "Two guys got together and just rammed this down our throats," Gilbert said in a telephone interview. "The first I knew about it was when they put up the sign. Nobody was consulted in picking the name. A real estate agent couldn't show my property without laughing."

His feelings were echoed in a letter to the Carlsbad Current-Argus by Carole Walterscheid, 13, who lives on nearby Sandy Lane. "Who Who Drive is a silly name and ought to be changed," wrote Miss Walterscheid.

Attorney Mike Mc Cormick, who represented Gilbert at the commission meeting, said he found it "hard to be serious since the name of the street does not lend itself to seriousness.

"In fact, the name Who Who Drive doesn't lend itself to anything," McCormick told the commission.

The man who picked the name Who Who Drive said he did it because he once saw a street by that name in Texas and got a chuckle out of it.

Besides, "If you were to canvass people of Deepp Drive you would find that three-quarters of them don't like that name either. A lot of people don't even like the name their parents gave them," he told the commission.

"In this day and time it doesn't hurt anyone to slow down and smile a little," he added.

Commissioners apparently bought the argument. They declined to offer a motion to change the name of the street.

Gilbert's wife, Katharine, has a partial solution to the situation. "I don't use the name of the street," she said. "I just use my post office box number."

New Type Sugar Gets Attention

NEW YORK (AP) — In response to the spiraling price of cane sugar, several U.S. food manufacturers are turning to a less expensive sugar, which is produced from the starch content of corn and other vegetables by a three-step enzyme process.

The new enzyme-produced sugar occurs naturally in many fruits and honey and is identical in taste and quality to cane sugar, making it ideal for processors of such foods as baked goods, candy, soft drinks and ice cream.

Inflation Kept Tight Grip On '74 Economy

By ROBERT HOLDEN
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Inflation held a tight grip on the nation's battered conomy in 1974 after the energy crisis inherited from the previous year finally ran out of gas.

But as prices of nearly every commodity went up, business went down, plunging the country into recession late in the year.

It was a year of immense profits for some corporations, including oil and sugar companies, but little or no profits for others, such as contruction and automobile firms.

The rise and fall of interest rates and the Dow Jones average grabbed newspaper headlines as Americans looked more closely t all segments of our economy to determine what as wrong.

Here are some highlights of the nusiness year:

JANUARY

3: The Federal Reserve Board reduced from 65 per cent to 50 per cent the required "margin" or cash payment for purchasing or carrying stocks on credit.

The margin has not been as low since early November 1963.

21: DuPont Walston Inc., the nation's second largest brokerage house, announced plans to go out of the securities business because of substantial losses.

7: Negotiators for independent truck operators called for an end to the eight-day nationwide strike after reaching an agreement with government negotiators.

19: Federal Energy Administrator William E. Simon ordered emergency allocation of 84 million gallons of gasoline to 20 states hardest hit by the energy shortage.

MARCH

14: The resignation of Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, effective in early May, was announced. Shultz was the last remaining member of President Nixon's first term cabinet of 1969.

18: Most of the Arab oil countries, meeting in Vienna, ended the oil embargo against shipments to the United States, imposed during the Middle East war of October 1973.

APRIL

8: President Nixon signed a bill to increase the minimum wage for American workers by stages from the present $1.60 an hour to $2.30 an hour by Jan. 1, 1976.

18: President Nixon named William E. Simon as the new Treasury secretary and picked Simon's deputy in the Federal Energy Office, John C. Sawhill, to succeed Simon as Federal Energy Administrator.

22: Consolidated Edison Co. of New York suspended payment of its quarterly dividend on common stock for the first time in its history as the giant utility's financial troubles mounted.

30: Federal wage and price controls expired at midnight and the following day, May 1, prices were increased on a number of basic products.

MAY

10: President Nixon announced an emergency program that would provide up to $10.3 billion of additional mortgage money to help stimulate the private housing market.

12: Franklin National Bank of New York said it had sustained losses up to $39 million in its foreign currency trading due to an employe "operating beyond his authority without the bank's knowledge."

16: Jamaica tripled the taxes and royalties it takes from foreign aluminum companies for mining bauxite, a prime source for aluminum.

JUNE

3: The directors of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., and Textron, Inc., a Providence, R.I., conglomerate, tentatively approved a top-level management switch at Lockheed as part of a sweeping financial overhaul of the aerospace manufacturer.

10: The Arabian American Oil Co. and Saudi Arabia reached an agreement whereby the Saudis took 60 per cent majority ownership of the company retroactive to Jan. 1.

26: The Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed it was investigating the Home-Stake Production Co. of Tulsa, Okla, a bankrupt oil-drilling tax shelter that attracted big businessmen and movie stars.

JULY

3: A number of large commercial banks raised their prime lending rates to big business borrowers to a record 12 per cent following a surge in demand for credit and soaring costs banks must pay for money.

24: Citicorp., parent of First National Co. of New York, realized a quick sellout of its pioneering issue of floating-rate notes.

AUGUST

2: The Treasury Department put a record 9 per cent interest rate on $4 billion worth of short-term notes to sell investors the following week. The rate was the highest ever for Treasury securities with maturities of more than one year.

14: President Ford signed a bill enabling Americans to buy and sell gold on Dec. 31 after a ban of nearly 41 years.

SEPTEMBER

4: Twenty-one economists held the first of 12 gatherings by leaders representing all segments of the economy in preparation for President Ford's summit conference on inflation at the end of the month.

18: The Ford administration rejected Pan American World Airways' request for a $10.2 million a month subsidy to help recover financial losses. But the administration did propose a series of "Fly-American" steps to aid the distressed international carrier.

OCTOBER

1: The New York Stock Exchange's trading hours ended at 4 p.m. EST, extended from 3:30 p.m., in an effort to boost trading volume and revenues.

8: Franklin National Bank of New York was declared insolvent and its assets were sold to the European-American Bank and Trust Co. It was the largest bank failure in the nation's history.

16: Pan American World Airways and Trans World Airlines agreed to a five-year swap of several overseas routes, effective Feb. 1, 1975. The agree-

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Corporate Profits Of '74 Deceptively Strong

NEW YORK (AP) — Corporate profits were deceptively strong in 1974.

Profits of American business rose to an annually-adjusted, after-tax figure of $87.1 billion in the first nine months, up 20 per cent from the like period of a year ago.

In dollar terms this was a record, and profits by oil, metal, paper, chemical and sugar companies exceeded the average gains by wide margins.

Still, many businessmen and economists agreed that to some extent these earnings were bloated by the effect of inflation on inventories.

"Despite its appearance, American business is no more profitable now than it was 12 to 15 years ago, if as profitable," contends William Madden, chief economist for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Because of the difficulty in estimating the effect of these special factors on earnings, however, as well as the uncertainty prompted by the recession on fourth quarter earnings, economists say it's hard to really pinpoint over-all profitability in 1974.

"Exclusive of inventory profits, earnings this year will be virtually unchanged from last," says Richard Scruggs, economist for Standard and Poor's Corp., the business research firm.

"It's been one of the very best years, even if you exclude inventory profits," says Robert Lewis, vice president of New York's First National City Bank and author of its quarterly profits report.

Certainly for some companies the year brought exceptional results.

Iron, steel and nonferrous metal companies saw their profits rise 97 per cent in the first nine months of 1974 over 1973, according to the Citibank survey. Worldwide demand for nearly all metals gave the firms their biggest boom in years.

Sharply higher crude oil prices, inventory profits, and better prices for chemicals and natural gas pushed the average earnings of some 48 petroleum companies up 67 per cent in the first three quarters over 1973, the bank's survey noted.

Sugar producers, benefitting from short supplies and continuing demand, saw profits skyrocket from nearly-bankrupt levels as sugar prices rose from about 10 cents a pound to over 60 cents a pound on the futures markets.

Likewise market tightness and higher prices helped paper companies, at least until the start of the fourth quarter. Trimming product lines and stretching production runs, the industry managed a 52 per cent profit gain over 1973, according to the Citibank survey of 38 firms.

Not sharing in the prosperity, however, were the auto, electronics, lumber and housing industries.

The government's policy of trying to curb inflation by raising interest rates crushed the housing industry, which already had entered a period of overproduction. Lumber companies and real estate investment trusts also came down as interest rates went up.

Competition in the electronics industry, particularly the semiconductor sector, reduced earnings gains at firms from Xerox and IBM to Texas Instruments and Bowmar Instruments.

By yearend, however, it was the auto industry which was really suffering. Higher prices for gasoline and cars sent sales into a tailspin, worsened by consumer's growing caution because of the recession.

For the nine months Citibank estimated auto profits down 67 per cent from the previous 1973 period, and fourth quarter figures seemed destined to worsen the falloff.

Inflation and the public's general money-mindedness during 1974 led to debate and analysis of all corporate profits.

China Gropes For Internal Peace

HONG KONG—(LENS)—Chairman Mao has formally ordered his revolutionary genie back into the bottle.

Posters are quoting a new instruction from the Chinese leader, the first such public directive for over a year: "The cultural revolution has been going on for eight years. Now it would be good for things to settle down. The entire party and army should unite."

