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The SDN Column

So far, the month of February has seemed to concentrate on making a liar out of the groundhog.

Fruit trees are on the verge of bursting into bloom, as the bright sunshine and high temperatures have beckoned the buds to emerge. The experience of recent years has given this area a lot of "catching up" to do in fruit growing. It has reached the point that a good fruit crop is the exception rather than the rule.

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This being the Bicentennial year, nearly everybody is looking at the nation's past and a lot of discoveries are being made all over again. For example, we ran across this "resipee" for "roaste beefe" which allegedly was used by early-day Americans:

"Lae the meate on sum stiks in a drippin-pan or other vessell, so that it will not tuch the watter which it is necesaire to hav in the bottum. Sesen with salt and peper and put in uven 3 or 4 hours befor it is wanted for the tabel. Baste it often with the watter in the bottum of the pan, puttin mor in as often as it getts low. This makes sweet jucee roaste beefe. The great sekret of it is not to have the meate tuch the watter in the bottum of the pan, and to baste it often. Tuff unpromisin beefe is best cooked by steemin it an hour and a haf or so and then puttin it in the uven and roasten much longer. Crackers just browned and then pounded should alwaes bee kept to sift over roaste meates, and kerled parslee to garnish with. Greated horseradich is also excelent with the roates."

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"And here's what is purported to be an old-time remedy for "krampe."

"Wett a clothe in spirits of terpentyne and lae it over the place where the paine if felt. If the paine moves, move the clothe. (Sounds logical). Take 5 drops spirits of terpentyne at a time on wite shuger till releeved."

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Here's a switch. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced that it denied a request to establish a mandatory standard for electric fans because voluntary industry efforts had already solved the problems. How dare industry do one of our regulatory agencies out of a bureaucratic project?—WACIL McNAIR.

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 1976. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1878, Thomas Edison was granted a patent for the phonograph.

On this date:

In 1473, the man credited with founding modern astronomy, Copernicus, was born in Torun, Poland.

In 1803, Ohio was admitted to the Union.

In 1881, Kansas adopted prohibition.

In 1942, during the Pacific War, Japanese bombers carried out their first attack against the mainland of Australia, hitting Darwin.

In 1959, Britain, Greece and Turkey signed an agreement providing independence for the Mediterranean island of Cyprus within one year.

In 1963, the Soviet Union agreed to withdraw Soviet troops from Cuba.

Ten years ago: Absenteeism in schools and industry rose to 40 per cent in parts of the Los Angeles area as flu spread across California and many other parts of the U.S.

Five years ago: There was furious fighting around a South Vietnamese artillery base in Laos, slowing an effort by South Vietnam to cut off the Communist supply line, the Ho Chi Minh trail.

One year ago: Secretary of State Henry Kissinger wound up a ten-day mission that had taken him to nine countries in the Middle East and Europe.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, members of the Continental Congress attended a memorial service in Philadelphia's Dutch Calvinist Church for General Richard Montgomery and other Americans killed in an attack on the Canadian city of Quebec.

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The Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Wednesday, 75 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 42 degrees.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Fair through Friday. Low lower 20s mountains 30s north to mid 40s south. High Friday upper 60s north to near 80 south.

North Central and Northeast Texas: Fair through Friday. Low tonight in 40s. High Friday 72 to 80.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. Low tonight upper 30s northwest to mid 50 south. High Friday in 80s.

Coast: East to southeast winds 5 to 10 knots tonight, increasing to 10 to 15 knots Friday. Seas less than 3 feet tonight, increasing Friday.

Snyder, A Bicentennial City

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976 RECOGNIZED BY AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION

EXCHANGE VISIT—Members of the Sweetwater and Snyder High School Student Councils met together this morning at Snyder High as the Sweetwater group responded to a visit by the Snyder students to their campus several days ago. The exchange visits were initiated by the students to promote goodwill between the student bodies of the two schools. Attending the session this morning were, from left, seated, Deanna Myers, Sarah Coleman and Ramsey Tercero; and standing, Kent Ruffin of Sweetwater, Dane Witherspoon, president of the Snyder Student Council; Ray Martinez of Sweetwater, Aubrey Todd of Sweetwater, Tracy Witherspoon and Alan Lackey of Sweetwater.

Texas Oilmen Complain About Federal Controls

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Texas oilmen fretted today about the federal government's dealings in the state's rich oil and gas reserves.

President Jack Blanton of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, said pending federal legislation "outlines the strategy of more and more controls breaking up the most efficient and productive units of the industry, all leading to the breakdown and crisis that many will use as an excuse for nationalizing the industry."

Blanton said if proposal adopted by the House to extend federal controls is adopted by Congress, "the American people are the tragic losers...the FPC (Federal Power Commission) will be more of a part of our lives, and that is a luxury this country can't afford."

James Russell of Abilene, a vice president for the Texas Producers & Royalty Owners Association, said if federal controls over prices were eliminated, utility consumers would pay a "fair price while the industry restores full drilling activity to supply everyone."

After their remarks at the statewide oil allowable hearing, the Texas Railroad Commission extended all-out production through March, which will be the 48th consecutive month for a 100 per cent allowable.

As usual, the East Texas field was restricted to 86 per cent production to avoid possible waste.

Major buyers of Texas crude oil have asked for 3,940,320 barrels a day in March, a decrease of 1,142 barrels daily from February.

Nominations for March, in barrels per day, with any changes from February in parentheses:

Amoco 350 000
Atlantic Richfield 180,00
Chevron 73,800 (minus 4,000)
Cities Service 112,000
Continental 54,500
Diamond Shamrock 36,000
Exxon 736,000
Gulf 155,400 (minus 600)
Mobil 345,000
Phillips 115,000
Shell 300,500
Sun 225,000
Texaco 223,000
Union of California 85,000

Hearing On Gas Rates Case Held Today

A delegation of seven Snyder city officials was in Austin this morning to represent the city in a hearing before a Railroad Commission examiner on a plea for a rate increase by Lone Star Gas Co.

The city granted Lone Star a rate hike last November which it said would result in a 38.99 per cent increase in revenue and enable the gas company to realize a 9 per cent profit on its distribution system in Snyder. Shortly thereafter, Lone Star filed an appeal with the Railroad Commission asking for a greater increase in rates and also a gas cost adjustment clause which would enable the gas company to alter its rates without review by the city whenever its costs for gas changed.

Representing Snyder at the hearing in Austin today were Mayor W.A. Vestal, Councilmen Jack Cummins, Truett Bryan and Rod Waller; City Manager George Patterson, City Engineer Jim Dower and City Attorney Ernie Armstrong.

Jury Finds Free Guilty

A jury in 132nd District Court this morning found Gary Lee Free guilty of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Norma Kay Fraley here last Oct. 19.

Free was driver of a car which was in collision with a truck in downtown Snyder, and Miss Fraley, who was a passenger in the car, died of injuries received in the crash.

Judge Wayland G. Holt resumed court proceedings to take up the penalty phase of the case shortly after the jury returned its verdict in the trial at 11:15 a.m.

The case went to the jury at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. The jury deliberated the remainder of the day and then resumed its deliberations at 9:30 a.m. today.

Pretrial Hearing Set For Schnabel

AUSTIN (AP) — District Court Judge Tom Blackwell today set a March 17 pretrial hearing for Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel, named in five indictments alleging misuse of state employes and money.

Blackwell did not ask for Schnabel's plea—expected to be one of innocence—at his brief court appearance.

Schnabel's lawyers requested the pretrial hearing, which will give them time not only to prepare motions but also some breathing room in assembling their defense. They had indicated they would need two or three months to prepare for trial.

Attorney Roy Minton would not say what pretrial motions would be filed but "there will be a lot of them."

Schnable was indicted Feb. 10 by a holdover Travis County grand jury on charges of theft, forgery and official misconduct.

The jury indicted him on two charges of theft and one of official misconduct Dec. 30, but the official misconduct indictment was incorporated into the five-count official misconduct charge issued on Feb. 10.

Each of the five indictments charges Shnabel with a third-degree felony, punishable by 2-10 years in prison and a $5,000 fine.

The state is expected to try Schnabel first on the five-count official misconduct indictment.

Pardon Inquiry Tabled

By JANET STAIHAR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Judiciary subcommittee today decided not to inquire further into President Ford's pardon of Richard M. Nixon.

The criminal justice subcommittee voted 4 to 3 to table a motion by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., which would have allowed the panel's staff to interview Philip W. Buchen, Ford's counsel; Alexander Haig, Nixon's chief of staff, and "other appropriate persons" regarding the presidential pardon.

Rep. Holtzman called for the inquiry on the basis of a news story which appeared in the Washington Post.

She said the Post article suggested that Haig, on or about Aug. 28, 1974, actively sought to persuade President Ford to pardon Nixon.

Nixon resigned on Aug. 9 and was pardoned for his alleged involvement in the Watergate scandal on Sept. 8, 1974.

Military Aid Bill Approved By House Panel

By JIM ADAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House International Relations Committee today approved a $4.8 billion military aid bill that bans aid for Angola and gives Congress more control over the sale of U.S.-made weapons to foreign governments.

The approval by voice vote came one day after the Senate approved a $4.4 billion foreign military aid bill that includes similar, broad restrictions on overseas arms sales.

Rep. Thomas E. Morgan, D-Pa., chairman of the International Relations Committee, said he plans to ask for a House vote next week. He predicted the bill will encounter some resistance because of the large amount of money it contains.

After House action, conferees from both chambers will work out language details and adjust money differences.

The House measure contains $3.4 billion for the Middle East, including $2.3 billion for Israel, $750 million for Egypt, $223 million for Jordan, $90 million for Syria and $50 million for U.S.-operated truce-monitoring stations on the Sinai desert.

The House committee approved an amendment Wednesday to lift the U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam to promote "mutual cooperation leading toward improved relations." The vote marked the first attempt to normalize relations with Vietnam since the Communist takeover.

