

Plan would retain natural gas controls through 1985

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From Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Government controls on most natural gas prices would remain until 1985 under a Reagan administration plan that could be sent to Capitol Hill as early as this week, an administration document reveals.

Reagan has instructed Secretary of Energy Donald Hodel to consult with congressional leaders and then to proceed with the bill if the reception there is favorable, according to a Texas congressman.

"Obviously, the president is seeking the response of those involved in the natural gas debate," said Rep. Tom Loeffler, R-Hunt. Loeffler said Reagan would pursue the issue if it gets "a positive reaction, not necessarily a unanimous reaction."

White House spokesman Kevin Hopkins said "it looks probable" that Reagan will introduce the bill, possibly "within the next several days."

He would not comment on the specifics of the bill. But a summary of the proposed legislation shows that all categories of existing natural gas production would have to wait until 1985 to be decontrolled unless current con-

tracts are renegotiated.

Consumer groups and many northern congressmen argue that decontrol would raise already escalating gas prices, while advocates of decontrol say the market price might actually bring down some prices currently paid by producers.

Both "old gas" and "new gas" under the Natural Gas Policy Act would not be decontrolled until 1985. Production of natural gas which began after the date of the bill's enactment would be immediately decontrolled.

A major issue in the debate, and one that has divided politicians as well as members of the industry, is whether to decontrol the old gas, defined generally as that flowing before April 1977.

Under current law, controls are scheduled to be lifted automatically for "new" gas on Jan. 1, 1985, but controls on old gas would remain indefinitely.

In the administration bill, controls on both old and new

gas would be lifted on Jan. 1, 1985 through a so-called "market-out" provision that would then be included in all existing natural gas contracts that had not already been renegotiated.

The market-out provision would allow the producer to immediately discontinue a contract to provide old gas at the lower price now mandated by law for pre-1977 production. If the pipeline company refused to pay the market price for the gas, then the pipeline would be forced to carry the gas for the producer to any other pipeline willing to pay the higher price.

To satisfy consumer groups, current natural gas prices would be held at the controlled price until 1985, or the price would be allowed to go lower if there is an oversupply and the demand is slack. One complaint is that the Natural Gas Policy Act generally does not allow prices to drop below a set minimum even when there is a natural gas glut, as exists now.

Other elements of the decontrol bill would include:

—The president or Congress would not have the power to again impose controls on natural gas prices.

—The Fuel Use Act would be repealed. That law prohibits the uses of some natural gas.

—All current "take-or-pay" contracts would be held to 70 percent of deliverable gas. Currently, some pipelines are locked into these contracts under which they either have to take gas at a certain price, or pay for it even if they reject the gas because of an oversupply.

—Pipelines could be forced to purchase gas at the market or incentive price and carry it to a utility company if the pipeline has available capacity. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission would enforce the provision.

—Prices for certain categories of natural gas, including so-called "deep gas" (which is produced from depths greater than 15,000 feet), would be frozen unless the "gas cap" rose above the current level under controls.

An aide to a Texas congressman said some of the provisions could be altered before the bill is sent to Congress, but that in its present form it represents a "pretty even" balance between the interests involved.

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Sales tax income down by \$1 million

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Department heads for the city of Midland are looking for ways to cut their budgets after learning that the state sales tax rebate figure has fallen by at least \$1 million below what had been estimated for only five months into the fiscal year.

Sales tax rebates for the fiscal year to date are \$600,000 below what was received by this time last year. And they're at least \$840,000 to more than \$1 million below what had been estimated for this year's budget, according to which city official is contacted.

After determining the amount of shortfall, City Manager James Brown on Tuesday instructed the staff to determine where cuts can be made.

The rebate is the 1 percent sales tax collected by the State Comptroller's Office and returned monthly to the city. Midland's fiscal year starts on Oct. 1, and five payments have been made to the city.

These rebates comprise the largest percentage of revenue in the city's general fund, Brown told The Midland Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday. The airport, sewer and water funds aren't affected by the drop because these departments are self-sufficient, operating on fees charged users.

WITH THE LATEST report issued this week by State Comptroller Bob Bullock's office, revenues which had been up for October continued the downward slide started in November.

In this fiscal year, October has been the only month to report an increase. That month, the city received \$488,599.10 compared to \$472,690.11 for the same time the previous year.

Totaled, the difference in receipts for this fiscal year compared to last is \$641,080.45, according to Brown. Adding to the problem, he said, is that the City Council had estimated an increase in sales tax rebates for the year. The difference between what has been received and what was estimated runs close to \$840,000, said Brown.

Grant Walton, finance director, said of the almost \$30 million expected in revenues this year for the general fund, 37 percent — or \$11 million — of it was to come from sales tax rebates. The previous fiscal year, for 1981-82, Midland had received \$9.6 million. Grant said the council upped the amount for 1982-83, figuring in inflation and growth of the city, which also translates into an expected rise in sales tax income.

The drop began to show in November when the payment was \$1,072,204.61, which fell below the previous year's figure of \$1,313,884.32. In December 1982, Midland received \$509,678.23 as compared to \$637,968.78 in 1981. The largest slide — a 32 percent drop — was reported in January when the payment was \$365,635.36. The previous year's payment was \$540,665.83.

BULLOCK'S LAST report showed a payment of \$1,226,367.82, still a decrease from last year's \$1,338,356.53.

According to last summer's revenue estimates, said Walton, the city should have received about \$5.6 million in sales tax rebates by now. The month of Christmas normally brings in the largest payment for the year, he noted.

Total for the five months is \$3,662,485.12. Last year, the amount to date was \$4,303,565.57.

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Presidential pose

President Reagan prepares for Wednesday night's new conference, in which he backed his nomination of Kenneth L. Adelman to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Congress may 'feel the heat' for nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, putting himself on the line for arms control nominee Kenneth L. Adelman, says he will use persuasion first and then may try to make senators "feel the heat" if they fail to support his choice.

Only a few hours after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee failed to muster a majority for the 36-year-old Adelman, Reagan told a news conference Wednesday night that the nomination will not be withdrawn.

"What's the difference whether I surrender or they beat me by one vote?" the president asked. "Either way I would lose," he said.

The Senate panel voted to delay action on the nomination for a week and senators of both parties urged Reagan to withdraw Adelman's name. Members said that if a vote had been taken, Adelman probably would have been rejected 9-8.

Asked what he would do to reverse the apparent majority against Adelman, Reagan said, "I think that I will try to be as persuasive as I can and make them see the light. If that falls short, maybe I will try to make them feel the heat."

He added: "I don't believe that they, in delaying this, have done anything to help us in getting an arms reduction agreement."

Adelman, deputy U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was nominated by Reagan as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency on Jan. 12. He would succeed Eugene V. Rostow, who resigned at Reagan's request.

"Arms reduction should not be a political problem on the Hill," the president said.

"It's too serious and we are too concerned with it, and frankly I feel that

since I was the one that took the lead in bringing about the first real arms reduction talk... I believe I had a right to ask for my choice of who I thought could be of help to me in that."

Reagan was also asked about a 1981 New York Daily News interview in which Adelman was quoted as saying arms control talks were a "sham."

The president replied: "I know that he is aware of what we are proposing and what we are trying to do, and he knows that it isn't a sham, that we are as on-the-level as anyone can be."

At the foreign relations committee meeting, Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., said: "This nomination is just not working... It's time (for the White House) to go back and nominate someone we could all enthusiastically support."

And Sen. Charles McC. Mathias, R-Md., said, "I would hope he (President Reagan) would withdraw the nomination."

"Clearly, in the mood of the committee today, the nomination would be defeated, and I think it highly unlikely that the members would change their votes in the absence of some very startling additional evidence," Mathias said.

Critics charged that Adelman is inexperienced and is not dedicated, forceful or knowledgeable enough to be a strong advocate for arms control within the administration. His supporters said he is bright and has long been a student of arms control issues.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said the committee had made "a decision against the nomination" and Reagan should nominate someone "who is fit to head an agency truly dedicated" to arms control.

Rejecting Adelman would 'hurt' arms effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, vowing to fight for his choice of a chief arms negotiator, says Senate repudiation of the nomination would hurt efforts to build support in western Europe for U.S. arms control proposals.

At the same time, the president declared his desire to keep out of the West German election campaign in which arms reduction has become an issue.

He added, however, that if the new German government rejects the Pershing II, it "would be a terrible setback to the cause of peace and disarmament."

Reagan, at his 16th nationally broadcast White House news conference, had strong words Wednesday night for both the Senate opponents of his nomination of Kenneth L. Adelman as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and for suggestions that the planned missile deployment in Europe might not be completed.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 15-2 on Wednesday to delay a vote on Adelman's nomination. The move was said by its sponsors to be an effort to spare Reagan the embarrassment of seeing his nominee defeated.

"I don't believe that they in delaying this have done anything to help us in our efforts to get an arms reduction agreement," Reagan said.

He said it would be destructive to the effort at building western European support for the U.S. position "to see me repudiated by a Senate committee" on the Adelman nomination.

Reagan vowed to support Adelman despite the senators' opposition, and said, "I will try to be as persuasive as I can and make them see the light. If that falls short, maybe I will try to make them feel the heat."

When asked the consequences of a possible refusal of a new German government to deploy the 108 Pershing IIs that NATO decided to place in that country starting in December, the president said it would cause a setback to peace. But then he added:

"We're not going to inject ourselves into anyone else's internal affairs or elections at all."

In the March 6 West German elections, Chancellor Helmut Kohl is being challenged by Hans-Jochen Vogel, the candidate of the Social Democratic Party.

Vogel has said that only "under extreme circumstances" would he station the Pershing II missiles in West Germany. The progress of disarmament talks in Europe is an issue in the election campaign, and Reagan said that Vice President George Bush found "great support all over Europe" for the administration's "zero option" arms reduction plan.

Reagan orders probe of EPA

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, seeking to stem a flood of allegations enveloping the Environmental Protection Agency, is ordering the Justice Department to conduct a full probe of agency actions.

At the same time, Reagan says he is also dropping the claim of executive privilege he had used to keep dozens of EPA documents concerning hazardous waste dumps away from Congress.

"I can no longer insist on executive privilege if there's a suspicion in the minds of the people that maybe it is being used to cover some wrongdoing," Reagan told a press conference Wednesday night. "That we will never stand for."