In fact, the cultural revolution has been over, in all but name, for five years, and similar calls for unity and stability have been coming out of Peking for at least six months. The latest issue of Red Flag stresses the importance of consolidation and and problems that the party, the army and government organisations have all passed the test of the latest mass-criticism drive known as the anti-Confucius campaign and are now "good".

Yet the very fact that such things need to be said - and that the chairman had to be summoned out of a long silence on the eve of his 81st birthday to add his voice to the rest - confirms that China today is a good deal more unsettled than it seems.

The most serious recent signs of disruption have been on the railways. Last month, in at least nine provinces, the army had to be called in to speed up the loading and unloading of freight in railway depots. The Chinese have not revealed why the bottlenecks occurred but provincial broadcasts have implied that the railways were suffering from the same kind of factional disputes that have plagued industry since the anti-Confucius campaign heated up in January.

The fullest and frankest description of the impact of the Confucian campaign on the Chinese economy appeared in a secret document put out by the Chinese central committee in July and puclished by Taiwan last month.

According to this, factional fighting, labor problems and an abdication of responsibility by managers had caused a sharp decline in production, particularly in a number of major iron and steel plants, machine-tool factories and an armaments plant.

The document does not cite time lost in political meetings but this must also have been an important factor in declining production.

The evidence of "major weaknesses" in the economy assembled in the document plainly alarmed China's leaders.

Its distribution through secret party channels coincided with the sudden removal of the provocation posters that had gone up all over the country, and a new emphasis on unity and production.

There were undoubtedly some purely economic grievances behind this year's industrial troubles as, indeed there were in 1967 when the cultural revolution set off demands for higher wages and fringe benefits. But the spark this time, as before, was clearly political; the disputes which brought factories to a halt seem to have been largely a grassroots reflectionnof the continuing battle of the titans.

Only last month, under the familiar subterfuge of history, Red Flag revealed a bitter argument over the central question of how to deal with the Russians.

The article lambasted "appeasers" and "capitulationists" who might be willing to cede territory to northern barbarians. It may have been the voice of a temporarily defeated faction, for it appeared only a few days before the Chinese sent what sounded like a conciliatory anniversary message to the Russians.

But not only did Brezhnev block any proposed negotiations with his frosty reply: last week it was reported that Chinese and Russian troops actually clashed five times last month along the border separating Russia's satelitte important Lanchow military region.

The pseudonymous author of the Red Flag piece, who is thought to be a hardline Maoist, or even Mao himself, did not drop and definitive clues about the identity of the softliners. But they are likely to include army officers who have long been unhappy about China's military inferiority to the Russians and see no alternative to negotiations.

Red Flag recently alluded to problems of indiscipline within the army which included disobeying or ignoring orders from Peking. So one of the compelling reasons for Mao's latest instruction may have been to defuse this potentially dangerous conflict by calling a truce with the army.

But all cannot be well in the army until the top jobs which have been vacant since Lin-Piao's death in 1971 are filled; there is no minister of defense and no chief of staff, although a former acting chief of staff Yang Cheng-wu, who was rehabilited only last summer, is said to be in line for his old job again. The formal appointment of a minister of defense is one of the tasks of a National People's Congress.

In ordinary times the lack of a formal government framework which the congress is meant to provide might not matter all that much. But with Mao and Chou En-lai both weakening, the convening of a congress is urgent. Which is another reason why Mao has at last had to plead for peace.

(The Economist of London

This "government man" looks like a ringer

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I met a very attractive man at a club and we started dating. When he refused to tell me his last name, I assumed that he was married, but he assures me that he isn't.

Here is his story:

1. He works for the government.
2. He travels a lot.
3. His job is to meet people and get information.
4. When I asked for some identification, he said he didn't carry any; besides, it wouldn't be correct anyway.
5. He is obligated to this job for at least two more years and cannot get married during this time.
6. He is licensed to carry a gun, but does not.
7. He doesn't have an "address," but he does have an answering service.

Abby, if this unbelievable story proves to be true, I would like to continue dating him as he is good company, pleasant and well-mannered. However, if he is lying, I will end the relationship immediately.

How can I find out if he is really employed by the government? And if so, with which agency?

This situation has me stumped. Any information you can give me will be very much appreciated.

NEEDS TO KNOW

DEAR NEEDS: The F.B.I. and C.I.A. both advise me that all bona fide agents have names which they use in their work. (Some have several. But each agent has credentials in the name he is using.) Since this man refuses to tell you what name he is using, you can consider him a phony. Both departments said that quite a few men tell girls this story to keep from getting involved; however, if they actually impersonate a government agent, they can be prosecuted.

DEAR ABBY: This is to encourage Flat in N.J., and all the other flat-chested women who read your column.

At 28 years of age, I finally got the courage to have silicone implants performed by a reliable plastic surgeon. Even though I had been married for many years and had children, I always felt inferior and self-conscious due to my flat chest.

The results were thrilling. I wish I had had it done ten years sooner.

FLAT NO MORE

DEAR FLAT: You have more bosom buddies than you know.

DEAR ABBY: I am a schoolteacher who is very tired of being put down. Recently someone called me (and my fellow schoolteachers) a glorified babysitter.

I sat down and calculated exactly what I would earn if I were actually a babysitter.

I have 42 students. If I were to charge 50 cents an hour (which is the very least any babysitter would charge), I would make $21 an hour.

Allowing one hour off for lunch (although teachers seldom get an hour off because they are required to have lunch-supervising duty during their lunch period) I would get $21 times five hours, or $105 a day, times five, or $525 a week. Or on a four-week, 10-month basis, $21,000 per year!

Babysitters' fees look awfully good to me.

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Anson Service For Mrs. Green

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at Anson for Mrs. Carrol Green, who died Monday at her home there.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Jackie and Donna Green, both of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kaiser of Sylvester.

She was the sister-in-law of Stanley Green of Snyder.

Inflation Cuts Tourist Flow

LONDON (AP) — World-wide inflation caused about a 25 per cent drop in European tourism this past summer. Some resort staffs were cut 50 per cent; some resorts shut down completely.

Some of the trouble was blamed on the huge hike in airplane jet fuel costs, averaging about $50 or more per person with future hikes in the offing.

Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, was an Episcopal Church member, who later became a deist, said he was a "disciple of the doctrines of Jesus" and commended Unitarianism.

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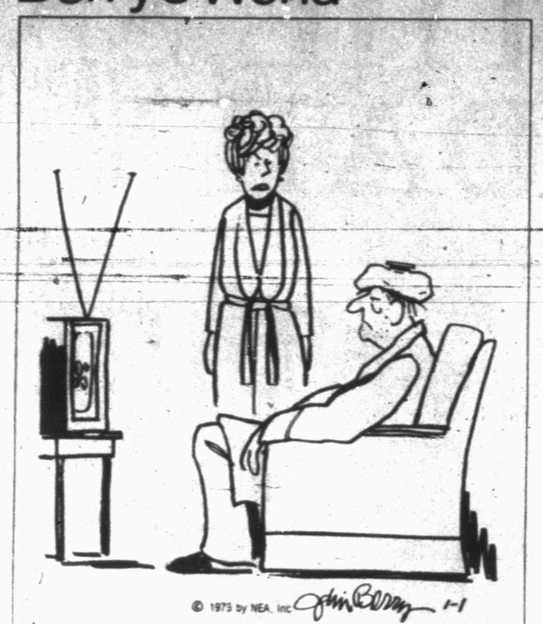

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"You SAY you're punishing yourself by watching all of these football games, but how do I KNOW that?"

Inflation

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ment, subject to Civil Aeronautics Board approval, would eliminate international flight competition between the country's two largest overseas carriers.

NOVEMBER

12: A three-week-long nationwide coal miners strike began as contract talks broke down between the United Mine Workers Union and coal-industry representatives.

18: The price of gold hit a record high of $190.50 an ounce on the London money market.

20: The Justice Department announced an antitrust action against American Telephone & Telegraph Co. that was aimed primarily at divestiture of AT&T's manufacturing subsidiary, Western Electric Co.

25: The Federal Council of Wage and Price Stability began a two-day hearing into the quadrupling of the price of sugar in 1974 to determine if the sugar companies were making excessive profits. The major sugar processors had reported huge earnings increases in 1974.

Rate Increase Plea Denied

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission has turned down a request by Southern Union Gas Co. for an interim natural gas rate increase to be effective while the commission considers a permanent increase.

Frank Youngblood, director of the gas utilities division, said the commission had voted on the interim request although a formal order will not be issued until later in the week.

Last October Southern Union sought a permanent rate increase of 13.73 per cent for Austin consumers. The City Council delayed action on it until it could be studied by private consultants, then the company turned to the commission.

Youngblood said action on the permanent gas rate increase is not expected until mid-1975. He said the interim rate request was denied because the commission wants to study thoroughly all testimony and exhibits in connection with the case before granting any increases.

King Gets Raise

MASERU, Lesotho (AP) — King Moshoeshoe II's annual government grant has been increased by $6,220 to $38,610 by the National Assembly.