The 60 to 30 Senate vote on final passage of the aid bill Wednesday overwhelmed opposition from elements of the U.S. aerospace and munitions industries, who fear curtailment of overseas weapon sales.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., managing the military aid bill for the Foreign Relations Committee, assured the Senate that its purpose was not to outlaw arms sales but to let Congress monitor the flow of American arms to such areas as the Middle East and the Persian Gulf.

The Senate-passed bill and its House counterpart require advance notice to Congress of proposed sales of weaponry. Congress would have 30 days to disapprove such sales, but Humphrey said he would expect Congress to exercise such veto authority in very few instances.

Both bills set U.S. policy against military aid to any country that engages in gross violations of human rights or which discriminates against U.S. citizens on racial or religious grounds.

Senators approved an amendment barring all arms sales to the military junta controlling Chile.

The Senate bill would authorize appropriations of $3.05 billion for the 12 months ending June 30 to support a $4.4-billion program of military grant aid and credit sales and supporting economic aid.

The program is $400 million less than President Ford sought. An additional 25 per cent, or $762.5 million, would be authorized for the transitional quarter to the start of the new fiscal year Oct. 1.

Helms Won't Be Charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has decided not to bring charges against former CIA Director Richard Helms and other intelligence officials for their alleged roles in approving a 1971 domestic break-in, informed sources said today.

"They are not going to prosecute anyone," said one source. Another said: "I believe there will be an announcement that there will be no prosecution."

There was no immediate confirmation or explanation of the decision from the Justice Department, although officials promised an announcement later in the day.

The decision not to prosecute comes one day before the statute of limitations expires. The department previously had acknowledged that it was considering bringing civil rights charges against Helms, now ambassador to Iran.

Howard J. Osborn, the CIA's former director of security, and Richard Ober, a CIA official now on the National Security Council staff, also were known to have been under investigation for the break-in.

The break-in occurred at 2 a.m. Feb. 20, 1971 at a photographer's studio in Fairfax City, Va., a suburb of Washington. The studio was run by Deborah Fitzgerald, a former agency employe, and her fiance, Orlando Nunez, a former official in the Castro government in Cuba.

The purpose of the break-in allegedly was to determine whether Miss Fitzgerald had taken classified documents with her when she left the agency.

Helms had retained Edward Bennett Williams, who had successfully defended former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally against bribery charges, as his lawyer in the case. Helms also is under investigation for possible perjury in his congressional testimony on CIA activities in Chile and domestic spying.

Stock Show Opens Today

The annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show opens today with the first judging event scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

The show is being held for the first time in the new livestock-agriculture exhibit building on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds.

Animals were weighed in and sifted Wednesday, and went on exhibit immediately in preparation for the competitive judging in the arena.

The final tally showed 454 animals, which includes 252 hogs, 127 lambs and 75 steers.

The hogs are up for judging this evening, while the lamb judging will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday and the steer judging will get underway at 7 p.m. Friday. The annual auction sale is set for Saturday afternoon.

Don Mitchell of Slaton will judge the hog show tonight. He will be here in place of Buddy Winter of Idalou who had to withdraw as the swine judge for the show here because of illness.

Heretofore, the show has been held at the Towle Memorial Park Barn, but was moved to the new facility this year. The Scurry County Junior Livestock Association, which sponsors the show, was one of the prime supporting organizations in efforts which resulted in the new exhibit building being constructed on the coliseum grounds. Officials of the association said the show was moving smoothly into its new quarters.

Joe Wise of Seminole will judge the lambs Friday afternoon, and Bob Morgord of Abilene will judge the steers Friday night.

The auction sale on Saturday afternoon will offer 26 steers, 50 hogs and 42 lambs. The young exhibitors, who are members of Future Farmers of America chapters and 4-H Clubs of the county, may enter seven swine, seven lambs and four steers each in the show, but there are further limits on the consignments to the sale.

Kissinger Warns Regime In Peru

By CENNETH J. FREED
Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger took off for Brazil today after warning Peru's leftist military regime that joining the nonaligned bloc of nations robs it of flexibility in foreign policy.

Shortly before Kissinger departed, riot police used a water cannon to break up a demonstration by about 30 leftist students who threw rocks at the U.S. Embassy, smashing eight windows in the building's administrative section. No injuries were reported, but witnesses said several demonstrators were seized.

Kissinger was about 20 blocks away in the Foreign Ministry when the protest erupted.

The secretary's U.S. Air Force jet was due in Brasilia at about 2:30 p.m. EST. Kissinger will meet with President Ernesto Geisal on the third leg of his Latin American tour.

"Too often," Kissinger said Wednesday night in a banquet toast in Lima, "nations which chose nonalignment to shield themselves from the pressures of powerful global blocs have tended to form a rigid, ideological, confrontationist bloc of their own....

"The variety of the world's nations is too great and our common problems too urgent for such outmoded practices. They only deepen our divisions and impair our mutual progress...."

PLEDGES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Peron To Finish Term

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Isabel Peron, after seven months of increasing demands for her resignation or impeachment, has promised a presidential election will be held before the end of the year and she will not run. But she said she would serve out her term.

"I'm not interested in being a candidate," Juan D. Peron's 45-year-old widow and successor said in a televised speech Wednesday night. "The only thing I care about is the happiness of the Argentine people."

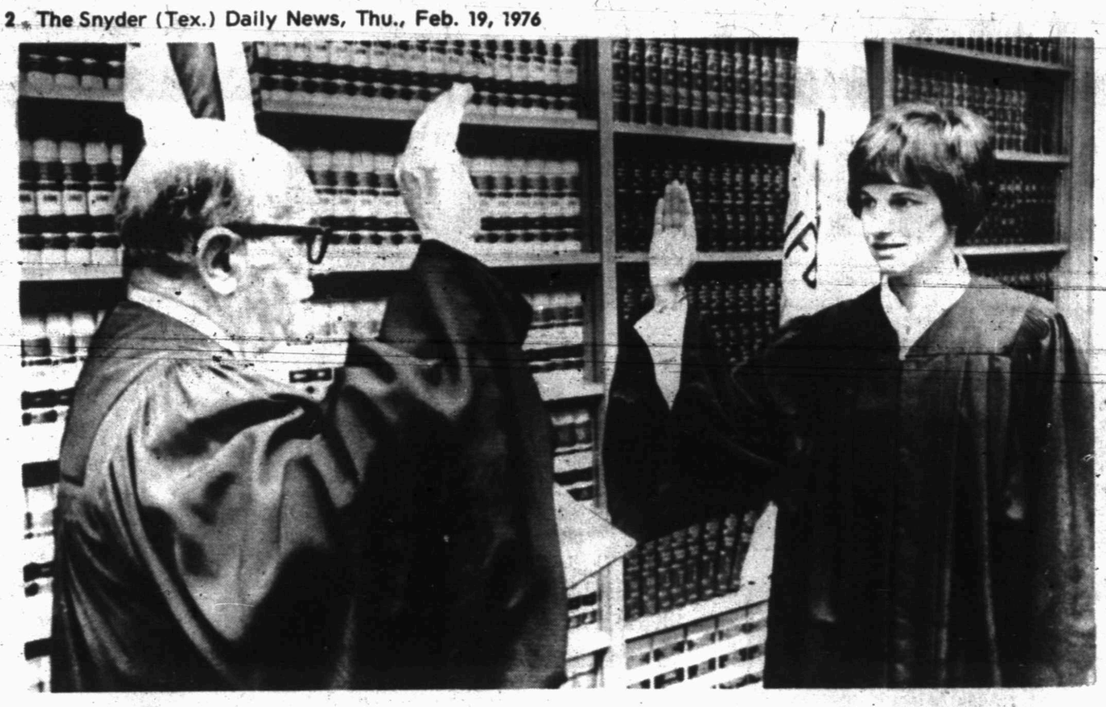
Her term does not end until May 25, 1977. There was no indication of possible candidates to succeed her.

There was speculation that the major opposition political parties, the military and the divided Peronist movement had agreed to accept Mrs. Peron's promise to retire and let her remain in office to preserve the constitutional facade and also to keep her from becoming a political martyr and future potential candidate.

It was also believed that Mrs. Peron had agreed to accept advice from her opponents and the military on government appointments and policies.

Belief that a compromise had been worked out was heightened by Interior Minister Roberto Ares' announcement that the congressional session which Mrs. Peron had decreed at an end on Monday would be convened again next Wednesday. Congressional opponents had been threatening impeachment of the president, and it was believed she would not have agreed to the resumption of the session unless this threat was withdrawn.

A former cabaret dancer whose only qualification for office was her marriage to Peron, Mrs. Peron was imposed on Argentina by her husband as his vice presidential running mate in September, 1973. Since he died in July 1974 and she became president, more than 1,700 persons have been killed as a result of political terrorism, the inflation rate has risen to nearly 350 per cent, some of Mrs. Peron's closest associates have been accused of corruption and a split in the Peronist movement has deepened.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER—William H. Levit, as Superior Court judge in Los Angeles, swears in his daughter, Jacqueline L. Weiss, as a Los Angeles Municipal Court judge Tuesday. They became the state's first father-daughter team of judges. Judge Weiss, 40, was appointed by the governor. (AP Wirephoto)

Revenues, Costs Of CRMWD Up

Revenues of the Colorado River Municipal Water District gained by $25,000 in January, compared to a year ago, but expenses rose by $58,000. Of the increased cost, $23,000 was in higher power cost and another in a lump sum funding of the retirement fund for employes. Last year the retirement payment was made in February.

Revenues of $358,000 included $194,039 in water sales to cities, up $15,000; $151,836 in sales to oil companies for repressuring, up $18,500; $10,528 for recreational permits, up $1,500.

Total operational costs were $181,030, leaving $177,383 for transfer to the net revenue fund which goes largely for debt service payments.