Reagan defended the agency and its embattled administrator, Anne Gorsuch, but he said the "splendid record" of the past two years was being engulfed in a "furry of allegations."

To see if any of the charges of sweetheart deals with industry and misman-

agement have merit, Reagan said he was directing the Justice Department to investigate everything.

Meanwhile, Rita M. Lavelle, the former head of EPA's hazardous waste program, whose firing by Reagan 10 days ago touched off a series of allegations, was scheduled to appear before a House subcommittee today in response to a subpoena.

Also, the administration and Congress were to resume negotiations today in an effort to resolve just how the documents will be presented to Congress.

In the documents dispute, both sides indicated after three hours of discussion Wednesday that they were nearing agreement. Admin. stration sources, who talked only on condition they not

be named, said the basic proposal was to show the documents only to Rep. Elliott H. Levitas, D-Ga., and the ranking Republican on his committee. Other members of the subcommittee would be allowed to see only edited versions of the documents.

Levitas, chairman of the House subcommittee, said he believed the administration's offer "provides full access by Congress to the documents," a condition he has insisted upon since the subpoena was issued.

It was the refusal to honor the subpoena issued by Levitas' subcommittee which led to an historic contempt of Congress citation against Mrs. Gorsuch.

Even if Levitas eventually accepts a compromise along the lines outlined, the administration could run into trouble with Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee which has subpoenaed some of the same documents.

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Anne Gorsuch

INSIDE TODAY

The flu bug

Dr. Walter Hewell has seen a "number of people come down with a high fever and aches along with upper respiratory problems. There's a little more (flu) than usual this year."

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Weather

Fair and cold tonight. Warmer Friday with high in mid-70s. Details on Page 2A.

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Want Ads.....682-6222
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 7 a.m. EST
Friday, February 18
Low Temperatures



Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary
AP Laserphoto Map

Showers are forecast through Friday for the western Gulf, northeastern coastal areas, Northwest and northern Plains, according to the National Weather Service. Snow is predicted for northern New England. Cold weather is expected from the northern Plains through the Great Lakes and Midwest, into the Northeast.

Warm weekend weather forecast

If Friday's forecast can be taken as an indication, Midland should be in for a beautiful, summer-like weekend. According to the National Weather Service forecast, tonight should be fair and cold with a low in the mid-30s and westerly winds at 5-10 mph. Friday should be fair and warmer with the high reaching the mid-70s. Winds Friday should be west-southwesterly at 5-15 mph, increasing to 10-20 mph during the afternoon. Wednesday's high of 65 dropped 15 short of the record high 80 set in 1971. The overnight low of 35 compares favorably with the record low for this date of 11 set in 1936. With no rain in the forecast, monthly and yearly precipitation totals should remain at .08 of an inch and 1.22 inches, respectively. Sunset tonight is at 6:37 a.m.; sunrise Friday comes at 7:28 p.m.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Fair and cold tonight with a low in the mid-30s and southerly winds at 5-10 mph. Fair and warmer Friday with a high in the mid-70s and winds south-southwesterly at 5-15 mph, increasing to 10-20 mph in the afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High 65 degrees
Overnight Low 35 degrees
Sunset today 6:37 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:37 a.m.

Precipitation: Last 24 hours .00 inches
This month to date .08 inches
1983 to date 1.22 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m.	32	6 p.m.	63
7 a.m.	32	7 p.m.	56
8 a.m.	31	8 p.m.	54
9 a.m.	30	9 p.m.	50
10 a.m.	27	10 p.m.	44
11 a.m.	25	11 p.m.	40
noon	27	midnight	44
1 p.m.	31	1 a.m.	40
2 p.m.	36	2 a.m.	37
3 p.m.	44	3 a.m.	30
4 p.m.	54	4 a.m.	27
5 p.m.	64	5 a.m.	37

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:

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Albino	59	L	2
Alamo	59	L	2
Amarillo	59	L	2
El Paso	59	L	2
Fl. Worth	59	L	2
Houston	59	L	2
Lubbock	59	L	2
Marfa	59	L	2
Okl. City	59	L	2
Wichita Falls	59	L	2

The weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and low to 8 a.m. EST.

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Albuquerque	49	36	cty
Amarillo	49	36	cty
Anchorage	49	36	cty
Asheville	49	36	cty
Atlanta	49	36	cty
Atlantic City	49	36	cty
Austin	49	36	cty
Baltimore	49	36	cty
Birmingham	49	36	cty
Bismarck	49	36	cty
Boise	49	36	cty
Boston	49	36	cty
Brownsville	49	36	cty
Buffalo	49	36	cty
Burlington	49	36	cty
Chapel Hill	49	36	cty
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Denver	49	36	cty
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Detroit	49	36	cty
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Fairbanks	49	36	cty
Fargo	49	36	cty
Flagstaff	49	36	cty
Great Falls	49	36	cty
Hartford	49	36	cty
Hickory	49	36	cty
Houston	49	36	cty
Indianapolis	49	36	cty
Jackson, Miss.	49	36	cty
Jacksonville	49	36	cty
Juneau	49	36	cty
Kansas City	49	36	cty
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Louisville	49	36	cty
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Miami	49	36	cty
Minneapolis	49	36	cty
Mpls-St. Paul	49	36	cty
Nashville	49	36	cty
New Orleans	49	36	cty
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Norfolk	49	36	cty
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St. Pete-Tampa	49	36	cty
Salt Lake	49	36	cty
San Antonio	49	36	cty
San Diego	49	36	cty
San Francisco	49	36	cty
Sioux Falls	49	36	cty
Spokane	49	36	cty
Syracuse	49	36	cty
Topeka	49	36	cty
Tucson	49	36	cty
Tulsa	49	36	cty
Washington	49	36	cty
Wichita	49	36	cty

Texas temperatures

Thursday

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and low as of 7 a.m.

Ahlsene	High	Low	Pcp
Alamo	70	42	0.00
Amarillo	70	42	0.00
Austin	70	42	0.00
Beaumont	73	46	0.00
Brownsville	73	46	0.00
Childress	67	41	0.00
College Station	67	41	0.00
Corpus Christi	67	41	0.00
Del Rio	71	44	0.00
El Paso	66	36	0.00
Fort Worth	67	41	0.00
Galveston	67	41	0.00
Houston	67	41	0.00
Longview	67	41	0.00
Lubbock	67	41	0.00
Marfa	67	41	0.00
McAllen	74	48	0.00
Midland	67	41	0.00
Palacios	67	41	0.00
San Angelo	67	41	0.00
San Antonio	67	41	0.00
Shreveport, La.	67	41	0.00
Stephenville	67	41	0.00
Texasarkana	67	41	0.00
Victoria	67	41	0.00
Waco	67	41	0.00

Border states forecasts

New Mexico: Fair to partly cloudy through Friday. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north with 60s in the south. Lows teens and 20s mountains with 30s and 40s elsewhere. High Friday 45 to 50s mountains and northwest with 60s and a few 70s at lower elevations in the east and south.

Oklahoma: Partly cloudy and mild with widely scattered light showers north today. Clear to partly cloudy and cool tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer Friday. High 50 to 64. Lows 20 to 30. High Friday in the 60s.

Louisiana: Fair to partly cloudy through Friday. High 62 to 65. Lows 25 north to 45 south and 50 along the coast. High Friday in the 60s.

Arkansas: Partly cloudy through Friday. A few sprinkles possible eastern tonight. High 50 to 65. Lows in the 30s. High Friday 55 to 65.

Extended forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy with no important temperature changes. Lows up 20s Panhandle to low 40s extreme south. Highs 50s north to mid 70s Big Bend valleys.

North Texas: Scattered showers Saturday. Temperatures slightly above seasonal normal. Decreasing cloudiness and cooler Sunday and Monday. High Saturday mid and upper 60s across most of area, cooling to mid and upper 50s on Monday. Lows ranging in 30s.

Part Arthur to Port O'Connor: Northeastern winds 10 to 15 knots becoming easterly 10 to 15 knots tonight and Friday. Seas 3 to 5 feet. Areas of fog near shore tonight with scattered thundershowers Friday.

Reagan foresees quick resolution by conferees on jobs bill, relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan and House Democrats are edging toward agreement on recession relief, hoping to complete work by next month on legislation providing jobs, extended unemployment benefits and food and shelter for the needy. "We've been working toward a bipartisan compromise on jobs and humanitarian aid," Reagan told a nationally televised news conference Wednesday night in his first public comments on the talks. "And I hope that in the next several days, we can reach an agreement with the Congress so that a bill can be on my desk in March."

Reagan's aides met with House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill and other Democratic leaders last week to outline the president's \$4.3 billion program for accelerated public works and food and shelter for the needy. The legislation also could include \$2.9 billion to extend some unemployment benefits due to expire on March 31. Reagan spoke a few hours after Rep. Thomas Foley of Washington, the House Democratic whip, told reporters that while there is not yet a bipartisan agreement, "I think we are in the same general area."

"I'm optimistic that we'll be able to conclude legislation that the president can sign and has strong bipartisan support in the House and Senate," said Foley, who has been serving as principal spokesman for House Democrats on the issue.

Foley had said previously he hoped for agreement by now, but he said there appears to be no danger of the talks breaking down. He predicted the House Appropriations Committee would draft a bill next week for floor action in the following week.

Democrats have talked in recent days of making changes in Reagan's program, and adding as much as \$1 billion for summer youth employment, nutrition programs for women and

Shredders's bite just a little too big

By MIKE FEINSILBER
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WASHINGTON — This city couldn't get along without it, but every once in a while the paper shredder bites off more than it should chew, and gets someone in trouble.

In trouble now is the Environmental Protection Agency, for feeding its shredders copies of documents that may have been the papers EPA has refused, under subpoena, to give Congress.

Such events give "the information destruction industry" a bad name.

"People have an odd reaction to them, but really they're just another tool," says Jack McIsaacs, sales manager for Security Engineered Machinery Co. of Westboro, Mass., which sells shredders to the federal government, though it prefers to call them "disintegrators."

"Any government agency that collects information of a personal nature has to have an information destruction machine if it is going to do a good job in complying with the Privacy Act," McIsaacs adds.

"They're supposed to be showing a certain amount of responsibility and not just showing this information into the town dump, where someone could see it," McIsaacs said.

He the events that gave the government its big appetite for paper shredders were enactment of the Privacy Act and the Pueblo incident in 1968 — when North Koreans seized a U.S. spy ship while its crew was frantically trying to destroy secret documents.