Two Structures To Be Connected

DALLAS (AP) — A $2.5 million building connecting two existing structures of the First Baptist Church, largest in the Southern Baptist denomination, will be constructed in downtown Dallas next spring.

The announcement was made Monday by the Rev. W.A. Criswell, pastor of the 18,000-member church.

The structure will include a part of Patterson Street which the church obtained in an earlier exchange of land with the city of Dallas. The section of street will be turned into a mall.

The building will house the music ministry, the children's division and a recreation facility.

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What Science Offers For Hangovers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — What does a Nobel Prize-winning scientist do when he wakes up the morning after with a hangover?

Olive oil and Vitamin C were among the folk remedies proposed for New Year's drinkers by several of the famed scientists in a poll Monday.

"I never did find a cure," said Glenn Seaborg, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Berkeley chemistry professor and winner of a Nobel Prize in 1951 for helping create heavy elements beyond uranium. "But I hear taking a little olive oil before hand helps. And afterward, just lie down until it goes away."

Linus Pauling of Stanford University — winner of a Nobel Prize in 1954 for his work with chemical bonds and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962 — suggested Vitamin C.

"Take about six grams as a preventative before drinking," said Pauling, adding that more Vitamin C should be taken if a hangover arrives anyway.

And Pauling added this final suggestion:

"Put your drinking arm in a sling the night before and leave it there."

The City of Refuge, a national historical park in Hawaii, was until 1819 a sanctuary for Hawaiians vanquished in battle and those guilty of crimes or breaking taboos.

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol

Thursday — Jan. 2, 1975

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This will be a very busy day for you with dozens of small chores that need attending to. Don't overtax yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something that you're involved in socially is very complicated. Be tactful or you may hurt feelings and tears could result.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You handle matters that directly affect your family very well today. In some other situations, you're not nearly so adroit and competent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll waste a lot of your time and that of others' asking advice which you won't follow. Proceed with your own ideas as you intended to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Be cautious in your commercial dealings today. There could be a sharp hook beneath the bait someone uses to promote his wares.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) You'll be angered by one whose path crosses yours, but don't give vent to your emotions. Think things through and you'll appreciate its trivality.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23) Today you can depend on persons with whom you have strong emotional ties while individuals you know only socially won't prove so reliable.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) You'd be wise not to lend your possessions to one you haven't known too long.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) You won't accomplish as much as you're capable of today because you'll divert your attention from major goals to side issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) Conditions are ripe to bring a problem into the open. There it can be dealt with instead of pretending it's non-existent.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19) For a very curious reason, one you know is attempting to shield you from something another wants to share with you. Their maneuvers won't work.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) You're going to take a position on an issue that will be popular with your friends but not to your best advantage.

your birthday

Your Birthday — Jan. 2, 1975 You will be fortunate this year in a partnership you'll enter into with one who is older and extremely reliable. This person will add new depth and balance to your life.

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Recycling In India Pays Off

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A total of $100,000 was raised by recycling between 6,000 and 7,000 empty CARE cooking oil tins and flour bags, at 5 and 10 cents respectively. The money is being used to help support CARE food and nutrition education projects in India, where the agency feeds almost 11 million people daily.

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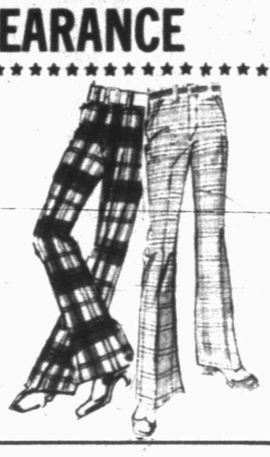

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Women Break Barriers In 1974

By SANDRA GITTENS

In areas from Little League baseball to coal mining, women in 1974 consolidated their previous gains and broke new barriers.

They ran for office, pushed for the Equal Rights Amendment, were heard in court, saw their doctors, fought for equal pay, sought professional training, refuted myths, confronted the church, joined the Army, became presidents of companies — and countries — won championships and much, much more.

GOVERNMENT

More women ran for elective office this year than ever before. Ella T. Grasso, a Democrat, was elected in Connecticut, the first woman governor to be chosen in her own right, and Democrat Mary Ann Krupsak was elected lieutenant governor of New York. Janet Gray Hays, a Democrat, took the mayor's seat in San Jose, Calif., a city of more than 500,000, while Susie Sharp, an associate justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, was elected chief justice, the first woman to hold that office in any state. Alabama elected its first woman Supreme Court justice, Janie Shores of Birmingham.

Democrat March Fong was elected secretary of state in California, becoming the first Oriental woman to hold that office in that state. And Ada Evans became the first elected black mayor in Colorado's history, winning the post in Fairplay, Colo., population 500.

Five new congresswomen were elected and thus the 94th Congress will have 17 women, a gain of one because four women retired. But three major party women senatorial candidates were defeated, leaving the Senate an all-male bastion.

Mary Louise Smith of Iowa became the first woman Republican National Committee Chairman; Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D., N.Y., and Rep. Barbara Jordan, D., Tex., sat on the House Judiciary Committee's proceedings on impeachment of the President; and Francine I. Neff, was named as the United States Treasurer.

The League of Women Voters agreed to end its policy of barring full membership to men, becoming one of the first exclusionary clubs in the nation to open its membership to the opposite sex. And President Ford signed a proclamation making Aug. 26 (the anniversary of women's suffrage) Women's Equality Day.

Women made headlines in other countries. Isabel Peron became president of Argentina, upon the death of her husband. Francoise Giroud became the French Secretary of State for the Condition of Women, a position created to integrate French women into modern society.

In Israel, former Premier Golda Meir resigned, yet is remembered by historians who are already terming her years in service to her country as "Eidan Golda" — the Golda age.

ERA

Supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment, which would prohibit discrimination based on sex, said the chances that five more states will ratify it were brightened by results of the November state legislative elections.

The Constitution requires approval by 38 states, and 33 have approved the proposed addition to the U.S. Constitution so far.

COURT RULINGS

In the legal field, the Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that exclusion of maternity-related disabilities from coverage under the California insurance program does not discriminate against women because of the "uniqueness of pregnancy." The Supreme Court also upheld a ruling that men and women doing equal work must be paid equal wages, even if the men claimed special privileges predating the Equal Pay Act of 1964. And Congress passed legislation to outlaw credit discrimination based on sex or marital status.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare issued proposed regulations for implementing a 1972 law ordering an end to sex discrimination in education this year and received mixed reactions.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled a husband could not prevent his wife from having an abortion if she so desired. In California, Gov. Ronald Reagan signed legislation permitting the use of the prefix Ms. in voter registration. And in New Jersey, the State Superior Court ruled girls must be permitted to play Little League baseball along with the boys.

CANCER

Across the country, cancer became big news this year when First Lady Betty Ford was hospitalized for breast surgery. Clinics were flooded with women seeking breast checkups, a concern that was augmented when the wife of Nelson Rockefeller, Happy Rockefeller, underwent almost the same operation for removal of a cancerous left breast, followed by removal of the right breast five weeks later.

CHANGES

The Bank of America, the largest commercial bank in the world, announced the settlement of a class-action suit brought on behalf of its female employes. Banks, among the largest nationwide employers of women, have fewer than 1 per cent women officers at highest management levels. The settlement is expected to bring $10-million a year in additional salaries for female bank employes and to increase the over-all proportion of women officers to 40 per cent by the end of 1978, 5 per cent of them at highest levels of management.

McGraw-Hill, one of the world's largest publishing firms, said it would try to eliminate male-female stereotypes from its nonfiction publications to provide "fair, accurate and balanced treatment of both sexes." Changes will be put into effect in 1975 editions.

Members of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and women of the Screen Actors Guild held a panel discussion in New York which criticized the way current films portray women in minor, passive roles — as victims of violence or as excuses for violence, as prostitutes or as sex objects.

In a nationwide poll American women for the first time voted for equality in divorce as well as in marriage, with only one in four believing women should automatically get custody of the children; two out of three felt that if a divorced woman can earn a reasonable income, she should not get alimony. The drive for sexual equality has also become important to 75 per cent of the 3,000 women surveyed.

Studies are being made across the country to evaluate the performance of women on police patrol. Three years ago there were fewer than a dozen women on patrol in the entire country. Today there are neary 1,000.

In New Haven, Conn., male Yale University students and faculty lost a three-year fight to exclude women from Mory's, a restaurant-club, when women succeeded in having the club's liquor license revoked. Legal action was later deferred in return for the admittance of women as full members. Four women were given full membership on the club's board of governors.

EDUCATION

National statistics showed more women entered higher education programs this year. Women returning to schools came from every segment of society, spanning a general age range from 25 to 65, with many even older. In three years, the number of women enrolled in the nation's medical schools has more than doubled from 3,894 or 9.6 per cent of the total enrollment to 7,824 or 15.4 per cent. There are also more women going into law and engineering professions.

Another breakthrough came at previously all-male California Institute of Technology. Students broke another traditional stronghold by electing Elizabeth McLeod, 20, student body president. And, at Amherst College (Mass.), the board of trustees voted to make the college coeducational. All-male since 1821, the selective liberal arts college began to admit women as transfer students this year for entrance next fall.