Water sales to cities included Odessa 308,860,000 gallons, up 56,000,000; Big Spring 211,888,000, up 23,000,000; Snyder 58,052,000, up 3,500,000; Stanton 2,584,000, up 1,300,000; Midland 236,970,000, up 23,000,000. A year ago San Angelo took 2,564,000 gallons, but this January it used none.

Most of the production came from the two reservoirs, Lake E.V. Spence accounting for 622,266,000 gallons and Lake Thomas 443,707,000. Spence was up 11 million, Thomas down 20 million gallons. The district increased its output from Ward County wells by nearly 140 million gallons because it is now helping supply the Texas Electric Service Company plant at Wickett, and this was not the case a year ago.

EPA Bans Mercury Use In Pesticides, Paints

By MIKE MOORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency, citing the potential health hazards, is banning use of mercury in most pesticides and in paints.

The EPA's "preventive measure," issued Wednesday, was sparked by a case in Alamagordo, N.M., where members of a family became blind and suffered nervous system damage after eating meat from pigs fed seed contaminated by a mercury-treated pesticide. Deaths resulting from human consumption of mercury-contaminated food have also been reported in Iraq and Japan, the agency said.

The ban came as the agency issued new guidelines covering pollution from agricultural and forestry activities and as the Senate received a strict new bill giving EPA a premarket review of chemicals which could cause cancer.

In another environmental matter, the President's advisers on environmental quality expressed regret at an Interior Department decision to accelerate leasing of an area of the Gulf of Alaska for petroleum exploration.

The EPA order on mercury does not apply to products already on the market, but bans future use of mercury for banned products.

The EPA spokesman said the agency would continue to allow use of mercury-treated fungicides to prevent mildew on textiles and fabrics for outdoor use, such as tents and tarpaulins.

Use may also continue for treatment of Dutch elm disease and for killing bacteria brown mold found on fresh cut trees and freshly sawed wood, the agency said.

The Senate Commerce Committee, meanwhile, unanimously approved and sent to the full Senate a bill to give the agency new powers to fight the growth of environmentally caused cancer.

The bill would allow the EPA to impose restrictions on such chemicals as Kepone and vinyl chloride and would require that EPA be notified 90 days in advance before they are marketed.

Committee Chairman Warren Magnuson, D-Wash., said the bill "closes the last major loophole existing in consumer and environmental law" by giving premarketing review of the chemicals' safety.

The red oak is New Jersey's state tree.

'Pass-Through' Rates Opposed

Calling the Texas Railroad Commission one of the most powerful and important regulatory agencies, Rep. Lane Denton of Waco brought his campaign for a seat on that commission to Snyder at noon Wednesday.

Denton, now a state legislator, is a Democratic candidate for the Railroad Commission.

During his brief stop here, Denton said he believed the Railroad Commission had responsibility in regulating natural gas, but that local governing bodies should use their power to reject gas cost adjustment "pass-throughs." Denton said he felt that gas distributors should have to justify each increase in rates to city councils.

He expressed hope that federal regulations would be relaxed to permit additional exploration for oil and gas, which he described as "vital fuels."

"This is a very large state, but I will attempt to keep my campaign very close to the people," Denton said. "I want to meet as many voters as I can in all parts of Texas and give them a chance to let me know their specific concerns about this race."

"I believe I can win this campaign for the Railroad Commission because I trust the people and have shown the voters that they can trust me to dig out the truth and fight for them in the bureaucracies of state government," Denton said.

LANE DENTON

Denton, 35, was born and raised on a farm outside Waco in McLennan County. He now operates a farm-ranch there.

In 1975 Denton received the "Outstanding Legislative Award in Agriculture" and was named one of 200 "Outstanding Young Texans." In 1973, after only one term in the Texas House of Representatives, he was named "Outstanding Veteran Legislator."

Denton has sponsored legislation during his three terms dealing with agricultural reform, utility regulation, better ethics in government, and educational improvements. He has also participated actively in House committees concerning juvenile crime and delinquency, human resources, and elections.

The Waco legislator was named Chairman of the House Social Services in 1975. The committee has jurisdiction over agencies on rehabilitation, alcoholism, aging, blind, deaf, and juvenile and adult corrections.

"We should all remember," Denton said, "that the Texas Railroad Commission belongs to the people of Texas, and it should serve them first and foremost."

Denton is pleased and encouraged by the broad base of support he is receiving in the race. He has been endorsed by the president of the Texas Senior Citizens Association and by Dr. Jack Hopper, one of the state's leading natural gas experts.

Nixons To China Friday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon will arrive in Communist China exactly four years after the historic visit that restored relations between China and the United States.

Nixon leaves Friday at 9 a.m. (PST). He and his wife and aides will board a Chinese jet airliner at a little-used hangar at Los Angeles International Airport. The Nixon party will fly to Anchorage, Alaska, and then to Peking by way of Tokyo, arriving in Peking on Saturday.

Though he is making the trip as a private citizen, Nixon is expected to be a guest of honor and reportedly will be greeted by Communist party Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Mao welcomed Nixon's daughter Julie Eisenhower and her husband, David, during their 12-day visit to Chia last month.

The former president will pay for the trip, which comes at the repeated invitation of Chinese leaders. Until recently Nixon was bothered by phlebitis in his leg and was unable to make long trips. He has lived at his San Clemente estate since resigning the presidency in August 1974.

Presidential Press Secretary Ron Nessen said the White House attaches "no significance" to the trip and believes it will have no complications for U.S. foreign policy.

Houston Firm Promotes Potts

Lloyd L. Potts of Houston has recently been promoted to the position of Vice President-Field Operations for U.S. Home Corporation of Texas.

Potts, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Potts of Snyder, is a Baylor University graduate and joined U.S. Home in 1971 as a construction trainee. He has served as a superintendent, construction manager, salesman, project manager and was area manager over two of the firm's most successful Northwest Houston communities, until his promotion.

Dodson Rites At Bandera

Funeral service was held this morning at Plummer Funeral Home in Bandera for Roy Dodson, 76, who died at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Baptists Geratrics Hospital in San Angelo.

He was the brother of Warren Dodson of Snyder. Other survivors include a niece, Mrs. Dale Stephens of San Antonio, and a nephew, Wayland Dodson of Abilene.

Burial was to be in Pipe Creek Cemetery at Bandera.

Gazette, an old name for a newspaper, originated from the Venetian coin, gazzetta, which was the price of an early newspaper in Venice.

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'76 Wheat Crop In Critical Condition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1976 winter wheat crop was in critical condition by mid-February in drought stricken areas of the Great Plains breadbasket and it was beyond salvage in some places, according to the Agriculture Department.

In Texas, Oklahoma and major portions of Kansas and Colorado, "conditions remain critical," the department said in a weekly weather review on Wedesday.

"In Kansas, the wheat condition deteriorated amid dry topsoils and subsoils across the state," the report said. "Soil erosion (from wind) is severe in the southwest and south central areas, and moderate in the west central and central districts."

Officials said recent unseasonable warm weather had caused the wheat to begin premature growth in areas where there was enough moisture and that widespread insect infestations were reported.

In Texas, the report said, irrigated winter wheat was making good growth by Feb. 15, but "dryland stands are dying and some fields are beyond recovery."

The department is not scheduled to announce a new estimate of 1976 winter wheat production until May 10. Winter wheat accounts for about three-fourths of all U.S. wheat production. In December, shortly after the crop was planted, production tentatively was estimated at 1.5 billion bushels, down 9 per cent from last year's record harvest.

In contrast to growing concern about U.S. grain prospects, the department said recent midwinter snow cover has "tended to be above average" in the Soviet Union, helping to protect winter grain there.

The Soviet Union last year had its smallest grain harvest in a decade and was forced to buy heavily on the world grain market, including large quantities of corn and wheat from the United States.

In another report Wednesday, the department said the value of U.S. farm exports during 1975-1976 is expected to total $22.1 billion, another record, compared with $21.6 billion last season.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Felicia Anne Burgess, 324 Twenty-ninth; Mary Arizmendi, 1108 Ave. I; Robbie Braziel, 1000 Thirtieth; Jamie Lynch, 408 Thirty-first; Renee Logston, 2509 Ave. Z; Marland Franklin, Inglewood, Colo.; Marge Chasteen, 301 Twenty-third; Allene Massingill, Rt. 2, Box 124; Brenda Parker, 609 Twenty-fourth.

DISMISSALS: Vera Ubando, Kenneth Brumbelow, Vallye Maben, Monette O'Day, Mrs. Jimmy Lee McFall and baby girl, Mrs. Antonio Aguilar Jr., and baby girl, Perry Wilkinson, Floyd Miller, Reva Beck, Stanley Rhodes, Loren Sullivan, C.C. Fleming, Ynell Fowler, Maude Jenkins, Lem Holamon, Joe Kuss, Thomas Pherigo, Maria Carrasco.

Mrs. Barbee Seeks Ira School Post

IRA—Mrs. Carolyn Barbee has filed as a candidate for the Ira Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Voters in the district will elect two board members on April 3.

Other candidates in the race are Jake Autry, an incumbent, Jim R. Brown, Floyd (Bud) House, Bill Murphy and Leon Sterling.