No one seems to know how many shredders the government owns, but virtually every agency has one. The Federal Reserve uses its shredders to chew up worn out currency.

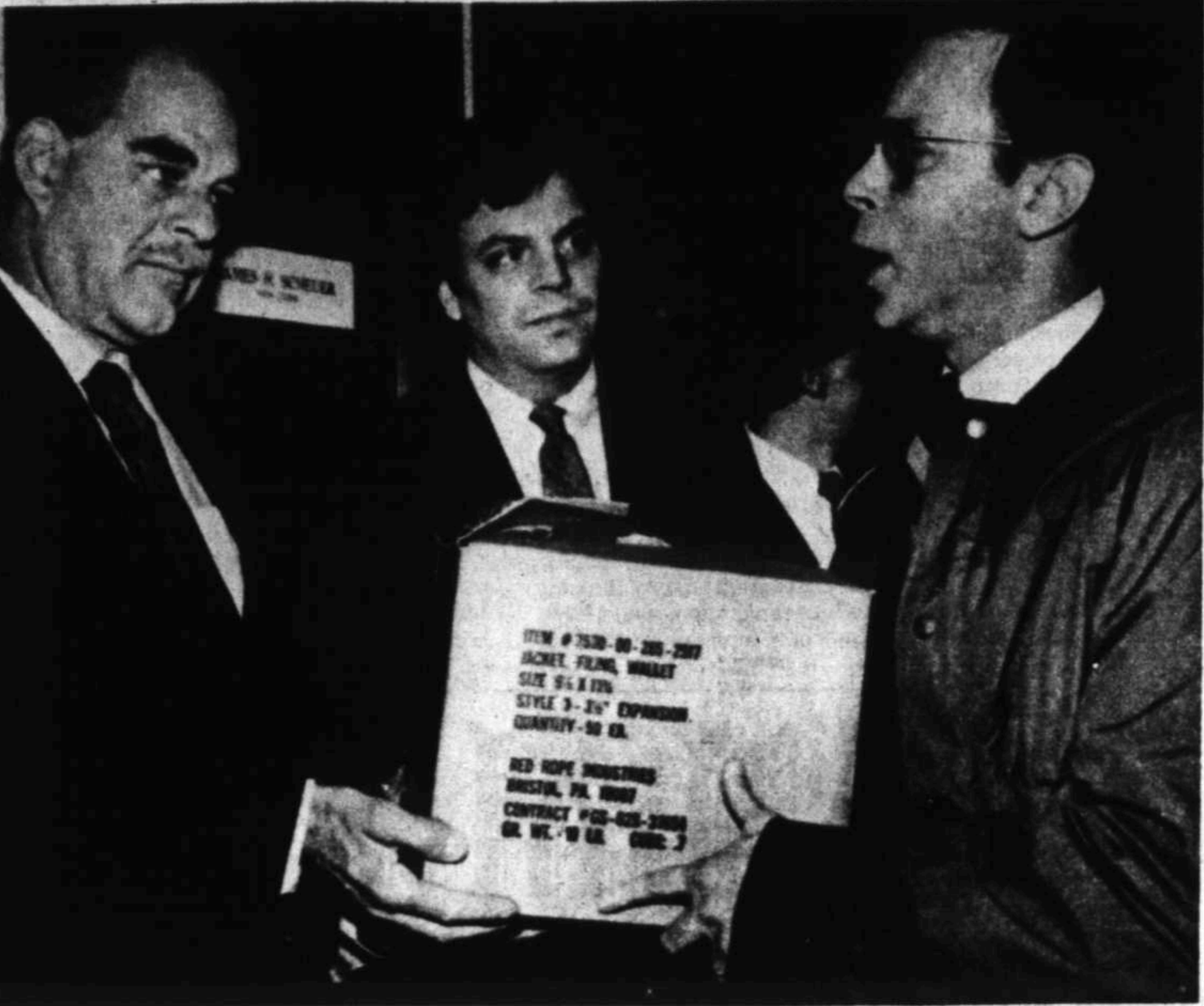
According to Charles Hulick, director of procurement for the General Services Administration, federal agencies in fiscal 1982 bought \$1.8 million worth of shredders and \$1.5 million worth of paper pulverizers, which do an even more complete job.

But he can't say how many machines that much money bought.

Shredder prices range from \$565 for a nice desktop model capable of chewing up 10 feet of paper a minute, six pages thick, to \$40,000 for a monster model which can do away with 1,000 pounds of paper an hour and never choke on the staples.

These big machines have an air duct that deposit the end product directly into a dumpster, for hauling off to the landfill.

The Pentagon has some like that, in its lower levels. Sometimes the building seems to grind and shake, and if a visitor asks what's going on, he's told, "Oh, that's just the paper shredder in the basement."



Delivering a box of documents to House subcommittee members James Scheuer, D-N.Y., left, and Mike Synar, D-Okla., center, is EPA whistleblower Hugh Kaufman.

The Pentagon's shredder is called a pulper, and its end products are pellets the size of BBs. But generally shredders produce long strips, about as narrow as thin spaghetti, all dense.

For the more security conscious, there are pulverizers, which emit confetti.

Under specifications developed by the National Security Agency, no piece can be large enough to contain a single typewritten character.

As the United States discovered to its embarrassment during the Iran embassy takeover, shredded paper can be reassembled.

The Iranian students who held U.S. Embassy people captive for 444 days pasted together some papers that had been shredded. The reconstructed documents told about U.S. ties to Savak, the Iranian secret police.

But at the time the embassy was under attack, security people hurriedly fed even more sensitive papers into a machine that had been provided by Security Engineered Machinery.

"Our equipment worked perfectly," says McIsaacs. "It was the strip-shredded stuff that was compromised."

U.S. planes in Libya for training only

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States does not plan to involve its military forces if Libya and Sudan clash, according to President Reagan, who says U.S. radar surveillance planes in the area are only on training exercises.

But Reagan, at a nationally broadcast news conference on Wednesday night, said that the American forces have a right to fire back if fired upon.

"I think that anytime that our forces, wherever we have put them, are fired upon, I have said, they've got a right to defend themselves," Reagan said.

Pentagon sources said the United States has sent radar surveillance planes to Egypt and moved an aircraft carrier battle group to counter a Libyan aircraft buildup apparently aimed at Sudan.

After conducting training exercises in the Gulf of Sidra, waters claimed by Libya but held by the United States to be international, the carrier Nimitz and its escorts moved to the north. Two U.S. fighters conducting military exercises over that gulf in August 1981

shot down two Libyan planes after being fired upon.

When asked about the exercises, Reagan said there had been no "naval movement of any kind." However, an administration official, who spoke only on condition his name not be used, said later the president had been referring to the exercises in Egypt.

Pentagon sources, speaking only on the condition that they not be identified, said Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khadafi had moved air units to bases in Chad, the adjacent country to the south where Libya has been supporting one faction in a civil war.

Those units appear to threaten Sudan, Chad's eastern neighbor, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the sources added, Egypt deployed air force units to bases in southern Egypt to be ready to counter any Libyan move against the Sudan.

The United States sent several AWACS — airborne warnings and control system — planes to Egypt from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

These planes, which see hundreds of miles by radar,

can direct air battles from afar and are involved in air training exercises with Egypt, the president told his news conference.

But an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman denied today that joint U.S.-Egyptian military exercises are underway. He also denied that Egyptian forces are being deployed to counter a possible Libyan move into Sudan.

"No joint Egyptian-American maneuvers are in progress at present," the spokesman said, adding that "some Egyptian crews are currently being trained in the use and operation of electronic equipment of American reconnaissance aircraft."

As for troop movements, the spokesman said that "the dispositions of Egyptian forces are normal and fall within the framework of normal plans."

At his news conference, Reagan said he was "well aware of Libya's attempts to destabilize its neighbors and other countries there in that part of the world."

Troop withdrawal talks resume in Israel

NETANYA, Israel (AP) — Negotiations for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon resumed today, shortly after the Israeli military command reported that two of its soldiers died in an ambush near Beirut.

The command said the two soldiers were killed and two others slightly wounded Wednesday when they were fired on from a passing car near Ain Zaita, 12 miles southeast of Beirut.

The command identified the dead soldiers as Cpl. Rafi Raichart, 32, and Staff Sgt. Mordechai Tadmor, 29. Their deaths raised the Israeli army's death toll to 459 since it invaded Lebanon eight months ago, according to army figures.

Raphael Eytan, advisor to Prime Minister Menachem Begin on terrorism, was quoted as saying there had been more attacks on Israeli targets since the invasion

than in any other eight-month period. But Israeli newspapers also quoted him as telling Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that most of the attacks had been foiled.

Meanwhile, Israeli and Lebanese delegates resumed the troop-withdrawal talks at a beachside hotel in Netanya, 20 miles north of Tel Aviv. The delegates are trying to arrange the pullout of Israeli, Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization forces from Lebanon.

The negotiators broke up into two subcommittees, one dealing with withdrawal arrangements and a declaration ending the state of war between Israel and Lebanon, and the other dealing with security arrangements in south Lebanon.

The withdrawal talks, being mediated by the United States, are focused on three unresolved issues: the

future of the Israeli-backed Christian militia of Maj. Saad Haddad in southern Lebanon, the possible role of international peacekeeping troops in the south, and Israel's demand to man at least three monitoring posts in southern Lebanon.

On Tuesday, Israeli officials said Israel and Lebanon had agreed to consolidate Haddad's Christian forces into the regular Lebanese army. U.S. special envoy Philip C. Habib had confirmed the Lebanese agreement in a meeting with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the officials said.

But Lebanese military sources immediately countered that there was no agreement, and that Haddad still faces a charge of desertion for splitting from the Lebanese army and establishing his "Free Lebanon" zone along the Israeli border during the 1975-76 civil war.

PLO chief pressured to reject Reagan's peace plan

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — PLO chief Yasser Arafat was under pressure today from hard-line Palestinian factions to reject the Reagan peace plan. Moderate guerrilla leaders complained about a lack of "encouraging signs" from the United States.

"The Americans are not giving us anything, nothing that we can show to the hard-liners that would dissuade them and bolster our position," said a senior

PLO official speaking for the moderate majority of the Palestine National Council.