FLUVANNA NEWS

BY MRS. STELLA JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flournoy recently visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Griffin in Hobbs, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Mathis accompanied their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Mathis and Dow, where they all visited the W.O. Mathis's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edminston and boys in Eldorado on Sunday.

Bennie Benson of Longview is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Holder spent Christmas in Andrews with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Holder and boys and in Odessa with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams and girl and his twin sons and families.

Those visiting during the day on Christmas and having dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Mathis were Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson of Grayson, Alabama; Mrs. Ruby Wallace of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hurley of San Antonio, Tom Hurley of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boren and Janet of Snyder, Mrs. J.C. Ross and Mr. Jim Ross of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Virge Wills of Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Warren, Bobby Dean Warren of Huntsville, Clara Michelwait of Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Warren, Jaywill and Candy of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fritz and boys of El Paso and Mrs. Loraine Clark of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Fambro, Billy and Faye Sullenger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Price, Sara, Belinda, and Cliff, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Hataway and Royce, all of Snyder and Donna Hataway of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Patterson and Tommy of Fluvanna all visited during the day with Mrs. Robert Warren on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Robert Jones visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cade, Kevin and Mark Cade and Connie Hyer in Rotan on Monday and Tuesday joining the following group in the Cade home for Christmas Eve supper. They were Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Seaton and children of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seaton and children of Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Seaton and boys, Mr. and Mrs. John Seaton of Rotan, Mrs. M.W. Strickland of Rotan, Becky Strickland of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Summers, Ricky, Duane, and Jason of Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Dur Stockman and Dawn ware visiting relatives in Lampasas and Austin during the Christmas holidays.

Those having dinner with Mrs. Stella Jones on Christmas day were her sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Summers, Debby and Susan of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Summers, Ricky, Duane and Jason, Kevin and Mark Cade of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman, Joyce, John and Paul visited relatives in Dallas over the weekend.

Mrs. Alpha Jean Pylant and Hoyt and Miss Nealy Squyers visited Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Pylant and son in Anton.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Jones in a pre-Christmas gathering last Sunday night were their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Walley Jones, Walley III, Kevin, Paul and Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and Debbi all of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones, Mike, Chuck, Susie and Phil of Fluvanna and Mrs. Bill Jones' parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. S.G. Kelley Ret. of Wenatchee, Washington, who have been here several days visiting.

Those having a pre-Christmas dinner together on December 22 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stansell and Teresa were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mebane of La Feria; Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Wilson and Benjamine of Bryan, Mrs. Marie Hughes and girls of San Antonio, Mrs. Gary Patter and children of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Montogomery, Glen, Denny and Jerry of Slaton, Mrs. Geo. Mosley of Jacksboro, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Holmes, Michelle and David of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. James Stansell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stansell, Gregory and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stansell of Fluvanna and Johnnie Stansell of Union.

Mike Herring, a student of Tarleton college in Stephenville, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Herring, Debbie, Cole and John during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Sandy Holder received word on the twenty-seventh of the birth of a new granddaughter born to her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carpenter in Texas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stansell, Gregory and Mark were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Bunch and children in Odessa on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Boulware had their children and grandchildren who were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boulware, Junior and Kristi of Post, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sturdivant, Allen, Tanya and Steve of Waco, Larry Boulware of Snyder and Danny of Fluvanna for a pre-Christmas dinner on the twenty-second.

Those gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurston Lemons and Buster for Christmas were Mrs. Ed Lemons of Claxton Lodge Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lemon, Dawn, Robert, Blane of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jacobs, Tammy and Boyce of Abilene.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Patterson during the Christmas holidays were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Patterson of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tompson of China Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dunn of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lewis of Modesto, Calif.

Randy and Richard Gill, students in San Angelo State University, were guests of their mother and brother, Mrs. Mary Gill and Ronald during the holidays.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ball and Zenda were Mr. and Mrs. Jake McClammy of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Doneli Kelley of Grants, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ball, Mrs. Geo. Morton and Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Ball all of Snyder and Mrs. Lonie Ball and Duke of Fluvanna and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Trott of Odessa.

WOMAN'S CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

Sparkle City Squares will have a workshop at 8:30 p.m. Sleepy Browning will be caller.

THURSDAY

Snyder's Writers Guild will meet at 7 p.m. in the West Texas State Bank Community Room. Aline Parks will present the program. Guests are welcome.

FRIDAY

Altrurian Club meets at 3 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Mrs. Nellie Smith is hostess.

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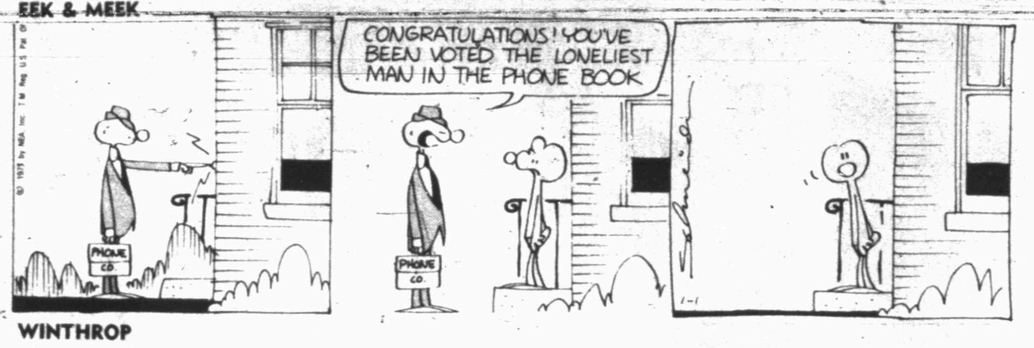

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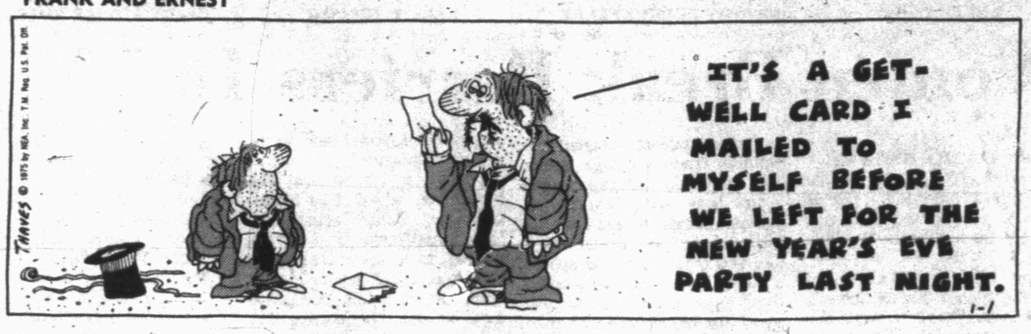

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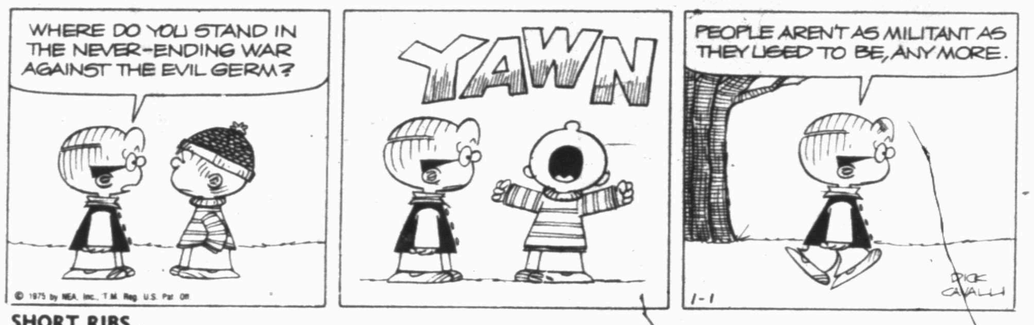

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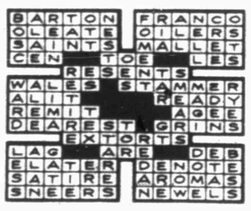

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10 Woman's name
12 Brazilian maçaws
14 Mechanical device
15 Goes back on his word (coll.)
17 Before
18 So
20 Pastureland
21 Affirmative votes
22 Expert
24 Walked
27 City in Spain
29 Show respect to
31 Printing mistakes
35 American inventor (1847-1931)
36 English mathematician
37 Drink in honor of
39 Genus of willows
40 Performed
43 Numerical suffix
45 Pronoun
46 Disappear slowly
47 Knock
50 French bacteriologist
53 British geologist
55 Gratify
56 Defense group (ab.)
57 Change
58 Blemish