MIDDAY STOCKS

By The Associated Press

Alcoa	49¼	up ¾
AT&T	57¼	up ⅞
Atl Rich	83⅜	up1
Beth Stl	42½	up ⅝
Borden	27½	up ¼
Cat Trac	81	up ¾
Chrysler	15¼	unch
Cities Svc	42	up ⅝
Coca Cola	87⅛	up1½
Cont Oil	64¼	up ¼
Dow Chem	108⅝	up ½
duPont	152¾	up1½
Eastman	108⅜	up1⅞
El Paso NG	14⅞	up ¼
Exxon	88¾	up1⅝
Fairchild Cam	45½	up ⅞
Ford	50⅞	up ⅝
Gen Elec	53½	up ⅞
Gen Foods	29⅛	off ⅜
Gen Mtrs	63¾	up ¼
Gen Tel	27¾	
Gen Tire	22½	up ½
Goodrich	26¾	up ⅛
Great A&P	12¼	up ⅛
Gulf Oil	24⅜	up ¼
Glf St Ut	13¾	
Har-Hk	22	up ¼
Hous Lp	23	
IBM	260	up4¼
Int Paper	73	up ⅜
Jhn-Man	28	up ⅜
John Joh	91¼	up ⅛
Litton	9¼	up ¼
Marcor	29⅝	off ⅛
Mobil Oil	53¼	up ⅜
Monsanto	95	up ⅞
Penn Cent	2⅜	
Penney	51¼	up1¼
Phill Pet	55	up ⅜
RCA	25⅜	off ⅛
Safeway	45¾	up ⅜
Sears	67½	up ⅞
Sony	8½	
Stand Ind	44⅛	
Sun Oil	28¾	off ¼
Texaco	25½	up ¼
Texas Inst	119⅝	up1
Un Carbide	73⅞	up ⅝
Uniroyal	9⅞	
US Steel	82⅜	up ⅞
Woolworth	8⅝	up ⅛
Xerox	64¾	up1

City Firemen Called 3 Times

The Snyder Fire Department was called to a grass fire near the Paymaster Gin yesterday at 1:01 p.m.

At 9:06 p.m. they were called to 119 Peach Street where a washing machine was on fire.

At 9:09 p.m. they answered a call on West Thirteenth St. where a well house was on fire.

Housing Starts Declines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of new housing units started in January fell for the third consecutive month and has reached the lowest level in six months, the government says.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday the number of houses and apartments started during January fell by an annual rate of 70,000 units, or by 5.4 per cent, to an annual rate of 1.221 million.

The drop indicated a weakening of the anemic recovery so far in the housing industry. However, the news was muted by word that builders increased by 10.7 per cent in January the number of housing units authorized by building permits.

The number of permits issued is an indicator of future activity in the industry, and January's authorized number of units hit an annual rate of 1.138 million. That was the highest number authorized for any month since the 1.159 in May 1974 and represents an advance of 65 per cent over January of last year.

The drop in the number of new housing units started in January was sustained to a large degree in the apartment sector, which has been significantly weaker than the single-home sector recently.

In another report, the Commerce Department said that personal income of Americans rose one per cent last month, attributable to a surge in payrolls for service and distribution workers.

Personal income was reported at an annual rate of $13.6 billion after adjustment for seasonal variations.

Scrivner Rites Here Friday

Funeral service has been set for 2 p.m. Friday at the Bell-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Everett Scrivner, 79, of Tow, who died Wednesday in a Llano hospital.

The Rev. Ken Andress, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate, and burial will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Scrivner is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Herman Elkins of Snyder; a son, W.C. Scrivner of Gelena Park, and a sister, Mrs. Cora Greenfield of Snyder.

Registrar For Draft Dismissed

Billy W. Thompson, Scurry County Treasurer, has been officially notified by the Selective Service that his services as an uncompensated registrar will no longer be needed, effective Feb. 28.

A proclamation issued April 1, 1975, by President Gerald Ford provides that registration of young men as they reach their 18th birthday cease at the close of Feb. 27.

"We do not expect to resume registration, except in a national emergency," said Col. Melvin N. Glantz, State Director of Selective Service in his letter to Thompson. Thompson has been serving as the unpaid registrar of youth in Scurry County for the local board, which has service Nolan, Fisher and Scurry Counties.

Counseling Center To Be Discussed

A meeting has been set for Monday night at the Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room to discuss formation of a pastoral care and counseling center here.

It will be open to all for the purpose of providing information about such a counseling center, its objectives and the procedure for forming a center.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Further information may be obtained by calling the Rev. John Gaston at 573-8222.

AF Promotes Sgt. Womack

WICHITA, Kan.—An official at McConnell AFB, Kan., has announced the promotion of Barry G. Womack to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Sergeant Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright M. Womack of 3000 Fortieth Street, Snyder, is a missile maintenance specialist with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

The sergeant is a 1973 graduate of Snyder High School.

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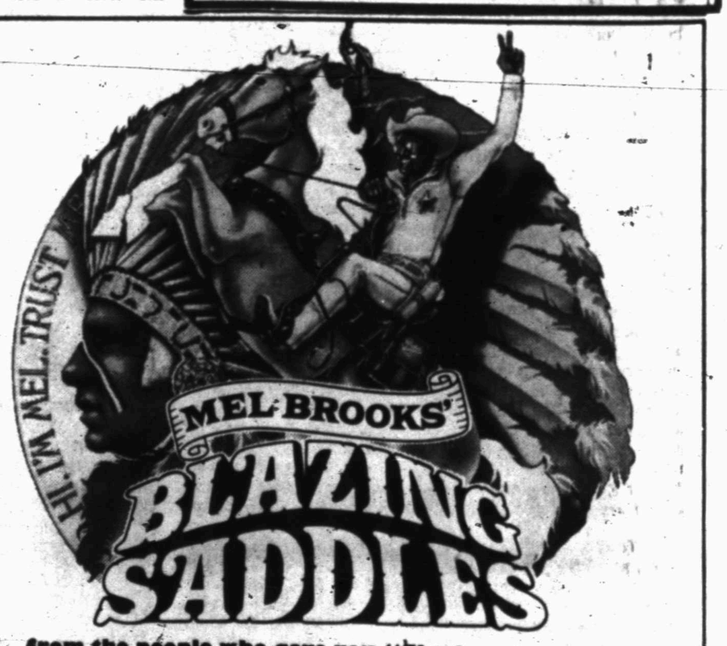

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BRIDE FETED—Mrs. Jimmy Crow, nee Debbie White, was feted with a bridal shower Feb. 14 at the Fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The bride's chosen colors of green, yellow and white were carried out in the table decor. Hostesses for the event were Mmes. Mickey Sterling, W.O. Tipping, Wright Huddleston, Cecil Huddleston, Joe James, Udell White, Jim Sorrells, Ed Murphy, Bob Sutton, Gene Pate, Donald Fritz, Ira Riggs, H.H. Cary, Ruth Weathers and Miss Doris Steadman. Pictured above are (from left) Miss Lisa Franklin, cousin of the groom, Mrs. Edd Franklin and Mrs. Wayne Crow, grandmother and mother of the groom, the honoree and Miss Melynda Crow, sister of the groom.

Marvelously Moist Apple Torte

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor

Want some old-fashioned goodness to nibble on for a birthday celebration or other special occasion? A golden apple torte baked in a decorative bundt pan, crowned with tangy lemon glaze and spinkled with chopped walnuts is the answer. The natural moistness of apples gives this cake an excellent keeping quality, although there probably will be only crumbs left over. The rich apple batter is accented with crushed pineapple and cinnamon and nutmeats add crunch.

GOLDEN APPLE TORTE

3 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1½ cups oil
1½ cups sugar
2 cups grated golden delicious apples
1 (8 ounces) can crushed pineapple
½ cup chopped walnuts
1½ teaspoons vanilla
3 eggs
Lemon Glaze (below)
2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

Sift together flour, soda, salt and cinnamon. Combine oil and sugar. Add half of dry ingredients, mixing well. Blend in grated apples, pineapple, one-half cup walnuts and vanilla. Add remaining dry ingredients. Add eggs, one time, beating well after each addition. Turn into greased 3-quart bundt pan. Bake at 350-degrees for 1 hour or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 15 minutes; turn out on wire rack.

APPLE TORTE—Golden apple torte with pineapple and walnuts is winner.

Drizzle with Lemon Glaze and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts when cool.

Lemon Glaze: Combine one and one-half cups powdered sugar, 3 tablespoons soft butter, one-half teaspoon grated lemon peel, 2 teaspoons lemon juice and one and one-half tablespoons hot water. Stir until smooth.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

Hermleigh 4-H Club Meets

The Hermleigh 4-H Club met recently at the Hermleigh School homemaking room. They played the shopping game and talked about "Keeping Food Safe."

Melinda Roemisch called the meeting to order and led the group in saying the 4-H pledge and prayer.

Ann Fletcher called the roll and read minutes from the last meeting. She welcomed a new member, Tammy Lynn Bentley, to the club.

The group made plans for the Share The Fun Contest which will be held Feb. 21 at Snyder Junior High School.

The next meeting will be held March 4.

Attending the meeting were Jackie Williamson, Ann Fletcher, Melinda Roemisch, Tammy Bentley, Davy Peterson, Danny Arellano and Mrs. Walter Stirl, leader.

Susan Modeling

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford's 18-year-old daughter, Susan, is working in Florida this week as a fashion model for an article in Family Circle Magazine.

Press Secretary Sheila Rabb Weidenfield declined to reveal Miss Ford's salary but said she is being paid "the going model's rate."

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Opening lead — K ♣

By Oswald & James Jacoby

Old man Z was back at the bridge club again. He wasted no time bidding four spades after Y, his favorite partner, had opened with a slightly irregular one notrump and East had overcalled with a bid of three diamonds. East's three diamond call was one of those fancy new conventions designed to show both red suits.

West opened the king of clubs. Z studied the dummy carefully and remarked, "I played a hand just like this for Milton Work's column back in 1924. Of course, the game was auction and I was playing just three spades, but it was important to make four if I could."

Then Z proceeded to let the king of clubs hold. The suit was continued and West was allowed to hold tricks with his queen and jack. Finally, Z ruffed the fourth club, drew trumps and dummy's ace of clubs became his 10th trick.

For the benefit of most of our readers the four players in a newspaper hand back in the '20s were called A, B, Y and Z. Z sat South and was always declarer while Y was dummy and poor A and B had to defend.

Ask the Jacobys

A Maine reader wants to know what our notrump overcall of an adverse opening suit bid shows.

It shows the same 16 to 18 high-card points as an opening notrump with at least one stopper in our opponent's bid suit.