He said the moderates backing Arafat were being "pushed" to reject the U.S. peace proposals but discounted a rejection of the Reagan plan by the council, the Palestine Liberation Organization's Parliament in exile.

The Reagan plan calls for Palestinian autonomy in

the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan.

"The Reagan plan neither recognizes the PLO nor promises an independent state for the Palestinians ... This is making it extremely difficult for us to face the hard-liners," the PLO official said. He declined to be identified.

City 'tightening belt' as sales state tax rebate falls

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Calling the budget cuts a move toward "belt-tightening," Brown said if the economy reverts soon, sales tax rebates would come back up. "But if oil prices continue to drop and the economy slides, it would aggravate the situation more. I've told the departments to look at their budgets and start cutting at every place," said the city manager.

But where to cut is the problem, he said. This year's budget reflected an increase of 90 employees with 52 of those going to the police and fire departments and "40 percent of our budget is tied up in those departments."

The city also must continue its debt service payments. "That's written in concrete," said Brown.

Public works department takes another 20 percent of the general revenue fund. "Maybe we can cut down on the number of street crews repairing potholes, but that's not really acceptable," the city manager added.

LAST SUMMER WHEN the City Council penciled together the budget, it had tried to be conservative in estimating sales tax income, said Mayor G. Thane Akins. But because rebates had increased steadily over the past years, the council expected the same to happen.

Councilman Carroll Thomas said that even if revenues are down only 10 percent, that translates into \$1 million for Midland. It wasn't until the council heard Fort Worth was falling short of revenues that the

council began to investigate, he said.

Akins doesn't see the city running out of money by the end of the fiscal year. "We've got a surplus for this kind of contingencies."

And it's too early to speculate if the tax rate will have to be raised for next year, he said. Because the budget includes a large chunk of additional employees this year and the city has slowed in its growth, Akins doesn't expect many additional city employees to be needed.

"The budget is salary intensive," he said, adding that cost of living increases may be less due to a lower inflation rate.

But right now, said the city manager, "We're between a rock and a hard place."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Economy now turing corner

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy is turning the corner toward growth with low inflation, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker says.

Hence, the nation's central bank will stick with its cautious interest-rate course to nurture a lasting recovery without reviving inflation, Volcker pledged Wednesday.

"My conviction is that much of the stage has been set for long-lasting, non-inflationary expansion," Volcker told the Senate Banking Committee.

Still, Volcker offered little hope that unemployment and interest rates would decline significantly anytime soon.

The Federal Reserve's official forecast expects the jobless rate to remain around 10 percent this year, and — to the displeasure of several senators — Volcker indicated that interest rates would subside only gradually over the long term as expectations of renewed inflation recede.

And he cautioned that the path toward economic prosperity is still blocked by record federal budget deficits at home and severe economic and financial problems besetting much of the world.

Industrial production up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Industrial production grew 0.9 percent in January, the largest rise since last February.

In another encouraging report, the government said housing starts soared a record 36 percent last month.

Both figures were fresh evidence that the economy is recovering from its recession of more than 18 months.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said his department's report on January home construction "adds to the accumulating evidence that the 1981-82 recession is behind us."

The increase in industrial production was fueled in large part by a boost in the output of cars and defense and space equipment, the Federal Reserve Board said Wednesday.

Auto assemblies — at an annual rate of 5.6 million units — were about 10 percent higher last month than in December, it said.

The Commerce Department said total housing starts in January reached an annual rate of 1.72 million units, the highest level since fall 1979. The 96 percent gain over January one year earlier also was a record increase.

Starts for single-family houses alone jumped 33 percent, the biggest one-month gain in six years — to an annual rate of 1.11 million units, the department said.

Mortgage money supply upped

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. says it is moving ahead with new services aimed at increasing the amount of money available for home mortgages.

Kenneth J. Thygeson, president of the government-sponsored institution known as Freddie Mac, told reporters Wednesday that two new variable-rate mortgage programs will be started in April and other changes will be made by the agency.

The corporation purchases home mortgages from savings banks and savings and loan associations and resells the mortgages to investors. The banks then use the funds raised to make further home loans.

Thygeson also said Freddie Mac had earnings of \$59.9 million last year, a record and well above the \$30.9 million of the year before.

He said the corporation plans an issue of preferred stock later in the year as a means of increasing its capital and added that additional emphasis will be placed on mortgages for multi-family residences.

Thygeson also said a new program of three-year and five-year adjustable-rate mortgages will begin in mid-April. The corporation will also begin offering mortgage commitments on a daily rather than a weekly basis.

GM-Toyota pact confuses

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — Two of the world's largest automakers who are joining in a history-making U.S.-Japan car production venture are promising 3,000 new jobs at an idle General Motors assembly plant.

But the pact, scheduled to be signed today by top officials of GM and Japan's Toyota Motor Co., has created confusion and some hostility over how it will affect thousands of members of the United Auto Workers who lost their jobs in waves of layoffs in the months before the plant ceased production last March 4.

Unemployed workers — members of UAW Local 1369, which once counted 6,000 people among its ranks at the plant — said they expected no demonstration outside the gate during today's ceremonies.

But security for Toyota's chairman, Fuji Toyoda, and GM's chairman, Roger B. Smith, was expected to be tight. And no members of the public were to be allowed inside the plant for the signing of letters of intent that would formally create the new company.

A groundbreaking ceremony also was scheduled as was a plant luncheon and Toyoda's tour of the sprawling facility about 35 miles southeast of San Francisco.

Since tentative agreement between the giant automakers was announced Monday, a spate of labor-management posturing has arisen regarding the effect of the agreement.

Business optimism higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Business optimism rose slightly in the first quarter of 1983, according to Dun & Bradstreet Corp.'s latest survey of business expectations.

The upward movement continues a seesaw pattern that has prevailed since 1980, with no more than two consecutive quarters showing the same trend.

Dun & Bradstreet surveyed 1,400 executives in November for the latest survey, which was released Wednesday.

It showed optimism about sales moved up seven points to 37 from the fourth-quarter 1982 reading of 30.

The survey indicated wholesalers had the most confidence, with their index rising 15 points from 21 to 36. Durable-goods manufacturers' index rose nine points to 26. Retailers were more gloomy, with their index dipping five points, from 50 to 45.

Rains ruin Florida vegetables

MIAMI (AP) — Dade County officials say heavy rains here in the southern part of the county ruined as much as 60 percent of the nation's largest midwinter vegetable crop.

Swamped by unexpected downpours, farmers have been forced to plow under acres of tomatoes, potatoes, snap beans and squash, the Dade County Cooperative Extension Department said Tuesday.

It rained again Wednesday, adding to the wetness of South Florida's normally dry season, and the U.S. Weather Service predicted even more rain for the region.

The effect of the crop losses on the price of vegetables is still unknown, but one Dade tomato packer estimated the losses could result in retail markups of 20 percent to 25 percent across the nation.

Richard Tyson, extension agent for vegetable crops, said yields from existing vegetable acreage "will be down 60 percent because of rain leaching fertilizer from the soil and increasing possibilities of diseased plants."

He said tomato crops are among the hardest hit. There are 11,500 acres of tomatoes now in the region's fields, he added.

Mesa president sees tougher times ahead for oil industry

By DAVID C. SODAMANN
Energy-Business Editor

The oil and gas industry today is a lot like a 4 a.m. poker game T. Boone Pickens told Midlanders Wednesday. "You're down to the tough players. The tough players are the ones that are going to win."

Pickens, president of Mesa Petroleum Co., Amarillo, and one of the nation's most prominent oil men, is perhaps best known for his role in Mesa's recent attempt to take over Cities Service Co. He spoke Wednesday afternoon to a joint meeting of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association and the West Texas Producers Forum at the Petroleum Club, and during the evening to the Petroleum Accountants Society of the Permian Basin at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

The remarks quoted here are taken from those speeches, or were made during a private interview conducted Wednesday evening.

In a talk to the American Petroleum Institute a few months ago, Pickens predicted the United States rig count would hit 2,000 rigs by mid-year. "I think now there's every prospect we'll go under 2,000 rigs. Hughes (Tool Co.)'s estimate of a 2,675 average for 1983 ... is way too high, too optimistic," Pickens said.

"I don't think in my life time I'm going to see a rig built again. I really don't. I think there's plenty of rigs around to do the job. They'll cannibalize. There'll be specialty (rigs) ... built, but I don't think you'll see full, complete drilling rigs manufactured again in my life time."

PICKENS IS 54 with, presumably, many years of life left.

"We're down to 1957 and it's in the trenches," Pickens said. "It's go to the office early in the morning and stay late. In 1957 we worked all day Saturday. You may have to come back to

that. And if you do, well too bad. We're talkin' about survival now, and when you do that there's a whole hell of a bunch of things you'll do. It's a very very tough period for the industry.

"When I look at 1982, and how tough it was, I see only a tougher year for '83. I see '84 looking a lot like '82. The way we're playing it a Mesa, '85 is going to be tough also.

"The way we're looking at it at Mesa, '83, '84, '85 hang on to the tub, and '86 will be OK. Hopefully we're wrong and '85 will be the pullout year. So we're locking down for three years," Pickens said.

ALTHOUGH SOME SAY the industry will come out of the slump in '83, Pickens disagrees. "I don't there's a prayer of coming out in '83," he said.

"All we can see is: continue to cut your budget, and be there when the thing turns around."

Pickens said when the turn around does come, he wants to be there.

"Consequently our budget is going down. The '81 budget was \$480 million, we dropped to \$350 million in '82, and in '83 we're down to \$225 million ... next year our budget's down to \$150 million."

This rapid budget cutting has caused a change in strategy at Mesa, Pickens said he has decided if the company fails two years in a row to replace reserves depleted in the previous year "then we'd sell out. It's gotta happen if we put back-to-back years together."

"IN '83, we have now reduced our budget to the point where, at historical finding costs, we cannot replace (produced reserves).

"Now, I wanted to put that in our annual report and I was talked out of it," Pickens said. His exploration staff did not think it was fair. "I told them let's go ahead and put in there that we



T. Boone Pickens Jr.

can't replace and to satisfy them, we could add the sentence, 'Unless we're luckier than hell.'"

Pickens said that idea was voted down.

The staff did agree that in 1984, at a \$150 million budget, Mesa will not be able to replace produced reserves.