DOWN

1 Cotton bundle
2 Heavy blow
3 Bee's home
4 Postal abbreviation
5 Late Italian tenor
6 Noun suffixes
7 Operated
8 Choler
9 Bird of prey
11 Ostentatious
13 Trickle
16 Posed
19 Capital of Montana
21 ___ fideles
22 Land measure
23 English naturalist
24 Town (Cornish prefix)
25 Vivid color
26 Egg (comb form)
28 Leased
30 Crucifix
32 Lawyer (ab.)
33 Pedal digit
34 Literary collection
38 Gazer
40 Venomous snake
41 Fellow (coll.)
42 American inventor (1857-1943)
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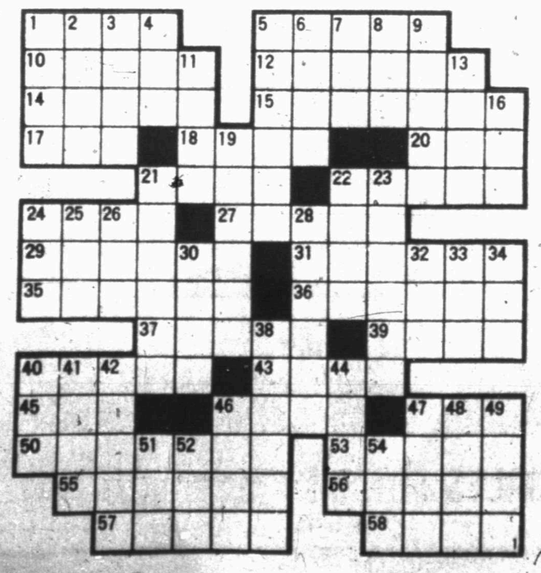

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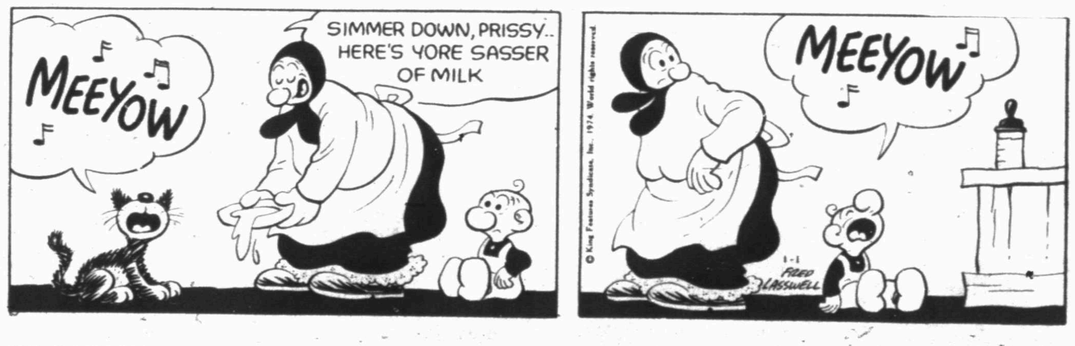

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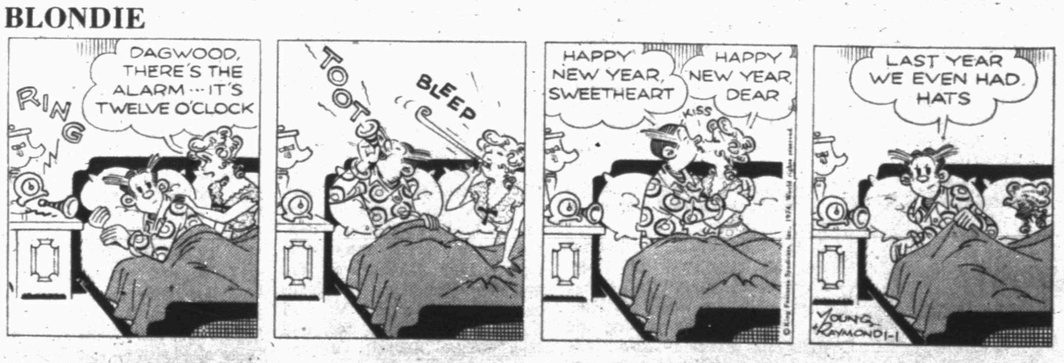

OUT OUR WAY

FLASH GORDON

74 Third Down Awards

By Murray Olderman

SAN FRANCISCO—(NEA)—A tribute to the unknown, and the unheralded, is how the inscription should read on many of the recipients of the Third Down Trophy, announced today by Newspaper Enterprise Association and this newspaper.

The Third Down Trophy, symbolizing the most important play in professional football, was inaugrated by NEA in 1961 to honor the most valuable players on each of the teams, as chosen by their peers – the players.

How else would you recognize the talents of a Billy Johnson? He was a 15th-round draft choice of the Houston Oilers this year, an obscure wide receiver from an obscure little school. And yet the Oilers selected him as their best.

Just as the New Orleans Saints did John Didion, who has been playing offensive center in professional football for half a dozen seasons (he was with Washington the first two years) with virtually no attention.

Similar respect was shown Tony Greene by the Buffalo Bills, a team which has O.J. Simpson, because the little defensive back, rated a spare corner man in preseason plans, turned out to be the hub of the deep secondary as their roaming safety.

It is true that the glamor spots of the National Football League - - quarterback and running back - - will produce a strong share of Third Down winners. The names of Joe Namath and Ken Stabler, Chuck Foreman and Otis Armstrong are among those honored.

But there was also adequate recognition for those lowest paid of all pro football players, the men in the secondary, and their cohorts in the grueling but vital job of defense.

Following are the 1974 Third Down winners:

NationalConference

Atlanta: Ray Brown, free safety. A free-wheeling defender who has been among the best in NFC in pass interceptions. In fourth year with Falcons, has also been punt return man.

Chicago: Wally Chambers, defensive tackle. A literal tower of strength, at 6-5 and 250, on a team that continues to be physical despite adversity. Star since he broke in a year ago.

Dallas: Cliff Harris, free safety. The roaming secondary veteran of the Cowboys had his finest year, picking off passes and tackling everybody in sight on an in-and-out team.

Detroit: Bill Munson, quarterback. The virtue of patience - the 11-year veteran passer sat around for most of last five seasons until he got his chance, ignited the Lions' comeback.

Green Bay: Ted Hendricks, linebacker. Change of scenery didn't affect the ex-Colt, called the Mad Stork, who's also a terror in blocking kicks, should regain all-pro status.

Los Angeles: Lawrence McCutcheon, running back. For the second straight year, since he graduated from the taxi squad, the Colorado State product has gained over 1,000 yards rushing as Rams' big weapon.

Minnesota: Chuck Foreman, running back. No sophomore jinx for this all-purpose threat who led the NFL in scoring touchdowns and darts through lines or catches passes with equal facility.

New Orleans: John Didion, center. Another kudo for perseverance -- picked up on waivers by Saints in '71 and established as their regular snapper, a key blocking role that gets little notice.

New York Giants: John Mendenhall, oefensive tackle. He looks like a mobile tank, at 6-1 and 255. and there isn't a more destructive player at the nose position used in popular odd-man alignment.

Philadelphia: Bill Bergey, linebacker. He gave the Eagles defense what it always needed since Bednarik – solid man in the middle – and also turned up among top interceptors in conference.

St. Louis: Terry Metcalf, running back. The spectacular player of '74, more than anyone responsible for the turnaround of the Cards to their first title-winning season since the '40s.

San Francisco: Jimmy Johnson, defensive back. The figurative grand-daddy of the MVP's, this 36-year-old corner back came off a couple of injury-marred seasons to regain his all-pro form.

Washington: Bill Kilmer, quarterback. There isn't a more gutsy leader in football than this beet-faced 35-year-old field general who keeps reclaiming his job because he's a winner.

American Conference

Baltimore: Mike Curtis, linebacker. He's tough and he's provocative and Coach Joe Thomas insists there isn't a better middle linebacker than this hard hitter with the sprinter's speed.

Buffalo: Tony Greene, free safety. Until he was finally decked for the season with injury, Tony was the ballhawk of the Bills' secondary, a leading interceptor, a one-time free agent.

Cincinnati: Ken Anderson, quarterback. He has the unerring arm that Paul Brown demands in all his quarterbacks, and he has the discipline to execute – on his way to a brilliant career.

Cleveland: Jerry Sherk, defensive tackle. This little heralded defender has been a regular from the time he showed up, out of Oklahoma State, in 1970, with the strength of a wrestler, which he is.

Denver: Otis Armstrong, running back. In his sophomore season, the squat speedster from Purdue showed why he was a No. 1 draft pick, by stripping from O. J. Simpson the NFL rushing title.

Houston: Billy Johnson, wide receiver. A 5-8 speedster out of little Widener (Pa.) College, he was a long shot even to make the squad, let alone win a regular job and excel as punt return man.

Kansas City: Emmitt Thomas, quarterback. He led the National Football League in pass interceptions and was finally recognized for what he has been for almost a decade – one of the great pass coverage men in football.

Miami: Bob Griese, quarterback. The one steady force on a Super Bowl team that stumbled at times, the heady field general had his best year yet as a pro.

New England: Sam Cummingham, fullback. The Pats collapsed when Sam did, with a knee operation – until then he was a cinch to go over the 1,000 mark rushing. Sam is their crutch for the future.

New York Jets: Joe Namath, quarterback. It may have been his last hurrah for the Jets, but Joe Willie, operating on those gimpy old legs, made the last half of '74 memorable with his sling shots.