(Do you have a question for the experts? Write "Ask the Jacobys" care of this newspaper. The Jacobys will answer individual questions if stamped, self-addressed envelopes are enclosed. The most interesting questions will be used in this column and will receive copies of JACOBY MODERN.)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Order of Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall with Nell Walker, Ora Wells, and Paula Brown, hostesses.

Musical Coterie will meet at 8 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

FRIDAY

Open duplicate bridge at Snyder Country Club at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Open duplicate bridge at Snyder Country Club at 1:30 p.m.

Art Guild Study Club Meets

The Art Guild Study Club met Feb. 17 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Miss Ethel Mae Sturdivant was hostess and program leader. Her topic "Some Great Men of Our Country" was in keeping with the study of the Bicentennial theme. She chose to discuss the highlights in the lives of Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee.

Miss Sturdivant brought out the desire of Lincoln for learning in early life. "After serving in the Black Hawk War Lincoln became a licensed lawyer. He held several responsible positions. He was elected president in 1860. Lincoln's death in 1965 was a blow to the South as it was to the North." Miss Sturdivant noted.

"Robert E. Lee was the son of "Light Horse Harry" Lee of revolutionary fame. Patriotism was a tradition of the family. Robert was a graduate of West Point. When civil war seemed inevitable, Lee felt that his first duty was to Virginia. He consciously led a lost cause from the begining. His home and fortune was lost. After the war he devoted his life to making his country once more a union of loyal states," Miss Sturdivant concluded.

The hostess served refreshments to fourteen members.

School Menu

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FRIDAY
Chicken Fried Steak w-Country Gravy
Peach Slice garnish
Buttered Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Tom Thumb Bars
Hot Rolls & Butter
Milk

Dr. Kiley To Leave Welby

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Brolin plans to quit his costarring role as Dr. Steve Kiley in the "Marcus Welby" television series when the current season ends, business associates of the actor say.

Brolin, who also plays Clark Gable in the movie "Gable and Lombard," has filed suit against Universal Studios to get out of his contract to them. Universal produced both the "Marcus Welby" series and "Gable and Lombard."

Brolin told the Los Angeles Times he wants out of "Welby" because he wasn't being taken seriously as an actor.

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VIEWPOINT

Who Represents Public?

Environmentalists, welfare rightists, consumer advocates and the like are learning that nobody holds an exclusive patent on "the public interest." More and more of these groups are finding themselves on the defensive end of legal actions.

The list also includes at least one government agency. Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., for example, has filed suit against the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to prevent the commission from continuing to release "misleading, incomplete, inaccurate and unfair" information relating to the safety of household aluminum wiring.

The company charges that this information has caused numerous local government agencies to ban or propose to ban aluminum wiring and has led contractors to stop buying the product.

Whether this suit is in the public interest as well as that of Kaiser stockholders is for qualified, impartial experts to decide. But it does suggest that companies are no longer as willing as they once were to roll over and play dead to please consumer activists.

A better illustration of this turnabout is a "public interest" law firm in California, the Pacific Legal Foundation, which has scored notable successes against environmentalists and others, according to Barron's magazine.

The PLF has balked environmentalists trying to halt construction of a Trident missile base and a flood control and irrigation dam on the American River, and has knocked down the Environmental Protection Agency's "master plan" to force cars off California's streets and freeways.

Since its founding in 1973, the PLF has won 25 out of 40 cases it has argued and 15 are still pending. It has yet to lose a case in final appeal.

The firm's most notable work, however, has been in the field of welfare reform. It helped institute a computerized program to ferret out welfare cheats by matching the Social Security numbers of recipients with quarterly wage reports filed by employers. The PLF successfully beat back attempts by welfare rights groups who attempted to have the program enjoined as an "invasion of privacy."

One year after the system's introduction under former Gov. Ronald Reagan (it has been continued under Gov. Edmund Brown), there were 785,000 fewer people on welfare in California and the state has saved $1 billion, yet deserving recipients received benefit hikes of more than 30 per cent.

This, in anybody's book, is serving "the public interest."

Rate Responsibility

Rep. Lane Denton of Waco, who has his eye on a Texas Railroad Commission post, got in a timely observation here Wednesday when he stopped off for a brief campaign visit.

Commenting on natural gas price increases to consumers in Texas, Denton suggested that, although they seem to have lost some of their power in rate-setting, city councils would do well to reject "fuel cost adjustment" clauses in their rate ordinances. These clauses permit the utility to adjust prices to consumers without review by the local council, or any other regulatory agency, whenever its costs for the product fluctuate.

The City of Snyder has long rejected the FCA clause in its natural gas rate ordinance, which means that the gas company must come before the council and justify any rate change before it can be put into effect. Reasons cited for this is the fact that the council feels that this is part of its responsibility as representatives of consumers in Snyder, and the fact that the gas company purchases its supplies from many sources and may pay a variety of prices, which means that its cost figures could be misleading for a given period of time. Another consideration is the fact that the gas company has an exclusive franchise, which means it is permitted to serve consumers without competition.

City officials who are in Austin today attending a hearing before a Railroad Commission examiner in the Lone Star rate case for Snyder were somewhat surprised several days ago when they sat in on a session, which ostensibly was called in an effort to reach a compromise settlement, only to hear the Railroad Commission examiner at the session spend much of the time urging the Snyder City Council to approve a fuel cost adjustment clause in Lone Star's rate ordinance here. It makes you wonder if there really is a two-way street down there at the Railroad Commission.

Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

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Q. What are some of the checks I can make to avoid an error on my income tax return?

A. To insure the prompt processing of your return, you should take the time to check certain items before you mail the return to IRS. Check the accuracy of all your mathematical computations, and make sure you have listed income, deductions, credits and tax items on the correct lines. Be sure you use the correct tax table or tax rate schedule. When you use the peel-off label from the front of your Federal tax return package, make sure that the name and address are correct. Be sure to sign and date the return. Joint returns must have the signatures of both husband and wife. Finally, check to see that all W-2 Forms and supporting documents are attached to your return.

Q. I lived in two different states during 1975. Which state's sales tax should I use when itemizing my deductions?

A. If the states have different sales tax rates, you must determine how much you earned in each state and find the appropriate tax on each amount from the Optional State Sales Tax Tables enclosed in your income tax form package.

Remember that in addition to the sales tax shown in the tables, you may deduct the sales tax paid on the purchase of a boat, airplane, mobile home, car, with some exceptions, and materials used to build a new home if you are the contractor. In states where the tax rate on motor vehicles is higher than the general sales tax rate, you may deduct that part of the tax paid equal to the tax imposed at the general sales tax rate.

Q. I did not have to pay income tax last year and I do not think I will make enough to be required to pay this year. Is there any way that I can keep taxes from being withheld from my paycheck?

A. Yes. Any person who had no income tax liability during the preceding year, and expects to have no liability this year may apply for an exemption from the Federal withholding tax.

To apply, file a Form W-4E with your employer. The exemption applies only to your Federal income taxes and not to state taxes or social security (FICA) tax.

The 'ole swimming hole

Patricia Hearst Faces Cross-Examination

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Patricia Hearst faced cross-examination today about her taut narrative of an underground life ruled by a dual fear of death from terrorists and the FBI — a bizarre saga that left a full year of her life on the run a mystery.

U.S. Atty. James L. Browning Jr. had barely warmed up Wednesday to his dissection of Miss Hearst's three days of testimony in her federal bank robbery trial when court was recessed for the day. He predicted his questions would consume at least another day.

The prosecution contends Miss Hearst was a willing convert to terrorism when she helped the Symbionese Liberation Army rob a bank on April 15, 1974. She said she was ordered to do it — and boast about it — or be killed.

Chief defense attorney F. Lee Bailey wrapped up his detailed questioning of Miss Hearst on Wednesday and, in a storm of anger, told Browning testily that he could not ask the defendant her whereabouts or activities from September 1974 to September 1975.

U.S. District Court Judge Oliver J. Carter agreed with Bailey. The jury was not present for the exchange.

Bailey, effectively barring any cross-examination on 12 of Miss Hearst's 19 months with the SLA, deliberately skipped the year his client was believed to have spent in Sacramento and San Francisco.

Miss Hearst, 21, had finished her tale of kidnap, sexual abuse, forced participation in bank robbery and months of living under threat of death by telling the jury she continued to this day to fear the remnants and sympathizers of the SLA.

She said the terror that was implanted in her mind by the late SLA chieftain Donald "Cinque" DeFreeze and others was perpetuated for months by surviving members William and Emily Harris, now in a Los Angeles jail.

She had spoken emotionally of her Feb. 4, 1974, abduction, wept bitterly in telling of being raped twice during nine weeks of captivity in dark closets, and recounted her mounting horror that she would be killed at any moment if she failed to cooperate.

All her actions, she said, were based on an ingrained belief that if the SLA didn't kill her, the FBI would.

In testimony punctuated with tears, the pale defendant said she believed the SLA's recurring admonition that she had nowhere to go. When the FBI burst into her apartment last Sept. 18, she said, "I thought I was dead."

In her last hours under Bailey's gentle prodding, Miss Hearst said the SLA's threats of execution lingered after her placement in the San Mateo County Jail in nearby Redwood City.

She said Mrs. Harris, arrested the same day as her husband and Miss Hearst, had an adjoining cell in the jail and warned her that if she cooperated with authorities, "somebody would kill me."

Her clenched fist salute the night of her arraignment, she said, was a signal to the underground that she had not sold out her SLA-created role as the revolutionary "Tania." The gesture, she added, was for protection against retaliation by SLA sympathizers.

Probe Asked On Proposed Sale Of Water

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — An investigation of the proposed sale of water by the Lower Colorado River Authority to a nuclear power plant has been called for by three San Antonio legislators.

"There is considerable doubt that the LCRA owns the water which it proposes to sell to the (South Texas) nuclear project," Reps. Ron Bird, Frank Madla and G. J. Sutton, all Democrats, said Wednesday.

"Nevertheless, the utilities participating in the project accepted the deal with alarming willingness, saying they preferred to pay LCRA rather than risk increased costs due to delays, and knowing all the while they could pass this excessive and unnecessary cost on to the consumer," they said.