MESA WILL NOW attempt to replace produced reserves with an "acquisition approach," Pickens said. "Everybody is in total agreement that if we're successful in acquisitions we'll be able to acquire oil and gas at a much cheaper price than we will be using our budget. We are committed to acquisitions in 1983," Pickens said. "We're in a very interesting period,

but I think it's an opportunity, in many many ways, to make a lot of money," Pickens said, "because companies are selling for just a fraction of their asset value."

"I think oil company stocks peaked in late 1981," Pickens said. "I don't think you'll see a lot of the companies ever go back to the highs they hit in 1981."

The financial conditions of many oil companies is causing investors to moan, however, Mesa has shown "some good numbers" recently and is in fairly solid shape financially.

The reason for Mesa's continued success, Pickens said, is "we just got out and scrambled for those earnings. This isn't unusual for us to do this. The period that we're in, you'd better one, get to work, and two, you better become innovative."

FINANCIAL PEOPLE in the petroleum industry are going to have to help straighten things out, Pickens said. "There are going to be some very unusual things done over the next two years and the financial people are going to really have to develop a lot of these ideas," Pickens said.

"There are going to be some liquidations — and some big ones. It'll be done by the stock holders and it'll be led by the institutional holders. I think that the restructuring is underway. We're into it now. It isn't as obvious as maybe it will be in six months or a year from now, but I think over the next two years you're going to see an entirely different industry in the structure of that industry.

"What'll happen is," Pickens continued, "the business will be gradually refounded on an entirely different basis than it is today. It will be refounded on a much sounder foundation."

"There are going to be some very interesting things happening over the next 24 months."

Coal miner expecting tough sledding

By LESLIE HAINES
Energy-Business Writer

In the Permian Basin, coal is considered "one of the other" energy sources, and people don't worry about it much. But from the vantage point of Robert Quenon, sitting in the president's chair at Peabody Coal Company in St. Louis, Missouri, coal is number one and oil and gas are "the other guys."

Regardless of the perspective, each of the three industries faces tough sledding through 1983. Each is competing for buyers in a weak market caused by the recession, energy conservation, and excess capacity.

According to Quenon, since each affects the other, coal industry executives will closely monitor their competition this year.

He spoke last night to the Midland

chapter of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES).

"We do have competition and we have to set a reasonable price for our coal," Quenon said. "We are looking carefully at (oil and gas) price trends."

A short break in the price of oil, of about \$5 a barrel, would stimulate the world economy, he said, but the coal business wouldn't be directly affected, except in the pace of oil-to-coal conversions by heavy industrial users.

"For oil to compete with coal, it's price would have to go down by about \$9 a barrel," he said.

Fundamental changes in the U.S. economy have the coal industry worried, Quenon said. Among those are the transition from heavy industry to high technology, automation, and service industries; and the change in the ratio

of Gross National Product (GNP) to electricity consumption.

"What is our business going to be like when the recession is over?" Quenon asked. "I have a nagging fear that some aspects of our economy will be around for a long time."

Seventy percent of U.S. coal is used to generate electricity. The other 30 percent is used by the steel industry, also in a severe recession, and by general industrial users.

The key question for the coal industry is thus what sort of growth rates can be expected in the public's electricity needs. The recession, energy conservation methods, alternate fuels like oil, gas and nuclear power, and foreign competition are all factors.

"Many old, tried and true yardsticks (like GNP and U.S. industrial output) are no longer valid," Quenon said.

The traditional ratio between the GNP and the number of kilowatt hours used has changed. Formerly, electric power consumption was about double the rate of GNP growth annually; today the ratio is closer to one to one, said.

Higher and higher electricity rates are also a problem. In the last 15 years, the consumer price index has risen 188 percent; electricity rates for industrial users have jumped 392 percent and for residential users, 262 percent.

Because of these factors, Peabody Coal is adopting a conservative stance in 1983. "We believe the economy has bottomed out and we look for mixed results. We're looking for about a 2.5 percent growth in electricity consumption in 1983, which would put us back to 1980 levels."

Although the Reagan Administration recently revised its estimates and said it expects nearly a 5 percent growth rate in the GNP this year, Quenon said Peabody Coal is looking for 2.5 to 3 percent annually until 1985.

The coal industry needs several things besides an improved national and world economy, Quenon said. It needs American railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission to be realistic in how they set freight rates for coal, and it needs public sector sponsorship of new and improved deep water ports.

Hawaiians rally 'round S&L

HONOLULU (AP) —

Competitors and other businessmen rallied around the Honolulu Federal Savings and Loan Association to help stem a tide of withdrawals that have cost it more than \$24 million in deposits.

The run on Hawaii's largest savings and loan association was fueled by rumors — discredited by federal banking officials — that Honolulu Federal was going to close.

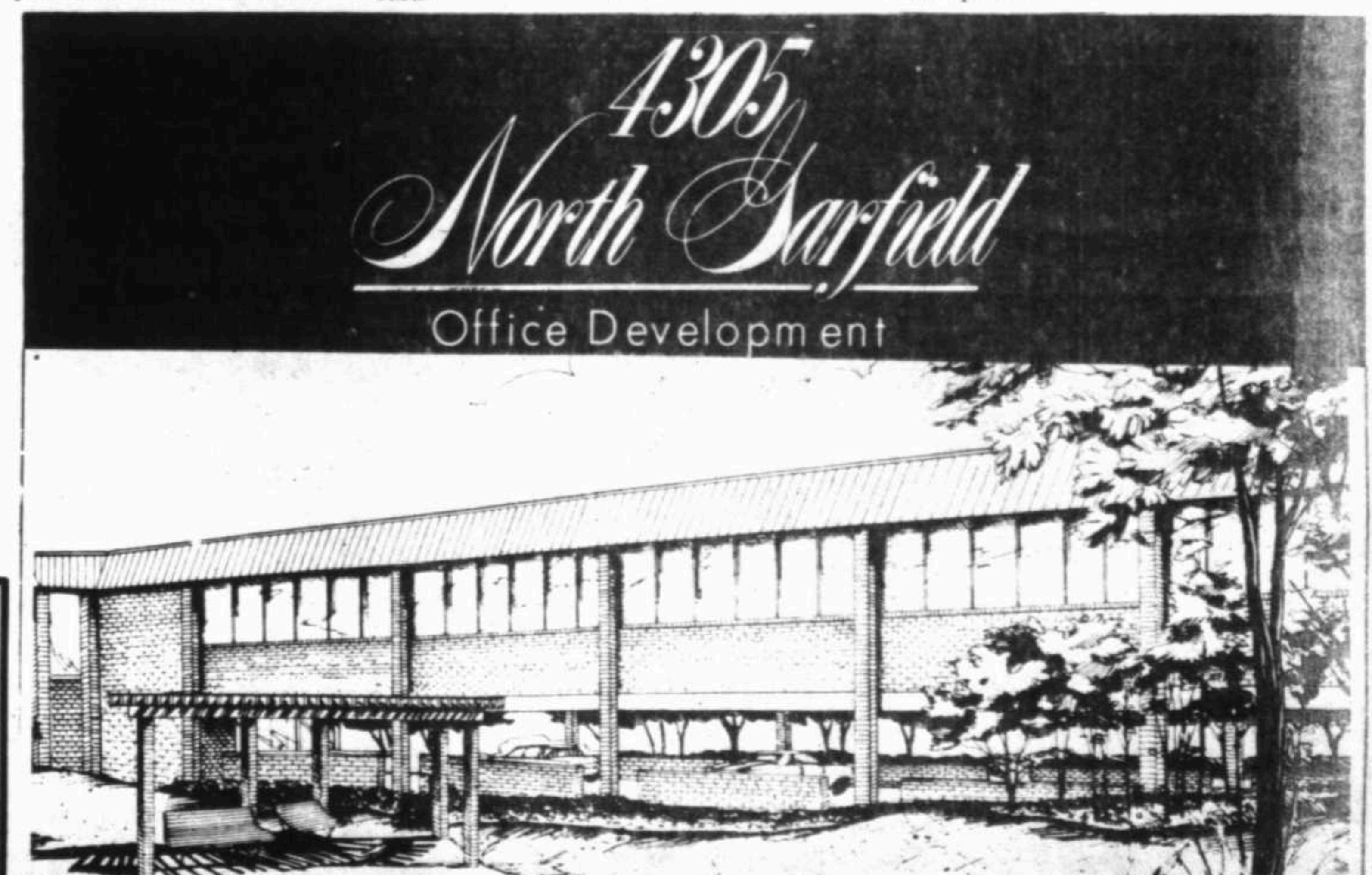
Depositors withdrew \$24 million from the institution's 27 Oahu branches Tuesday, Honolulu Federal President Mendel Borthwick Jr. said.

The run continued Wednesday, but by late afternoon Borthwick said, "We have seen basically a tremendous slowdown as far as withdrawals and number of people. Most of our branches are back to normal."

Borthwick said at a news conference that he did not know how much money had been withdrawn Wednesday.

"Let me say again, Honolulu Federal Savings and Loan is the third largest financial institution in the state and is in sound financial condition.

There is no basis to the rumor of any financial problem," Borthwick said.



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MUTUAL FUNDS

INVESTING COMPANIES

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Harvester reports its losses

CHICAGO (AP)—International Harvester Co., despite a first-quarter loss of \$165 million, has done "remarkably well" in its efforts to recover from a \$1.64 billion deficit last year, an industry analyst says.

The fiscally troubled implement manufacturer reported its first quarter results Wednesday. The figures showed a 40 percent improvement over the same period last year, despite a decline in sales to \$722 million in the period.

Last year's first-quarter loss from continuing operations was \$276 million.

John McGinty, an analyst with First Boston Corp., said Harvester has "done remarkably well, considering where they were and what they had."

However, McGinty said, the company's future "will be resolved in the boardroom of the banks, not in the furrow of the fields."

The net loss for the first quarter of 1983 was \$111 million, or \$3.62 a share, compared with \$288 million, or \$9.07 a share, a year ago. The quarterly figure for this year includes income of \$54 million from acceptance of an exchange offer by certain of the company's debenture holders as part of a restructuring of the debt. Last year's deficit included a \$12 million loss from discontinued operations.

The truck and farm equipment manufacturer, which is struggling to avoid bankruptcy proceedings, has been trying to weather a depressed world-wide economy and its own financial problems by trimming its operations to what it has described as its core business.