Oakland: Ken Stabler, quarterback. No longer do they down-grade southpaw flingers, not since Kenny took over the loaded Raiders a year ago and gave them direction as one of the NFL powers.

Pittsburgh: Glen Edwards, safety. On a team that bursts with five defenders, this right safety is a startler as the star of them all-he was picked up by the Steelers as a free agent in '71.

San Diego: Don Woods, running back. Besides Houston's Bill Johnson, the only rookie honored - he cost the Chargers the waiver price of $100, and he has gone over the prestigious 1,000 mark in rushing.

They, the 26 designates, are the men their teammates look to on Third Down.

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IN TRAP SHOOT—These contestants entered a recent trap shoot at the Haskell Trap Club. They are, from left to right, bottom row, W.E. Wooten of Haskell and Larry Rush of Paducah; and, top row, Lonnie Blackard of Snyder, W.V. Blankenship of Guthrie, James Dodson of Childress, Rodger Blackard of Snyder and R.A. Stone of Paducah.

SURPRISE LEADERS OF THE PACK

Rick Barry Sparks Electrifying Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif.—(NEA) It shows right up there in the statistics - that Rick Barry, at the age of 30, has become the outstanding player in the National Basketball Association; and that the Golden State Warriors are the most exciting team of the young season.

Barry leads the NBA in scoring and free throws and is among the league leaders in assists and steals.

The Warriors have been the surprise runaway leaders of the western division of the NBA. And that feat transcends mere facts and figures.

In a complete shuffling of the player deck, the Warriors - operating this year under the control of a new general manager, Dick Vertlieb - traded away Nate Thurmond, one of the great centers of the league for the last decade; lost Clyde Lee, one of the finest defensive forwards and rebounders, in a strange, delayed deal arranged years ago, and watched the defection of Cazzie Russell, their second leading scorer, who had played out his option.

The only recognizable name left in their lineup was Barry, who first broke in with the Warriors 10 seasons ago and, with all his talent, has had a checkered career. When they were drubbed 105-90 in their season opener in Los Angeles, owner Franklin Mieuli was advised to head for open sea, permanently, on his junk or whatever kind of boat he has. They drew a little over 4,000 for their home opener, even with the attraction of Portland's Bill Walton, who was then concentrating on basketball instead of a quest for natural surroundings. That kind of gate will hardly pay to wash the uniforms.

But spurred by the inspired example of Barry, who has been scoring at a rate of 33 points a game, they turned it around and in the Bay area of California, notably lukewarm to pro basketball ever since the Warriors drifted west from Philadelphia in 1962, have suddenly become a hot ticket. There have been two complete sellouts in their home arena, the Oakland Coliseum, with more to come. Average has risen above 7,000 and will go even higher once the distraction of pro football has passed.

Vertlieb says they need an average home attendance of 7,500 to break even - and they'll get it, the way they've been playing.

What turned them around?

Coach Al Attles uses one word: "Compatibility."

Coach Bill of the Seattle Super Sonics, their pursuers in the division, says, "They're young and they're hustling (coaches' cliches), and Barry's playing super."

Pro basketball is a game of movement, as proved by such dynasties as the Boston Celtics, and when the Warriors had Thurmond, Lee and Russell - all either aging or lead-footed - the other guys stood around waiting for everybody to get down court, and then set up as ponderously as a bartender on election day.

Now, however, they run, run, run - with a new backcourt duo of Butch Beard, who was cast off by three teams, and Charles (C.J.) Johnson, a meager six-footer who didn't even elect to try pro basketball his first year out of college. Johnson, who has built in yo-yo's for legs has learned when to take his shot and not make unnecessary fouls.

Beard plays the tough defense and directs the attack.

Joining Barry at forward are Keith Wilkes, the UCLA rookie who's so smooth they call him Silk, and Derrek Kickey, a high-hopping muscle man. Wilkes is slender but hasn't been pushed around and can take up scoring slack. Kickey does everything Lee used to do around the boards and runs twice as fast.

At center, they brought in Cliff Ray from Chicago in the Thurmond deal, and the loping 6-9 pivot, who specializes in spectacular dunks, has made the Warriors a more physical team with his tenacious board work. In spots, picked judiciously by Attles, he is helped by 6-11 George Johnson, who was picked up from the semi-pro ranks and can be an intimidating shot-bloacker.

Veteran Jeff Mullins, a 19-point career scorer with the Warriors, missed the first few weeks with a broken hand. He can't run with these kids (except for Barry they're all in their prime 20s), but he has the scoring touch for quick spurts.

The catalyst, however, remains Barry, playing the best basketball of his career. There is a danger he can wear out, playing more than 40 minutes a night over the long schedule.

"When I was a young kid," says Rick, "I ran all the time. I still run, but I do it for a purpose. I only move and exert myself when I can do things. If the ball's on the other side of the court on a cast break and my man is two feet from me, why go? I've already got him neutralized."

He still picks those fantastic shots out of his memory bank, built when he was a kid. He recalls practicing suspension shots made famous by Elgin Baylor. Against Houston, with his way blocked on a drive to the basket, he dropped the ball down to his right side while he was in mid-air and hooked a layup with a sweeping sidehand motion.

It was electrifying. The way the Warriors have been in the young season.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

RICK BARRY: The catalyst.

Nearly Perfect

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Bill McClard, kicking specialist at Arkansas in 1970, led the NCAA in kick scoring that year with 80 points. He made 50 of 51 extra point attempts and converted 10 field goals.

Haskell Trap Club Has Shoot

Most trap clubs throughout the United States stop shooting trap in September and start in March. Haskell Trap Club shoots 12 months of the year, with one 3-day shoot and three 2-day shoots. The rest are 1-day shoots on the last Sunday of the month.

The December Trap Shoot was held recently with 100 singles, 100 handicap, and 25 pairs of doubles targets as Haskell wound up it's 1974 shooting season. With nearly a half of million targets thrown for Registered A.T.A. Trap Shooters, all scores become a permanent record of the Trap Shooter.

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Class B W.V. Blankenship, Guthrie, Texas - 99 x 100.

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Class D R.A. Stone, Paducah, Texas - 83 x 100.

Handicap Event

Champion Larry Rush, Paducah, Texas, 24½ yd line - 95 x 100.

Runner-up W.V. Blankenship, Guthrie, Texas, 22½ yd. line - 89 x 100.

Doubles Event

Champion James Dodson, Childress, Texas - 46 x 50.

The H.O.A. of the three events was Larry Rush, Paducah, Texas with a 231 x 250.

The first woman governor was Nellie Taylor Ross, elected governor of Wyoming Nov. 9, 1925, after the death of her husband Oct. 2; she was installed Jan. 5, 1925.

LIONS PLAY BETTER BEFORE TV CAMERAS

DALLAS (AP) — Penn State quarterback Tom Shuman said there is no danger the seventh-ranked Nittany Lions will be overconfident against 12th rated Baylor in the Cotton Bowl Classic New Year's Day because "Our team has a bunch of hot dogs who always play better on television."

"We've been on television three times this year and won all three of them," said Shuman, who led the Nittany Lions to a 9-2 record and the Eastern Championship Lambert Trophy.

"No team is hard to get up for when the game is on TV," said defensive end Greg Murphy. "You've got all your relatives watching and if you play lousy the New York papers get on you."

Asked if he was one of the team's "hog dogs", Murphy replied "I don't think I ever would have been noticed if I hadn't been a hot dog. I deserve it. I worked for it. I earned it."

Penn State players have been sensitive most of Cotton Bowl week about the national image of the Nittany Lions.

"We could have beaten anybody in the nation last year and still ended up fifth," said Shuman. "We had an 11-0 record, too."

Murphy said "The pressure is alway on us no matter who we play because we're Penn State—like we have to always prove something."

Fullback Tom Donchez said "It seems like everywhere we go, people don't believe in us. I think the polls show this. We're an Eastern team, surrounded by the Colgates and Browns. We don't play people like Oklahoma and Texas back-to-back during the season."

Baylor tailback Steve Beaird said "I think we played two or three teams during the year better than Penn State. In our conference, Texas and Texas A&M were better."

"I don't know why someone would say that because with a few breaks and a few points we could been 11-0 again," Shuman said.

Murphy has taped Beaird's remarks to the dressing room mirror.

"Those kind of remarks have been getting our attention," Murphy said. "They say they played three better teams than us but didn't say they lost to those teams."

Penn State 9-2 was a four-point favorite over the Bears, who are representing the Southwest Conference for the first time as the host team in the Cotton Bowl. Baylor's 8-3 record was the first winning season in 11 years and the SWC title was the first time the private Baptist School had captured the crown in 50 years.

Workouts have been hampered by cold, rainy weather but both Paterno and Baylor Coach Grant Teaff predict a wide-open, high-scoring game for the nationally televised 1:10 p.m. CST kickoff Wednesday. A sellout crowd of 72,000 fans was expected.

Shuman and Baylor quarterback Neal Jeffrey are expected to duel through the air lanes if the respective defenses can stop the charges of Donchez and Beaird.

Of course, Jeffrey finds it hard to sympathize with Penn State's identity problem since the Bears haven't been in a bowl since 1963.