The water reportedly could be obtained by the South Texas Nuclear Project for a one-time payment of $5,000 to the state.

Final approval of the sale is scheduled at Tuesday's meeting of the State Water Rights Commission.

The project is under construction near Bay City. It is expected to be in operation in 1980.

The 192,000 acre feet of water proposed for sale each year would be used to cool the nuclear generators.

An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons.

Participants in the project are Houston Lighting and Power, City Public Service of San Antonio, the city of Austin and Central Power and Light of Corpus Christi.

Coed To Command AF ROTC Unit

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (AP) — A coed sociology major, Col. Donna Anderson of Terrell, Tex., has been selected to command the Air Force ROTC unit at Tuskegee Institute.

The daughter of a retired Army colonel, she is the first woman to reach the rank of colonel at Tuskegee.

Col. Anderson, who plans to enter the Air Force as an intelligence officer when she graduates in May, says her new job is a challenge.

Child Care Center Names '76 Officers

The governing board of the Snyder Child Day Care Center, Inc., elected 1976 officers at its annual meeting and heard reports on operation of the center during the past year.

James Don Stacey was elected chairman and Bob Clifton was elected vice chairman.

In the chairman's report, Stacey expressed appreciation for community support the center has received from various churches, organizations and individuals which the center will continue to need for future operation.

Vivian Dyer, director of the center, said staff members received 30 hours of child care training sessions in Abilene.

"Our children at the center seem enthused and absorbed in classroom material and in their play," said Mrs. Dyer. "Children are kept busy with well-prepared activities by teachers."

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Boll Weevil Program Supported

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says there is enough evidence to support a test program aimed at eradicating the cotton boll weevil through the use of improved management techniques.

Francis J. Mulhern, administrator of the department's Animal and Health Inspection Service, said Wednesday that if the three-year project works out it could mean sharply curtailed losses to growers and a reduction in the use of pesticide.

"We feel that available eradication techniques have been sufficiently tested and that we have evidence of enough support to warrant at least a trial program on a large enough scope to give us a sound basis for evaluating results," Mulhern told a Senate appropriations subcommittee.

The program, which would involve a variety of cultural, biological and other procedures to reduce boll weevils, would be tested on about 45,000 acres in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina at a federal cost of $4.3 million in 1976-77.

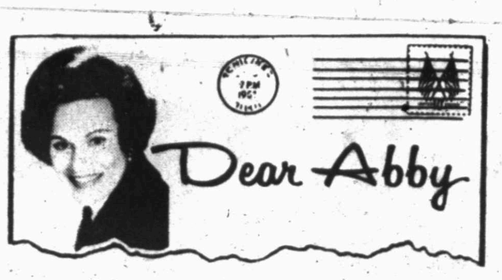
Another effort would be made in 1977-78 and if, after two years, the results were encouraging the program would be extended to an additional 195,000 acres in the third year, Mulhern said.

"The importance of eradicating the boll weevil lies in the need to eliminate losses in production costs, reduce costs of control, and minimize potential hazards to the environment from the continuing use of chemicals," Mulhern told the panel.

Briscoe Dinner May Net $80,000

HOUSTON (AP) — Organizers of an appreciation dinner for Gov. Dolph Briscoe say they hope to net about $80,000 from the Wednesday night affair.

About 625 persons were present at the $125-a-plate dinner but sponsors said around 1,000 tickets were sold. The funds will help reduce debts incurred by Briscoe in his 1968, 1972 and 1974 gubernatorial campaigns. Briscoe told the guests that there will no new or additional state taxes during the remaining two years of his term.



Two Messages for The Price of One

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have friends we will call "The G's."

When the G's son was married, we received an invitation to the wedding. We attended. We also sent the young couple a very nice wedding gift, and we didn't count our pennies when we purchased it.

The wedding took place in November, and when we received a Christmas card from the G's, out fell a "thank you" note for our wedding gift! It was handwritten and signed by the bride and groom.

Is this considered proper etiquette? I realize that postage is higher now, but shouldn't a thank-you note be individually sent in its own envelope?

JUST ASKING

DEAR JUST: Yes, according to the authorities on etiquette. But a thank-you note acknowledges thanks whether it comes by the king's special messenger, carrier pigeon or the in-law's Christmas card.

DEAR ABBY: With all the talk about the high cost of malpractice insurance for doctors, I am reminded of something I read in your column about 15 years ago.

It seems that while performing an abdominal operation on an attractive young woman, the surgeon accidentally paved over her navel. This was about the time bikinis were introduced. The girl wanted to know if she should sue the doctor, and you told her she could probably do better if she cut the doctor in on the profits from all the bets she could win.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 60-year-old woman, and I am surprised at what I heard at a club meeting last week.

I always thought syphilis was a young person's disease, but now I hear that older people can get it, too.

I also heard that one can get syphilis when he is in his teens, and it may not show up for 40 or 50 years. Also, the first sign of syphilis can be a small sore like a cold sore or a pimple on the lip, in the mouth or on the sex organs, but it is so small and painless that it can come and go without being noticed. Then, many years later, even though the disease never caused any trouble, it can show up again.

Please verify this and let me know how a person knows for sure if he has it or not. Thank you.

AMAZED IN MEDFORD, MASS.

DEAR AMAZED: What you heard is true. And the only way to determine whether one has syphilis or not is to be examined by a physician.

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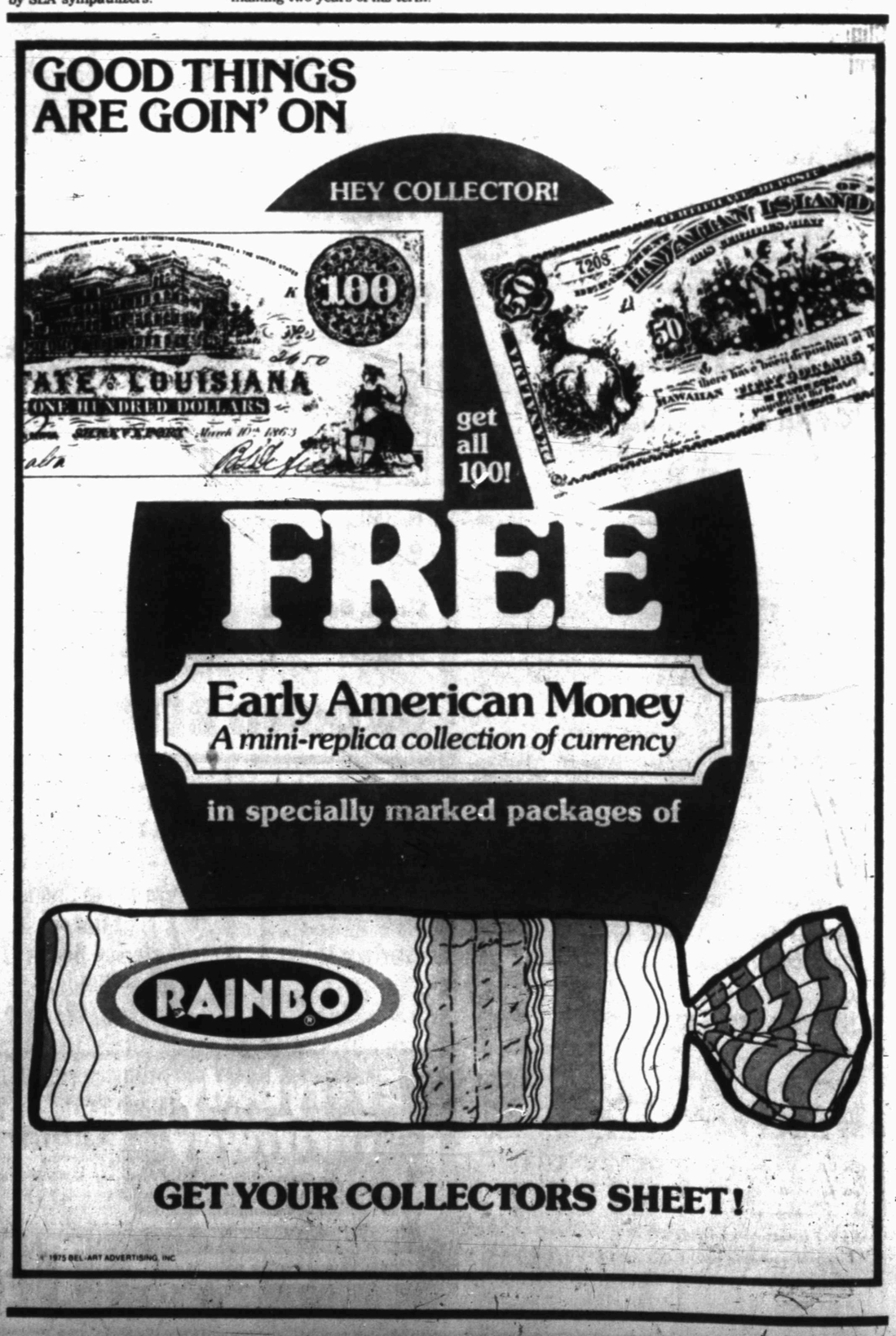

MOTHER MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR

Study Provides Blueprint For Raising Terrific Kids

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The brightest, happiest, most charming children spend their earliest years in remarkably similar ways, researchers say. They listen to adult conversations, roam freely around their homes and spend a lot of time staring.

The study, they say, provides a blueprint for raising terrific kids.

Prof. Burton L. White of Harvard University outlined the research for reporters Wednesday, a day in advance of its formal presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

White, who heads Harvard's Pre-School Project, said he reached his conclusions by watching parents who consistently have bright, socially attractive children. These children score highly on social and intelligence tests, he said.

About one family in 30 produces these kinds of children, he said, and the ability does not seem to be affected by income or education.

"The single most important factor in this is the mother," White said. "She has a greater influence over a child's experiences than anyone else."