Donald D. Lennox, Harvester president and chief executive officer, said the company maintained its leading market share position in combined medium and heavy duty trucks and improved its U.S. market share for agricultural equipment from year-earlier levels.

In 1982, truck sales accounted for \$531 million and agricultural equipment sales were \$360 million.

Industry markets in both areas were at depressed levels for the first quarter of 1983 and Lennox said the company has not changed its forecast of a flat year for agricultural equipment sales and foresees no significant improvement in truck markets until later in the year.

McGinty said the market has "probably seen the bottom" in terms of demand for Harvester products.

Legislation shrinks tax cut

BY JOHN CUNIFF

NEW YORK (AP)—If you wonder where the impact of the big 1981 tax cut went, the cut that relatively few people seemed to detect by sight or touch or pocketbook, be it known that it has shrunk.

Not magically, as if by sleight of hand, but simply because of legislation duly passed by Congress and other legally constituted bodies.

The big tax cut, approved by Congress in August 1981 as the Economic Recovery Tax Act, was supposed to have reduced income taxes by nearly \$750 billion over five years. But it isn't likely to achieve its goal.

Even the Federal budget for fiscal 1984, released by the administration this year, concedes that the tax reduction might amount to only \$609 billion through 1986, largely because of the recession.

And, says Kenneth Simonson, a tax economist, that is "only the beginning of the sad tale of ERTA's demise."

Simonson, who works for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and writes for its weekly Washington Report, says Congress and the president ignored the fact that tax increases previously passed had not yet taken full effect.

When various factors, including this oversight, are considered, Simonson claims, the net tax reduction through 1986 might be only \$92 billion, "a far cry from the \$750 billion tax cut intended by the 97th Congress."

He begins with the effect of the so-called windfall profit tax on oil, and other tax increases approved during 1980 to go into effect later. He adds in the Social Security payroll tax increase passed in 1977, effective in 1981.

In all, he says, these tax increases diminished ERTA's stimulative effect by \$192 billion. Even more significantly, he continues, two new tax increases have been enacted since ERTA was approved.

These two, the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act and the Highway Revenue Act, and a Social Security tax increase on January 1, 1983, cut another \$241 billion from ERTA's impact, Simonson estimates.

"Therefore," he observes, "when all the tax passes and minuses are totaled, the net tax reduction from ERTA is only \$176 billion through 1986."

Simonson gets down to the \$92 billion figure by making some assumptions.

That, for example, Congress will approve a standby oil import fee and more Social Security tax increases. And that it will reject efforts to scale back the income tax cut due July 1, and tax indexing, scheduled for 1985.

There is even the possibility, he suggests, that people will be paying more rather than less in taxes through 1986 because of increases by many state and local governments.

The Tax Foundation gives evidence that this might be so.

In 1982, it reports, individual income taxes were raised in 10 states, general sales taxes in nine, cigarette taxes in nine, motor fuel taxes in eight, and corporate income taxes in seven states.

According to the non-profit foundation, the additional revenues from such taxes are likely to add \$4 billion to state revenues in calendar 1983.

And that total doesn't include increases in local taxes on properties.

What's left from all this government activity in your behalf, it seems, may not be sufficient to finance a message of thanks to your congressman.

Additional listings

The following lists of New York and American stock exchange listings are not reported in The Reporter-Telegram's regular daily postings for the exchanges.

(The list is compiled by Rauscher Pierce Securities Corp.)

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NEW YORK (AP)—American Stock Exchange

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Dusty sunlight

The late afternoon sun shines through haze over Wadley Avenue Wednesday. The mild weather, with cool nights and warm days, is expected to continue, according to the National Weather Service.

PBRPC favors program to aid alcoholism coping

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

An application for money to fund a program for children of alcoholic parents received favorable comment while a West Odessa subdivision's environmental review application got unfavorable reviews during the monthly meeting of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission board of directors Wednesday.

The directors offered favorable comment on an application by the Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children. The Center is seeking \$17,530 from the Texas Commission on Alcoholism (TCA) for a program called "Helping Kids Cope."

The program is designed to assist children of alcohol-abusing parents and educate youths 5-18 years old about the problems associated with alcohol abuse.

According to statistics released by the center, 100 of the 175 women admitted to the center during 1982 said alcohol abuse was a factor in their battering incidents.

National statistics quoted in the center's application indicated that between 60 and 80 percent of all family violence is linked to alcohol abuse.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) of Midland was seeking \$45,000 from the TCA to fund a similar program already in progress.

Cathy Clayton, PBRPC alcohol services director, said the PDAP application was later withdrawn after it failed to meet TCA application requirements.

The board conferred unfavorable comment upon an application to the Veteran's Administration (VA) by the West Ector Development Corp. of Odessa, which is seeking an environmental review of the Appletree Addition in West Odessa. The subdivision is located about nine miles southwest of downtown Odessa on U.S. Highway 80/Interstate 20, about a quarter mile north of the service road on Knox Drive.

West Ector Development is seeking approval from the VA in order to offer the organization's financing as an alter-

native source of financing to prospective buyers.

In its review of the application, the PBRPC's regional development review committee recommended unfavorable comment. The review pointed out the subdivision's lot sizes do not meet the Texas Department of Health's standards, which state that lots should be no smaller than 20,000 square feet to bear individual sewer and water systems.

The subdivision's average lot size is about 10,000 square feet.

Although the subdivision lots are about half the size recommended, Ector County Commissioner's Court approved the plats. The review committee stated that approval from other agencies may be difficult because the lot sizes do not meet health standards.

A spokesman for the developer said because the court granted a variance on the plats and because the health rules are only "standards," not "laws," the application should get favorable comment.

Ector County Judge Jan Fisher said the plats were approved but the court noted it would not support any attempts at securing alternative financing.

The board voted, without dissent, to accept the review committee's findings and grant unfavorable comment on the application.

The board offered favorable comment on a pre-application to the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) by Western Village Apartments, Ltd. The developer is seeking a \$1,428,000 loan, to be matched with \$75,158, to construct a 56-unit rural rental housing complex in Kermit.

Although the site lies outside the city limits, Kermit officials have indicated the project will be eligible to receive city sewer and water service.

The board also voted favorable comment on a pre-application to the FmHA by Rogers and Rogers, a Fort Worth investment firm looking to construct a 40-unit rural rental housing project in Stanton. The request is for \$1,020,000, to be matched by \$53,885 from the investment firm.

Finally, the directors elected State Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring, to serve on the PBRPC board.

Hospital, Midland physician subjects of \$1 million lawsuit

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Midland Memorial Hospital and a Midland physician are defendants in a \$1 million lawsuit in which a 24-year-old Odessa man alleges the physician, Dr. John F. Gillette, in 1980 failed to "properly evaluate and analyze" X-rays of his injured right forearm and elbow. The suit, filed in Midland's 142nd State District Court, also claims the hospital and physician provided "defective" personal property which affected failure to detect the injuries.

Two years after the mishap, the plaintiff, Billy Earl Thomason, claims

an Odessa physician discovered "pre-existing degenerative arthritis with aggravation from an injury" sustained in 1980 and "floating bone fragments" in Thomason's right elbow.

Thomason claims he was injured in an industrial accident on June 19, 1980, while he was employed by N.L. Industries, and was taken to the hospital's emergency room, where he was examined by Gillette, the attending physician.

The suit's petition says Gillette had X-rays taken of Thomason but the physician treated him for bruises and superficial cuts on his right forearm and prescribed certain drugs, but did

not detect any bone fracture.

But in February 1982, two Odessa physicians, Dr. Paul Best and Dr. Marten Geitz, examined new X-rays.

In his written diagnosis on March 2, 1982, Dr. Geitz cited the arthritis and fracture and concluded that Thomason's elbow was in need of surgery because of an accident on June 19, 1982, when he sustained a bone or cartilage fracture, according to the petition. "This patient will have a permanent partial disability of the elbow of possibly 50 percent and may need surgery in the future."

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Flu's in the air; Schools say it's increased absenteeism

More cases reported than last year

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Johnny started coughing at school. His cheeks were flushed, so the school nurse sent him home.

His mother woke up with an ache through her shoulders and her skin felt warm.

Johnny's father lost all his energy. He began feeling chilled and came home from work.

Johnny and his parents have the flu. According to Midland physicians, the flu has reached near-epidemic proportions in the Tall City.

A poll of some of the city's schools revealed an increase in absenteeism during the last three weeks, many due to the flu.

While Bowie Elementary officials reported 20 fifth graders a day absent because of flu, Burnett Elementary representatives said only a third of their absentees can be contributed to flu. At Fannin Elementary it was reported that a number of students go home each day with flu symptoms. Emerson Elementary officials said three weeks ago there was a marked increase in absenteeism, but it's now back to normal.

"It's a virus infection that strikes the system and disables a person for five to seven days," Dr. William M. Hibbitts, an internist, said. "True influenza is a little more severe, with chills, fever and generalized aching. Sometimes there's a scratchy throat, headache and coughing. I'm see-

ing a little more this year than last."

Hibbitts said the flu usually strikes about this time of year and is transmitted by contact with an infected person or objects the flu victim has touched. Although the age-old advice, "rest in bed, drink plenty of fluids and take aspirin," is still the best course to take, Hibbitts said be sure to check with a doctor.

"I've seen several people who have been quite ill," Hibbitts added.

Dr. Walter Hewell said he's seen a "number of people come down with a high fever and aches along with upper respiratory problems. There's a little more (flu) than usual this year."

One Midland pediatrician, Dr. W.C. Watson, has been chasing the bug for the past three weeks.

"Kids have had consistent (flu) symptoms," he said. "I don't remember seeing very much of this last year."

Watson said if a parent becomes concerned about any of the symptoms, "call your doctor."

"Over the phone, we can probably tell if they (children) have flu by the symptoms, but I've seen pneumonia, strep throat and infection, so it's better to check."

Watson said symptoms in children include fever from 102 to 106 degrees, chills, muscle aches, sore throat, eye irritation and a dry hacking cough, lasting from four to seven days.



Dr. Walter Hewell examines patient Brenda Petty Wednesday for possible flu symptoms. The flu has hit Midland in recent weeks, resulting in an increase in absenteeism in schools.

Andrews man acquitted of dog fighting by Midland jury

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

A Midland County jury deliberated about 10 minutes Wednesday before finding 25-year-old William Clarence "Bill" Rich of Andrews innocent of fighting pit bulldogs last Aug. 29 or of encouraging or promoting the illegal fights.