"It's the same story we've faced all year," Jeffrey said. "Being the team that's not supposed to win. Now that we're here, people are still saying we're not supposed to win."

Ties Record

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Bill Muzik, a defensive guard, tied an Arkansas State University record in 1973. He recovered four fumbles by opposing teams.

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Shell Estimates Winter Oil Supply Is Adequate

By MAX B. SKELTON
AP Oil Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Shell Oil Co. estimates that, barring further major disruptions, the nation's winter oil supply should be adequate.

"But if demands were to resume its former rate of increase, there could easily be a shortage," Shell reports.

"Furthermore, it is important to remember that any estimate of available supplies could be reversed totally by action of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)."

Shell has released two new papers in its series of reports on petroleum trends. The first traces the history of OPEC. The second discusses OPEC's impact on a developing period of fluctuation and instability.

"The current picture of a modest over-supply of oil is deceptive in that it leads to the conclusion adequate supplies will always be there when they are needed," Shell reports.

"This is not true. The same factors that led to last winter's crisis still exist today, with the exception of one: Consumption, which is considerably lower worldwide. This is one factor over which the importing nations have control and this control must be exercised."

The report adds that the United States, in moving toward a reasonable degree of energy self-sufficiency, must adopt policies which will cushion the effect of short-term fluctuations in supply.

"One essential is to agree with other oil importing countries on a mechanism for sharing shortages in the event of severe disruptions," the report continues. "Such an agreement in itself would make interruptions less likely."

Listed as another essential is the adoption of measures designed to maintain sufficient supply levels to protect the United States during periods of supply disruption.

"Shell believes the establishment of reserve storage capacity is necessary to maintain the desired level of supply, along with use of fully developed Naval Petroleum Reserves," the report adds.

Shell says one of the reasons the United States had adequate energy supplies last summer can be traced to a drastic reduction in oil consumption in Europe.

With higher prices thought to be a major factor, Europeans used an estimated eight per cent less oil in the first half of 1974 than in 1973. By comparison, U.S. consumption was down about five per cent.

Shell says that despite efforts by many individual consumers to reduce their use of oil, consumption in this country is climbing back to pre-embargo levels.

"In June, total U.S. consumption was only 1.6 per cent below the 1973 pace, while in July the gap closed to only 0.3 per cent below the 1973 level," the report states. "consumption in August was 3.2 per cent below 1973, but only 0.7 per cent below during September."

Shell says the growing natural gas shortfall is a significant factor contributing to the potential increase in demand for oil. Despite allowing for maximum substitution of nuclear and coal, Shell estimates there could still be a shortage of 3.7 trillion cubic feet a year from now. This would be the equivalent of 1.8 million barrels of oil a day, compared with the current equivalent of about one million barrels a day.

"The fact remains that energy consumption must be held at lower levels to maintain a reasonable balance with energy supplies and to reduce the impact of high-priced imported oil on the U.S. balance of payments," Shell adds.

"If energy saving measures are abandoned in the face of apparent adequate supply, another crisis could easily be in the making."

Crocket To Be Lauded

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Speedster Ivory Crockett will be honored with a John E. Wray award at the St. Louis Baseball Writers' annual dinner Jan. 27.

Crockett, who attended high school in Webster Groves, Mo., and college at Southern Illinois University, owns the world record of 9.0 seconds in the 100-yard dash.

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Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Scurry County, Texas, will convene at its regular January term for 1975, on Monday, January 13, 1975, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder, then and there to consider at public hearing any and all matters pertaining to the salaries for the calendar year of 1975, of all county officials, deputies, clerks, assistants and other county employees, and all precinct officials, their clerks and assistants, save and except there is excluded herefrom all officials and employees of the D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The Commissioners' Court will also set salaries of all other precinct, county and district officials not otherwise specifically herein designated.

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RESEARCH FINDINGS FALSIFIED

Scandal Rocks Medical World In 1974

By David Hendin

One of the biggest stories in the field of medicine in 1974 was a scandal.

In April, Dr. William T. Summerlin, a physician-scientist at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, was permanently relieved of his position and given a year's pay with the proviso that he received psychiatric counseling.

It was charged that Summerlin falsified potentially important research findings. Controversy swirled in the scientific community for months in what was widely referred to as "a medical Watergate."

A year or more before, Summerlin had reported that he could transplant tissue between different animals without using dangerous drugs to suppress the body's natural reaction -- rejection and death of the tissue. If true, that observation held spectacular implications for transplantation of tissues and organs as well as cancer research.

But Summerlin was charged with falsifying his research data and painting black patches on white mice to make them look as if they had accepted skin grafts from black mice.

Summerlin admitted to darkening the skin of the mice, but denied any other falsification of data. He attributed the episode to "extreme pressure placed on me by the institute director."

That director is Dr. Robert A. Good, who had been heavily touting Summerlin's work ever since it was first announced, and had used its spectacular nature to improve fund raising for his institution.

Dr. Good concluded that it was an unfortunate episode, and noted that "In science, it is completely senseless (to falsify). The nature of research is to test and restest until something stands up. A scientist cannot get away with falsifying results."

In the cancer research field, the American Cancer Society Environmental Cancer Research Project, headed by Drs. E. Cuyler Hammond and Irving Selikoff began in 1974 to answer questions about how environmental changes affect people. They are looking for data to confirm the World Health Organization estimate that some 85 per cent of all cancer is derived from environmental sources.

In January it was revealed that seven workers (of fewer than 300) working at the B.F. Goodrich plastics plant in Louisville, Ky. died of a rare tumor, angiosarcoma of the liver. Within weeks after the disclosure, other cases were discovered in New York, Texas, West Virginia and elsewhere.

The medical detectives have traced this alarmingly high incidence of the rare liver cancer to the fact that affected workers have been heavily exposed to the chemicals polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and vinyl chloride. They are widely used in the production of plastics, some of which are actually called vinyls.

The federal government has put a limit on the amount of vinyl chloride factory workers can be exposed to, but there was controversy among industry, consumer and government scientists as to just how much -- if any -- vinyl chloride might cause cancer.

It will be a long time before this is known, for environmental carcinogens carry with them something known as the 20-year rule, which means that it usually takes a human being 20 to 30 years to develop cancer after being exposed to an environmental carcinogen. All of the plastics workers who came down with the rare liver cancer had been exposed to the chemical for at least 20 years.

Acupuncture continued to make news in 1974. In mid-year hundreds of newspapers ran stories exposing how hundreds of doctors are taking three-day quickie courses in acupuncture and then going out and trying it on patients. Such courses are little more than diploma mills.

Acupuncture clinics across the country continued to do a booming business, and more were in operation than ever before. But Dr. John Bonica, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Acupuncture of the National Institutes of Health and the American Society of Anesthesiologists, made important conclusions after intensive study of acupuncture here and in China. "The misuse of therapeutic acupuncture is an important health problem and the widespread clinical use of acupuncture is unwarranted at the present time," Dr. Bonica said.

Articles in medical journals detailed various complications of acupuncture therapy ranging from damaged nerves and arteries to puncture of the lung and at least one death caused by a blood leak in the heart after needling in the area.

Dr. Samuel Rosen, New York ear specialist, did a six-month research study to determine whether acupuncture could relieve nerve deafness, as many proponents had claimed. Results were negative. "We see no basis for recommending acupuncture as a treatment modality for children with profound neurosensory deafness. I do not do this myself, nor do I recommend it to my colleagues," said Dr. Rosen.

Some other medical developments of the year: —

The controversial Professional Standards Review Organizations (PSROs) got underway in 1974. The first contract for peer review of physicians went to the Utah PSRO, which served as a model for the peer review legislation. The program provides for peer review of medical whose bills are paid in any way by the federal government.

—In July Prof. Douglas Bevis, a British gynecologist at Leeds University, announced that three babies that had been conceived in test tubes had been born normally. But controversy over the development upset Bevis, who later announced that he was giving up his research in this area altogether.

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1974 A Turbulent Year For Automobile Industry

By JONATHAN WOLMAN
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The most turbulent year in postwar auto history left America's biggest industry gravely shaken.

With 111 million cars traveling the nation's highways and back roads a year ago, U.S. auto companies expected to sell more than 10 million new cars in 1974. It would have been a pretty good year.

Then came the gasoline shortage, double-digit inflation and finally crippling recession.

Over-all, auto sales for calendar year 1974 are now expected to ring in at a stunted nine million, including imports.

As the nation's economy quivers, the auto industry shakes at the foundations.

In an extraordinary advertisement, then-chairman of General Motors Richard Gerstenberg reminded car-buyers that one in every six American jobs is dependent on automobiles. And, he warned:

"Economic progress is like a wheel. When it loses speed it wobbles, and when it stops, it falls. Kerplunk."

The auto industry in 1974 saw profits, employment and stability first wobble, then fall.

Chrysler is said to be in the midst of a severe financial crisis. Chairman Lynn Townsend fields questions of a possible takeover. Henry Ford II warns of a depression. Retiring GM Chairman Richard Gerstenberg's swan song was like that of a carnival barker, hustling cars.