He added, "A rich social experience is the best thing you can do to ensure a good mind." For the child, this means seeking attention from the mother, following her around and learning cooperation.

The everyday objects in the home provide a wide range of visual excitement for the child.

"Educational toys are baloney," he said. "It's a very rare toy company that knows very much about kids."

How a child will turn out depends on his experiences before the age of 3. He said a close study of 39 children up to age 3 demonstrated these crucial factors in child development:

—Live language. The best adjusted children are exposed to frequent conversation even before they can understand it. This includes being spoken to directly by adults, overhearing conversations and even listening to talk on radio and television.

—Steady staring. The more a child stares at an object, the better. This is young children's single most common waking experience, and the ones who turn out best spend 15 to 20 per cent of their time doing it.

—Freedom of movement. Children benefit from being allowed to roam about their homes with few restrictions. This gives them frequent new experience and chances for attention from their mothers.

—Responsiveness. The most attractive children have parents who are enthusiastic and attentive with them, whether they want help, comfort or simply a chance to share discoveries.

—Spacing. Children turn out best when there is at least three years between them and their brothers and sisters.

Rockefeller To Tour Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller will make a tour of Malaysia and some other Southeast Asian countries, including Thailand, in March, according to Malaysian officials.

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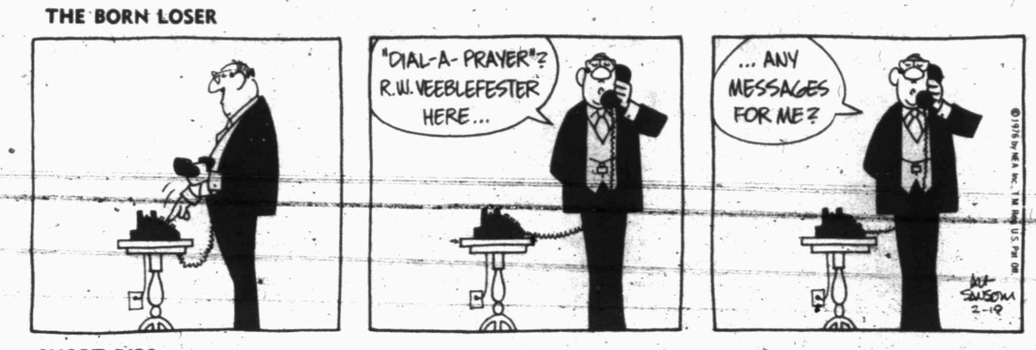

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

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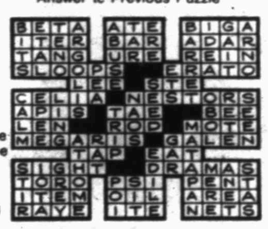

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1 Mulligan——
5 Bill of ——
9 ——fish
12 Operatic solo
13 Russian tsar
14 Hasten
15 To the point
17 Actress Lupino
18 Stallion
19 Of the stars
21 Take a breather
23 Disencumber
24 Pie —— mode
27 Alackaday
29 Thin, tapered metal piece
32 Entertain sumptuously
34 Chant
36 Reluctant
37 Vacation spot
38 North wind
39 Apple ——
41 Female rabbit
42 John (Gaelic)
44 Concludes
46 Throb
49 Gladden
53 Literary collection
54 Made operative
56 Boy's nickname
57 Primates
58 Masculine nickname
59 Distress signal
60 Mother of Helen of Troy (myth.)
61 Hawaiian dance

DOWN
1 Enervates
2 Allowance for waste
3 Ireland
4 Table beverage
5 Five-spot (slang)
6 Parsee sacred writings
7 Rave
8 Go in
9 Youth
10 Opera by Verdi
11 Rip
16 Standards of perfection
20 Rosters
22 Frozen rain
24 Desert nomad
25 Leah's son (Bib.)
26 Spartan king
28 Lorelei
30 Nested boxes
31 Apportion
33 Regions
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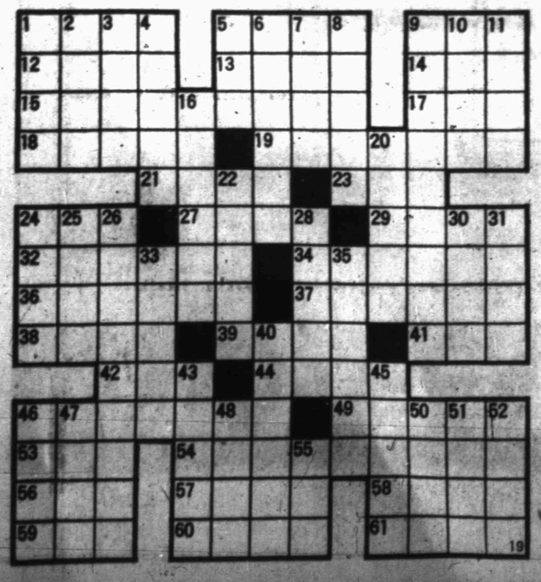

FUNNY BUSINESS

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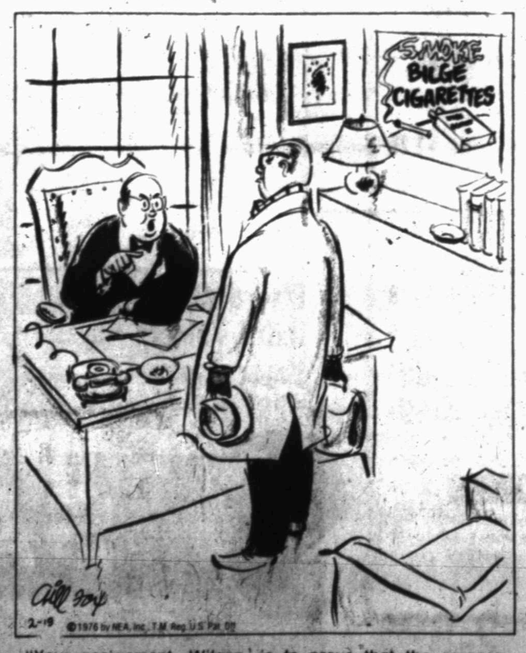

"Your assignment, Wilson, is to prove that the surgeon general smokes our brand!"

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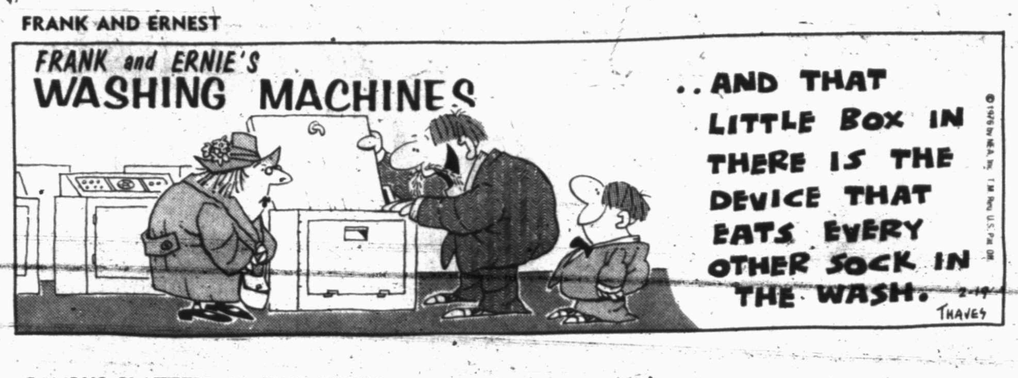

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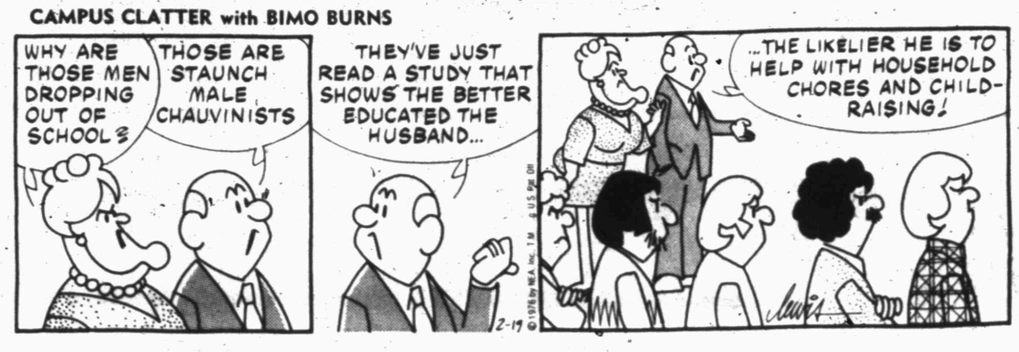

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

FLASH GORDON

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"OUCH!" I WISH YOU COULD GROW A NICE, FAT LAP LIKE MOM HAS!"

ENMU Falls To Dusters

BY JEFF BOX

PORTALES, N.M.—In a game resembling a free-for-all more than a ladies basketball game, the Western Texas Collgee Dusters defeated Eastern New Mexico University in a non-conference game here Wednesday night, 72-43.

The Dusters took the opening tipoff and, except for a few moments midway through the first half, it was "Green" all the way. WTC led by 11-0 before ENMU finally got its first score with 15:03 showing on the clock. The hosts started a drive that took them within four points of the Dusters. With 8:40 remaining in the half, and WTC leading by only 24-20, Dale Mitchel hit an inside shot and that was all for ENMU.

WTC held a 35-24 advantage at intermission, but ENMU was in foul trouble early in the second half, with three infractions against three of its players.

The second half started much as the first, with WTC increasing its lead to 45-30 before ENMU finally hit a field goal with 15:03 on the clock. The home crowd expected the Houndettes to begin a drive, but it never came off. It was nearly four minutes before they found the target again and the score was 53-32 with 11:32 remaining.

ENMU hopes completely faded when Rhonda Thornhill fouled out with 9:05 remaining and two other Houndettes had four fouls each.