"I didn't have anything to do with it," Rich testified Wednesday in the one-day trial.

Rich was one of eight people charged with fighting the dogs southeast of Midland; four defendants have jumped bail. But three others, including Rich's friend, David C. Heard, have been convicted of fighting dogs.

Rich said he landed at the site of the dog fight by happenstance. He said that he had been traveling by motorcycle and had stopped in Midland that

Sunday night to visit his friend, Heard, after a weekend of water skiing at Lake Nasworthy near San Angelo.

Rich said Heard asked him if he wanted to see his newly-acquired farm and to go with him to feed his dogs. Rich said he was aware that Heard had some pit bulldogs, had heard that Heard fought dogs but didn't know for sure, and had never before seen a dog fight.

The defendant said his friend made no mention of a dog fight, though Heard later testified he had permitted dog fighters to stage a fight on his farm that Sunday. However, Heard said he assumed the fight would have been over by the time he and Rich arrived on the farm. He said he did not mention the dog fight to Rich.

Once there, Rich said he saw two Mexican-Americans rubbing necks of

dogs at an arena and then let them attack each other.

"The dogs just hit each other...it was kind of messy. I didn't watch any more of it."

Shortly thereafter, Rich said he remembers "some (gun) shots being fired."

"If it wasn't shots, it was some awfully big backfires, and everybody started running. I didn't know what was going on. I dove between two cars" and tried to crawl underneath one of the "old junkers" for protection. "When I got up, I was looking down the barrel of that gun."

Co-prosecutor James Z. Brazell asked Rich just why he dived between the cars.

"If someone was shooting around you, wouldn't you dive?" Rich responded. Brazell didn't answer.

"I didn't think anything," Rich said. "I just reacted."

But Rich said it didn't take him too long to figure out what was taking place — the raid on the dog fight. But he said it occurred to him that his friend "David might have made someone mad. The crowd that runs around with him is about half rough."

Earlier testimony indicated that several Midland County sheriff's deputies and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers had staged the raid on the dog fight, which Deputy B. John McDaniel had watched from afar from about 11 p.m. until the raid about 20 minutes later.

"They handcuffed me and threw me over there (in the pit arena) with the rest of them," Rich said.

Rich said he tried to tell the law officers he wasn't involved in the dog fight but they "kept telling me to shut up."

Later, after he was bailed out of jail, Rich said he tried to explain his innocence to Assistant County Attorney Mark H. Dettman.

"He told me he couldn't talk to me, because I wasn't an attorney," Rich said. "Nobody would talk with me. I asked if I could talk to the judge. They said 'no. The judge can't talk to you anyway.'"

"You was there," he said Dettman told him. "That's enough." I said 'OK.'"

Again, Rich said, "I didn't have anything to do with the dog fight — never have — and probably would hit somebody if they were to ask me to."

Rich, who was represented by defense attorney Dan Sullivan of Andrews, earlier said he had some pets — two ferrets and two cats — at home. "No, no fighting dogs," he said. "I had a Doberman (Pinscher). He got out of the

fence and got hit by a car."

Rich, an independent contractor whose work includes landscaping, said he was employed in a public relations job before he was arrested for the misdemeanor offense of fighting dogs.

"Thanks to this, I don't work for them anymore."

Heard pleaded guilty to promoting the dog fight and was fined \$250. "I served my time," he said. Two other defendants — James Wayne "Bubba" Burton, 29, and Willie Howard Whitmire, 23 — were convicted of cruelty to animals in jury trials. Each was placed on probation for one year and was fined \$1,000.

Rich was "a victim of circumstances," Heard said.

Rich's attorney termed the accusations against his client a "case of surmise and suspicion."

DEATHS



Les Campbell

LAMESA — Services for Les Campbell, 80, of Lamesa were to be at 2 p.m. today in North Ridge United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carl White officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park directed by Brannon Funeral Home.

Campbell died Tuesday in a Lamesa hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born Aug. 17, 1902, in Deport. He married Dorothy Reece on Nov. 1, 1930, in Hugo, Okla. He moved to Lamesa in 1941 from Deport. He worked as a carpenter and later as assistant manager of Forest Lumber Co. in Lamesa. He was a longtime member of North Ridge United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Nell Smith of Odessa; two sisters, Opal Chalker of Lubbock and Ollie Lee Guest of Silverton; three brothers, Harley Campbell of Lamesa, Lowell Campbell of Deport and Ralph Campbell of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

Harold M. Harris

Services for Harold M. Harris, 72, of 810 Gulf Ave. were to be at 2 p.m. today at Hope Lutheran Church with the Rev. David C. Baker officiating. Burial was to be in the Pullman City Cemetery under the direction of Kimball Funeral Home in Pullman, Wash. Local arrangements are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday at his home after a brief illness.

Harris was born May 26, 1910, in Tulsa, Okla. He was a graduate of the University of Tulsa. He moved to Midland in 1951 and worked for the Southland Royalty Co. as a petroleum engineer. In 1966, he formed the Harris Gas Engineering Co., which he owned and operated.

Survivors include three sons, John Harris of Houston, Richard Harris of Midland and Gavin Harris of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter, Linda Rogers of Austin; a stepdaughter, Leslie Adams of Lubbock; two sisters, Virginia Evans of Tulsa, Okla., and Dorothy Ford of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Tom Harris of Tulsa, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society.



Bill Schneider

Services for Bill Schneider, 70, of 2000 Brunson Ave. will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. F. Ray Riddle Jr., associate minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Schneider died Wednesday morning in a Midland hospital after a brief illness.

He was born Feb. 25, 1912, in Denver. He graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1936 with a geophysics degree. He was in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1942 to 1945 and served in Europe and the Pacific during World War II. He had been a resident since 1936. He worked for Honolulu Oil Corp. and later directed

exploration for the company. Schneider was active in Boy Scouts in Denver and Midland. He participated in planning for the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and Hall of Fame. He was a past president of the West Texas Geological Society, and was a member of the Society of Independent Petroleum Engineers and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Survivors include his wife, Frances W. Schneider of Midland; a son, Warren P. Schneider of Dallas; two daughters, Sue E. Heironimus of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Judith A. Meadows of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

Bob Weston

ODESSA — Services for Bob Weston, 55, of Odessa, father of Barry Weston of Midland, were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Church of the Risen Lord in Odessa. Burial was to be in Sunset Memorial Park.

Weston died Tuesday. He was born Dec. 20, 1927, in Kennedy. He was a commercial pilot for area oil companies. He married Dorothy Crowner Jan. 24, 1947, in San Angelo. He was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the Church of the Risen Lord. Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, his mother, a brother and six grandchildren.

Nona Littlejohn

Services for Nona Littlejohn, 68, of 608 S. Tilden St. were to be at 1 p.m. today in Hollowell United Methodist Church. Burial was to be in Fairview Cemetery directed by Jackson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Littlejohn died Saturday in a Midland hospital.

She was born April 22, 1914, in Rich Hill. She attended schools in Lamar County. She married Louis S. Littlejohn June 18, 1933. They moved to Midland in 1951 and joined the Hollowell United Methodist Church. She was a choir member and counselor at the church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Kenneth Louis Littlejohn of Midland; three daughters, Ariene Bapsed and Naomi Brown, both of Las Vegas, Nev., and Betha Louise Littlejohn of Midland; six sisters, Florence Sanders of Arthur City, Pearlina Hamilton of Fort Worth, Pernie Johns of Arthur City, Bertha Johns of Lubbock, and Elberta Tinnion and Beulah Campbell, both of Midland; a brother, Willie Whaley of Paris; two half-sisters, Tommie R. Edwards and Marie Sams, both of Los Angeles; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Carol L. Burton

Carol Lucille Burton, 60, of 3114 Preston Drive died Wednesday in an Odessa hospital.

Graveside services will be at 2:15 p.m. Friday in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, directed by Porter Loring Funeral Home. Local arrangements are being handled by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

She was born July 11, 1922, in Akron, Ohio, and was a housewife and member of Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church in Midland. She had lived in Midland three years after having resided seven years in San Antonio. She served in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II and was married to Claude R. Burton Nov. 2, 1946, in Akron, Ohio.

Survivors include her husband and a son, Theodore Burton of Baton Rouge, La.

Fred Tyner

ROSWELL, N.M. — Fred Tyner, 79, of Roswell, N.M., died Monday at his home after a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Ballard Funeral Home chapel here. Burial was to be in South Park Cemetery at Roswell.

Tyner was a landman and formerly worked with Pure Oil Co. and Union Oil of California. His work took him to Midland, Texas. Tyner had served as vice president of the National Land and Scout Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Elks Lodge and Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, DeEtta Tyner of Roswell; a son, David Tyner of Denver, Colo.; and a brother, Gene Tyner of Corsicana, Texas.

Brad E. Lynch

Brad E. Lynch, 26, of 3301 W. Michigan Ave. died Monday in Odessa.

Services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. James Higgins of Faith Baptist Church officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Lynch was born July 18, 1956, in Orange, Calif., and had lived most of his life in Midland. He attended Midland schools and was a member of the Baptist church. He served in the Army for three years. Lynch was a seismograph operator.

Survivors include a son, Samuel William Lynch of Midland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hale of Midland; two brothers, Clayton Hale and Don Hale Jr., both of Midland; a sister, Kathy Hale of Midland; and his grandmother, Minnie Friday of Midland.

Betty Jean Hurst

Services for Betty Jean Hurst, 50, of 2212 Culver were to be at 3:30 p.m. today at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Mark S. Bassham of the Church of Christ officiating. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday afternoon in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Hurst was born July 27, 1932, in Perrin. She lived in Perrin, Seminole and Gruver. She married Ollie F. Hurst in Seminole in 1951. They lived in Brownfield, Tatum, N.M., and Seminole. They moved to Midland in February 1977.

Survivors include her husband, Ollie F. Hurst of Midland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byers of Jacksboro; two sons, Robert Wayne Hurst of Athens and William Nathan Hurst of Austin; a daughter, Sandra Ann Hurst Bassham of Monahans; a brother, Nathan O. Byers of New Iberia, La.; two sisters, Margaret O. Wampler of Jacksboro and Doris Ruth Trammell of Graham and five grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702, and the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center.

W.A. Cunningham

ANDREWS — Services for William Azra Cunningham, 70, of DeLeon will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Singleton Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes with the Rev. Ted Short officiating. Burial will be in Andrews Cemetery.