Some 225,000 auto workers — almost one-third of the four makers' total blue collar employment — were laid off for all or part of 1974 as the car companies cut production because of slumping sales.

The prospects for 1975 are bleak. More than 200,000 workers will be off for all or part of January. Many of those who lost their jobs in 1974 will be exhausting unemployment benefits this spring.

Just over a year ago, assembly plants were humming, with cars rolling off the line at record rates. The Big Three racked up record sales and all-time profits. GM reported 1973 earnings of $2.4 billion.

Sales slumped badly when the Mideast oil embargo resulted in widespread gasoline shortages. Profits and employment plummeted.

As fuel shortages began to evaporate, the companies fell under the tight grip of inflation, then a recession that has accelerated the unprecedented downturn in the industry.

The impact of the past year's events on the nation's auto makers has been staggering:

—Car sales by the U.S. makers for 1974 are expected to limp in at 7.5 million, some 2½ million less than 1973, when imports brought the record total to 11.4 million.

—The price of a car skyrocketed an average $1,000, as auto firms passed along cost increases in materials and boosted profit margins on small cars when large cars stopped selling last spring.

—New model sales got off to their worst start in a decade—and November sales were down 35 per cent from the same period in 1973.

—The number of layoffs were higher than in any year since the end of World War II, union officials said. The industry's unemployed extended to some workers with seniority measured in decades.

—Big Three three-quarter profits sunk to their lowest level in more than a decade. GM earnings in the first nine months were $442.3 million, down 77 per cent from 1973 and the lowest since the 1958 recession.

—More than $1 billion was invested in plant changes to increase small car production in what industry observers called the most dramatic industry transformation since the 1940s.

—Small cars, including imports, outsold large models for the first time in industry history, claiming more than 50 per cent of the market in the winter months.

—In Europe, No. 3 French maker Citroen merged with No. 2 maker Peugeot, but not until the French government guaranteed Peugeot a $200 million loan to cover Citroen's debts.

—Oil-rich Kuwait waded into the car business, purchasing for an estimated $400 million a 14 per cent interest in Daimler-Benz, makers of Mercedez-Benz cars. The firm, one of few to notch sales gains in the past year, is Germany's second largest auto company.

—Mazda, the Cinderella car of the early 70s, saw its sales turn into a pumpkin after a government study indicated its rotary engine delivered less than 11 miles to the gallon.

—GM's rotary never made it into production, with the company announcing its inability to meet 1975 or 1977 emission standards.

—Everybody's nemesis, the seat-belt interlock system, which demanded a belt be fastened before the car could start, was legislated out of existence in favor of a less irritating buzzer.

—The government, led by President Ford, started a big push for big savings in gasoline economy. The auto executives said it might not be possible to achieve a 40 per cent gain without relaxation of scheduled emission and safety requirements.

—U.S. auto makers introduced a number of luxury small cars, loaded with frills, but better on mileage than larger models. Analysts said the idea is to sell built-up compacts and intermediates for more than $5,000 rather than slow moving big cars for the same tag.

—Clear air requirements mean most 1975 cars come equipped with a catalytic converter to arrest emissions. The muffler-like device requires unleaded gasoline.

—Ford Motor Co. released a report indicating that the average lifespan of an automobile at trade-in in America increased from 3.8 years in 1965 to 4.1 years in 1974.

—An analyst reported that in October, for the first time in anyone's memory, more old cars were junked than new ones were sold.

Leonard Woodcock, president of the United Auto Workers, was tabbed to lead the union into the key 1976 auto contract talks. His term was extended from two to three years delaying his retirement.

The UAW struck American Motors for almost three weeks in September, and local strikes at the nation's auto plants pestered production schedules, although not with lasting impact.

Auto stock, once glamour issues, were hitched to the star of recession, and tumbled downward toward year's end, hitting 1974 lows in December.

"Things may get worse," warned Chairman Ford in a late year interview. "The public is confused. I'm confused, and I'm privileged to a lot more information."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THIS YEAR'S STARTIN' OUT."

Honeymoon On Beach Is A Wash-Out

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Patrick and Nanette Martin knew the honeymoon was over when the tide came in.

The newlyweds were married in picturesque Carmel on the Pacific Ocean, went camping and were on their way home to Panorama City in Southern California when they decided it would be romantic to stay inside their camper under the full moon on the beach.

With blankets pulled up snugly against the chill night air, they went to sleep and the next thing they knew they were floating in the rough waters of the ocean.

The Coast Guard said Monday that Martin, 22, and his 18-year-old bride simply parked too close to the surf at Refugio State Park near Santa Barbara Sunday night.

When the tide came in, the camper drifted out.

After the Martins swam to shore, help came. A Coast Guard helicopter on oil pollution patrol over the Santa Barbara Channel spotted the camper in the water and the Martins on the beach of a cove Monday morning.

They were hoisted aboard the helicopter and flown to Santa Barbara, where—just four days after their marriage—they were reported in fair condition at Goleta Valley Hospital.

"I guess they got confused between a beach access road and the beach itself," said a state ranger. "No one is permitted to have a vehicle on the beach. The tides...are murder. When they come in, there's simply no more beach. The water goes right up to the cliffs."

The couple's two dogs, a German Sherpherd named Bear and a Great Dane named Blue, also swam to safety and were rescued hours later—"cold and damned hungry," the ranger said.

The camper? At last report it was about a mile off shore, still bobbing up and down in the waves.

Dr. Lamb

Heart muscle needs potassium

DEAR DR. LAMB—My My husband is taking a diuretic for high blood pressure. His doctor recommended that he take potassium chloride with the medicine twice a day.

I have read that potassium chloride may be dangerous and cause heart irregularities. Can this substance build up in the body after taking it continuously? How would one know if he's taking too much?

DEAR READER—Relax. As long as the kidneys are working reasonably well, they will eliminate any potassium the body doesn't need. It is common to give extra potassium when a patient is taking a diuretic. Diuretics work by causing the kidneys to eliminate sodium salt through the kidneys and the water goes with the salt. The problem is they often wash out too much potassium salt, too.

Loss of potassium can lead to irregularities of the heart. This is much more common than any problem related to too much potassium.

Potassium is the main salt inside you body cells. Sodium salt is the main salt outside our cells in the body fluids. It is certainly not a dangerous medicine in patients with normal kidney function.

Most fruits are excellent sources of potassium. A couple of eight-ounce glasses of orange juice a day will contain about as much potassium as your husband is getting. That will tell you how safe it really is for him.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Much has been written about the drug Gerovital H3 which Dr. Ana Aslan of the Geriatric Institute, Bucharest, has been using with remarkable success in retarding and minimizing the aging process.

Would an elderly person who is in splendid health, active, and agile and wishing to remain so for several more years benefit from using this drug?

DEAR READER—How successful Ana Aslan has been in using Gerovital to retard the aging process depends on who you talk to. Her results were sufficiently suspect that the drug was banned from entry into into the United States for years. It is still allowed in only for experimental use in studying its effects on other problems.

Many of Dr. Aslan's patients were neglected older people. Her total program did appear to help these people. The catch is that regular exercise, improved diet and a renewed interest in life will do remarkable things for neglected older people, even without any medicines. It is possible that most of her results were from such measures. There is no reliable evidence that Gerovital does anything at all to retard the aging process.

Gerovital is really a chemical related to, or the same as, the medicine often used by dentists to deaden pain. She claims a minor variation in the preparation improves its usefulness, a claim some state is similar to statements about the different levels of effectiveness of different brands of aspirin.

There is some evidence that Gerovital is useful in treating depression. That may be the secret to its effects on older people. Many older people do suffer from depression and any medicines that relieve this condition are useful, but this isn't exactly retarding the aging process.

If you feel fine and don't have a tendency to have depression, I would think you would be wasting your money on a false hope to use Gerovital.

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Of the 42 per cent of women workers who worked full-time in 1973 (50-52 weeks per year) only half earned at least $5,903.

Monday A Lucky Day For Surfer

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP) — For Jim Hilborn, 17, Monday was a lucky day.

Everybody said so — his father, his friends and the many people who searched for him after he was swept out to sea Sunday. He'd been surfing off a beach 43 miles northwest of here.

He was picked up by two sports fishermen about 22 miles away and almost 19 hours later.

Hilborn and five friends were ending a day's surfing on the beach at Jordan River, B.C. Somehow the combination of tide and strong currents prevented Hilborn from riding to shore on the breaker as he had intended, and instead swept him farther out to sea.

When Hilborn did not return the remaining five alerted Sooke, B.C., Royal Canadian Mounted Police who called in rescue crews to search for the missing youth.

For a while he had his surfboard, but he said it started getting waterlogged.

"Then a log touched my back, and I turned around and grabbed it," he said.

Hilborn found another log and strung the two together with kelp.

Bob McMahon of Sooke had taken a friend out in his 19-foot boat hoping for some spring salmon.

"We were a quarter of a mile southeast of Secretary Island (near Sooke Harbor) and we were just about ready to go home because the fish were not biting," McMahon said. "We thought we'd make one more turn, and this fellow reared up from a log."

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