Cunningham died Tuesday in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born Oct. 26, 1912, in Fayette, Ala. He had lived in DeLeon for four years.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Bailey of Andrews; two sons, Allen Cunningham of Monahans and Earl Cunningham of Sand Springs; his father, Houston Cunningham of Fayette; two sisters, Wanell Davis of Fayette and Ann Lee Campbell of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and six grandchildren.

Vada Marrow

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. James G. (Vada) Marrow, 75, of Big Spring were to be at 10 a.m. today in Trinity Funeral Home chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Marrow died Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital. She had been a resident of Big Spring for seven years. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

Marshall Banks

Services for Marshall Banks, 70, of Midland will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Graveside services will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday in Brady.

Banks died Wednesday morning in a Midland hospital.

He had been a resident of Midland since 1956 and owned a Humble Service Station. He was a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Agnes Montgomery

Services for Agnes Montgomery, 76, of 2800 W. Illinois Ave. were Wednesday at the Fannin Terrace Baptist Church. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Montgomery died Monday afternoon in a local retirement home.

Pallbearers were Bruce Brenneman, Fred Schantz, John Claborn, Rick Tucker, Tim Harris and Larry Alexander.

Harry V. Howard

McCAMEY — Services for Harry V. Howard, 75, of McCamey will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the First Methodist Church in McCamey. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, directed by James Dennis Funeral Home.

Howard died Wednesday morning in McCamey.

He had been a McCamey resident for 53 years and was a retired rancher. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Robert R. Wright

ANDREWS — Services for Robert Rusk Wright, 29, of Andrews were to be at 10 a.m. today in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with the Rev. Clifford Blackburn officiating. Burial was to be in Springer Cemetery in Waller directed by McWilliams-Canon Funeral Home.

Wright died Monday in a plane crash northeast of Andrews.

He was born Aug. 7, 1953, in Houston. He married Janelle Diffin on July 4, 1981, in Midland. He was an automation analyst for Amoco. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He had lived in Andrews for eight years.

Survivors include his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Wright of Houston; his grandmothers, Freda Pope of Waller and Mrs. W. Roy Wright Sr. of Houston; and a brother, W. Roy Wright III of Houston.

Juanita Johnson

BIG SPRING — Services for Juanita Johnson, 57, of Big Spring will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Powerhouse Church of God in Christ. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park directed by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson died Monday afternoon in a Big Spring hospital.

She was a Big Spring resident since 1929 and was a domestic employee. She was a member of the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ.

MMH, Midland physician subjects of \$1 million lawsuit

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In September 1982, Dr. Geitz confirmed that all "sets of X-rays showed loose bodies (floating bone fragments)" in Thomason's right elbow and recommended that Thomason have surgery, the petition says.

But Thomason claims he can't afford the expense of further medical treat-

ment. The suit's petition says the hospital's and Dr. Gillette's "actions involved such entire want of care as could have only been the result of a conscious indifference to the rights and welfare" of Thomason.

Thomason's attorney in the litigation is Gerald Fugit of Odessa. He is asking for a jury trial.

Odessan injured in accident

ODESSA — An Odessa man is in critical condition today after the sports car he was driving was hit from behind by a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 20 about five miles west of here Wednesday afternoon.

In the intensive care unit of Medical Center Hospital with head injuries was Clyde Henry Smith, 29, of Odessa.

Smith was eastbound on the interstate when an eastbound 18-wheeler driven by Roy Sherrill of Grand Prairie rammed his 1976 MG from the rear, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Smith's car rolled over five times, throwing him to the ground. The truck rolled onto its right side, but Sherrill was not injured.

State legislators fault appraisal districts

AUSTIN (AP) — Two East Texas legislators say the central appraisal districts set up by the Legislature have failed in some counties and voters

should be allowed to get rid of them.

The districts, run by five-member boards, were established by the 1979 Legislature.

Attempted burglary arrest leads to drugs

Two adults and a juvenile were in custody this morning following their arrest Wednesday night in connection with an attempted burglary that led to felony drug charges being filed against the two adults.

Police said they responded to a burglary call in the 200 block of Eisenhower about 8:40 p.m. Wednesday and found a 14-year-old Alamo Junior High School student being held by a homeowner who said he caught the youth breaking into his garage. The homeowner told officers two men had gotten away in an older-model pickup truck.

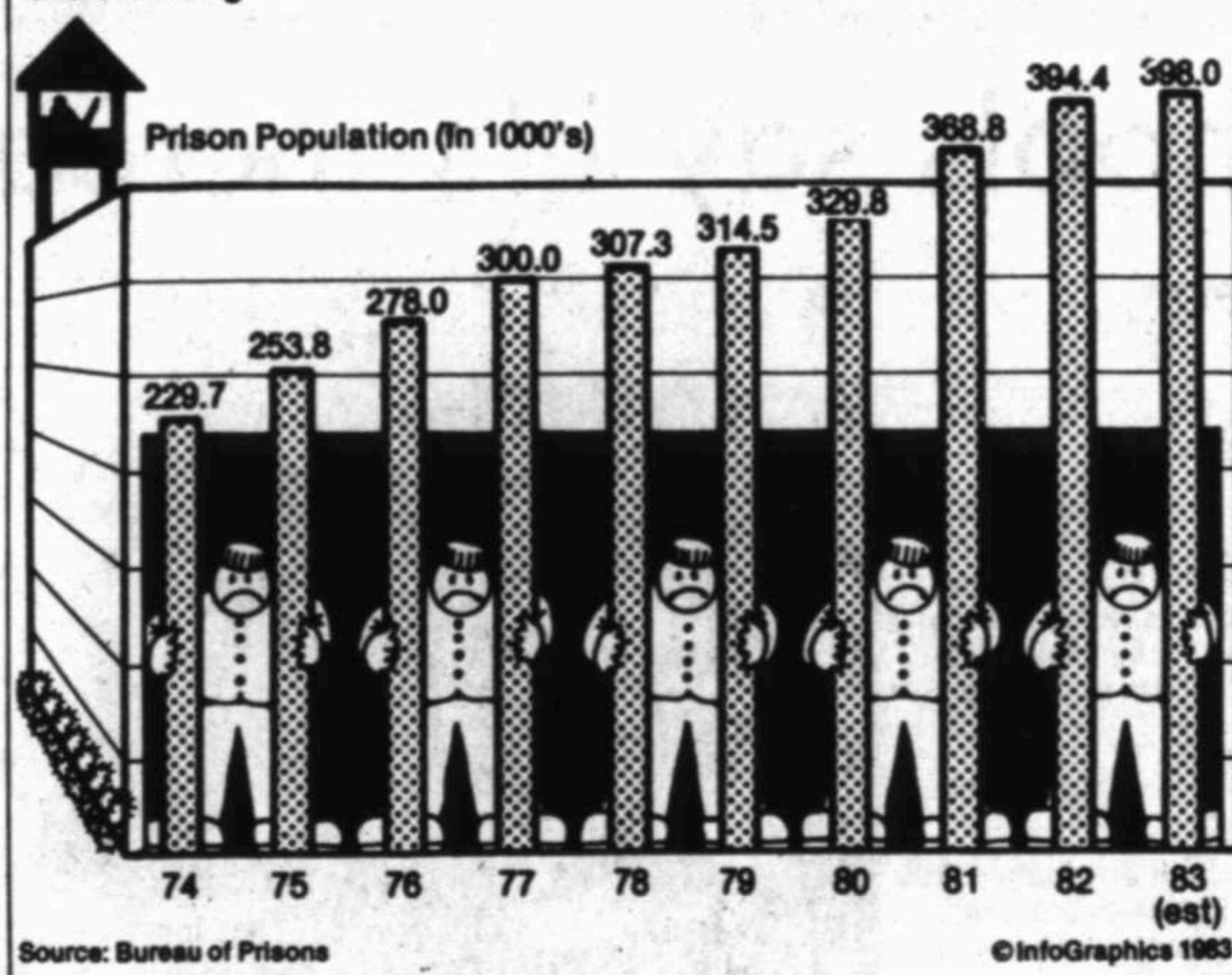
As the resident was talking to police, a pickup with two men in it drove slowly by and the homeowner said, "There goes the pickup now."

Police stopped the truck and said they found "a large amount" of marijuana in it. The occupants, a 22-year-old Gardendale man and a 21-year-old Midland man, were booked for felony possession of marijuana. The teen-ager was being held for juvenile authorities on a burglary complaint.

Formal charges were expected to be filed today. Neither the amount of marijuana confiscated nor its street value was immediately available.

Our crowded prisons

The number of convicts in state prisons has gone up 73.3 percent since 1974. The increase has come more rapidly than the prisons can handle. In a 1978 study, there were 29,000 more prisoners than cells to contain them. Prison authorities have coped by doubling up in cells and similar measures. The Ossining riot was blamed — at least in part — on overcrowding.



White tells replacement plans for three TDC board members

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White says he will replace at least two of the three Texas Department of Corrections board members whose terms have expired.

White told reporters Tuesday that he would replace "more than one" of the three, whose six-year terms ran out Tuesday.

The three are Chairman Louis Austin of Dallas, and members Joseph LaMantia of Weslaco and T.L. Roach of Amarillo. All were appointed by former Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

White told reporters he would announce his appointees in about a week.

There are nine members on the board. The next regular vacancies will come up in 1985.

At a meeting of the Austin Leadership Council earlier in the day, White complained about poor planning and slow administration of prison building programs by the board.

"I am not going to be frustrated by their inactivity over there. I'm going to have some new board members at the first opportunity, and we're going to get that situation resolved. It's ridiculous for this state to have a criminal justice system that operates on a limp-along basis," White said.

Three arrested in Pantex plant protest

AMARILLO (AP) — An Ash Wednesday protest at the final assembly point for the nation's nuclear arsenal resulted in the arrest of three people who tried to climb a security fence at the plant, officials said.

Department of Energy spokesman Dave Jackson said no breach of security occurred and no violence was reported at the Pantex Nuclear Weapons

Assembly Plant here. The plant is operated by the DOE.

Christine Eirene, 31, Kathleen Jennings, 29, and Ladonn Sheats, 46, were charged with trespassing on federal property before U.S. Magistrate Robert Sanders. The trio later was indicted by a federal grand jury on the same charge, and each was held in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

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