WTC's biggest lead came when Marilyn Payton, who is recovering from a bout with flu, hit her 10th point to run the score to 70-40.

"I think we played pretty good," said WTC Coach Sid Simpson. "They were hot that first half—hotter than usual. They are not that good a shooting team."

"Overall, they are the most improved team we have played," said Myron Porter, WTC assistant coach.

"They have improved a lot since the last time we played them," added Simpson.

Theresa Beal was WTC's leading scorer with 15 points. Brenda Jurecek had 11 and Payton 10.

The Dusters face Howard College in a conference game Monday night in the Scurry County Coliseum as the first game of the final doubleheader of the season. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

WTC	FG	FT	PF	TP
Payton	3	4	1	10
Beal	5	5	3	15
Mitchel	3	2	0	8
Scott	3	1	2	7
Jurecek	4	3	5	11
Arp	0	0	1	0
Baker	3	2	0	8
Cranford	0	2	0	2
Cowart	0	0	1	0
Tillman	2	0	4	4
Denman	2	0	0	4
Martin	0	1	0	1
Crenshaw	0	2	0	2
TOTALS	25	22	17	72
ENMU	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hadley	2	0	4	4
Fields	2	0	0	4
Shaw	3	0	4	6
Kuper	2	0	5	4
Foote	0	0	1	0
Torbes	1	0	3	2
Thornhill	2	0	5	4
Sappington	1	0	4	2
Morris	2	1	2	5
Lee	5	2	4	12
TOTALS	20	3	32	43

Halftime Score, WTC 35, ENMU 28

Cage Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

C.W. Post 81, CCNY 70
Gannon 95, Geneva 68
Iona 78, Army 67
Lafayette 77, Delaware 75
Manhattanville 51, Vassar 47
Niagara 69, LaSalle 53
Pittsburgh 99, Buffalo St 51
RPI 83, Brandeis 73
Rutgers 93, Syracuse 80
St. Francis, Pa. 83, Boston Col. 78
St. Joseph's, Pa. 74, Temple 62
Suffolk 88, MIT 80, OT
Villanova 67, Duquesne 66
W Virginia 103, Penn St 87

SOUTH

American U 50, Navy 47
Fisk 96, Ft. Campbell 84
Florida St 74, Jacksonville 65
Furman 83, S Carolina 77
Kentucky St 117, Bellarmine 89
Maryland 72, Georgetown, D.C. 63
N Carolina St 96, Duke 95, OT
N Carolina 77, Miami, Ohio 75
N Kentucky 85, Wright St 73
Tenn-Chattanooga 93, S Florida 68
Va. Commonwealth 97, Buffalo 78
VMI 74, Richmond 67
Va. Union 93, Elizabeth City 86
Wake Forest 104, Davidson 72

MIDWEST

Butler 92, Depauw 52
Cincinnati 81, Cinn. Xavier 74
Kansas St 65, Nebraska 53
Kent St 105, Ohio U 75
Marquette 64, DePaul 53
Missouri 61, Kansas 60
Oklahoma St 83, Iowa St 71
Oklahoma 81, Colorado 69

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 75, Texas 68
SW Texas 89, Texas A&I 75

FAR WEST

Athletes in Action 90, Boise St 70
Los Angeles St 98, Chapman 95

'Fair Hearing' Ordered For Two Aggie Cagers

BY ROB WOOD
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge has put two Texas A&M basketball starters back in uniform after telling the Southwest Conference that it cannot declare them ineligible to play until the two get a fair hearing.

The two players, freshmen Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams, were declared ineligible by the Southwest Conference on Monday for the remainder of the season and next season for alleged violations that have not been made public.

The two players went to federal court Wednesday and obtained a court order that in effect told the SWC that the two players had been denied "due process of law". The ruling means Godine and Williams will be able to finish the season.

U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Higginbotham ordered the conference to have another meeting within 30 days and allow the players to defend themselves.

The hearing in federal court also revealed that it was Leon Black, basketball coach of A&M's arch-rival, the University of Texas, who turned in the complaint that resulted in the players' suspension.

Texas was one of the schools that tried unssuccessfully to recruit Godine and Williams after the two graduated from state champion Kashmere of Houston.

In his ruling, Higginbotham, after an daylong hearing in Dallas, pointed out that the SWC decision making process "was geared to the rights of the conference members, not the rights of the athletes."

He noted his decision was not intended to constitute a judgement on the merits of the suspension, but merely on the process involved. He said the SWC "through years of experience has failed to focus on the rights of the athletes ... when often the athlete is the one that can least afford the sanctions."

Higginbotham said the athletes had been denied due process of law; had inadequate notice to a Feb. 9 meeting; and were denied an opportunity to answer "a critical piece of evidence –a polygraph test."

The federal judge said the SWC should call a hearing no later than 30 days from now and at that time permit the athletes their full legal rights.

Texas A&M currently is leading the SWC standings with three league games and a conference tournament to go.

Higginbotham said: "Our educational institutions should serve as an example of fairness. I am sure there was no ill will intended, but there appears to be a practice to protect conference members, but not protect the athletes. There is too much focus on conference members and not enough focus on the athletes."

The judge also said that the athletes are the ones to suffer in such cases and there is a danger, "that they could lose their scholarships and therefore not be able to attend college."

EMORY BELLARD

Bellard Due For Banquet Tonight

Emory Bellard, athletic director and head football coach at Texas A&M University, is due to arrive in Snyder late today to address Snyder School athletes and Booster Club members at their annual All-Sports Banquet.

The banquet, which will be held in the High School Cafeteria, will begin around 7 p.m. Serving of the banquet meal will begin at this time. However, others are due later for the program, which is expected to begin around 7:45 p.m. Tickets for the banquet meal, priced at $4.50 each, have been on sale for several days. Also, tickets for the program only, priced at $2.50 each have been sold in advance.

Bellard, who is well-known in West Texas, having coached state championship high school teams at Breckenridge and San Angelo before going into the major college coaching ranks, is credited with "inventing" the Wishbone offense in football. This offensive formation, with which the University of Texas at Austin won six straight Southwest Conference titles, has been adopted by dozens of college teams and many more high school teams.

In his three seasons at Texas A&M, Bellard has literally turned the football program around, molding the Aggies into a national power following several years as a veritable doormat in the Southwest Conference. He went to Aggieland from the University of Texas, where he had served five years on the staff of Darrell Royal. Prior to that he had compiled a record of 139 victories, 34 losses and three ties in 15 years as a head coach in Texas high schools. During his high school coaching career, Bellard's teams won 11 district titles, two regionals in Class B (that was as far as Class B teams advanced in those days) two state championships and a share of another.

For the past two seasons, Bellard's Aggies have utilized the "T-Bone" attack, a modification of the Wishbone, and he has expanded the offense to include some phases of the I formation. He is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University.

Rutgers Runners Better

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

Both Rutgers and Syracuse like to do the same thing on a basketball court — run. The only thing is, Rutgers does it better.

"It was a case of two teams with similar styles, but one having more talent," Syracuse Coach Roy Danforth said Wednesday night after a 93-80 beating by the nation's fourth-ranked team.

The Scarlet Knights matched their potent running game against that of the Big Orange and outraced the Syracuse players to the wire despite a stutter-step or two.

"We've worked on trying to take the air out of the ball when we get a lead, but obviously our kids didn't learn a thing," said Rutgers Coach Tom Young, referring to his team's undisciplined play throughout most of the game.

SHS Track Team To Fort Stockton

Coach Don Witherspoon plans to take some 27 Snyder High School athletes to Fort Stockton Friday, where they will compete in their first track meet of the season.

The SHS tracksters tuned up two weeks ago at a practice session in San Angelo, but the Fort Stockton event is the first full-fledged meet of the season.

The Fort Stockton meet includes competition in three divisions. Class 4A teams will compete in Division I, Class 3A teams in Division II and Class AA, A and B in Division III. In all, some 40 teams are expected to enter.

Witherspoon said the following entries have been submitted for the Snyder High team:

120-yard high hurdles—Steve Green, Tim Falls, Jeff Terry.

330-yard dash—Clay Peterson, Ronnie Collins, Doyle Browning.

220-yard dash—Ronny Hines, Don Chandler and Browning.

440-yard dash—Greg Early, Brent Terry and Randy Shipp.

880-yard dash—Dennis Boone, Tom Luera, Travis Babcock.

Mile run—Steve Fisher, Phil von Roeder and Pete Estrada.

440-yard relay—Peterson, Hines, Chandler, Collins.

Mile relay—Hines, Early, Terry, Peterson, with alternates Green and Falls.

Pole vault—Mark Schaufele, Ricky Rice and Chandler.

High jump—Chester Cobb, Randy Courtney and Shipp.

Broad jump—Rudy Rodriguez, Browning and Early.

Shot put—Mike Freeman, Tommy Smith and David Rice.

Discus—Freeman, Smith, Mitche Birdsall.

Paul Hornung of the Green Bay Packers holds the record for the most points scored in one football season — 176.

Westerners Face 2nd Place NMMI

Coach Mike Mitchell takes his Western Texas College Westerners into the "Lions Den" tonight as they battle New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell.

The Westerners are riding high with a two-game lead in the Western Junior College Conference, but so far this season, NMMI hasn't been impressed by the Westerner power. WTC has a 23-4 record for the season and two of the four losses came at the hands of NMMI. The NMMI team took a 67-51 decision back in November during the Wool Bowl tournament at Roswell, and then had the audacity to nip the Westerners on their home court on Jan. 19 in a conference game, 63-59.

WTC got some help in Monday night's play when Frank Phillips College surpised NMMI and Howard College upset Amarillo, the closest challengers. But WTC still can't breathe easy. It still has a home engagement in Scurry County Coliseum next Monday night with Howard College and then must go to Odessa next Thursday to wind up the season.

So, tonight's encounter in Roswell is all-important for the Westerners and NMMI as well.

NMMI has a 19-5 season record and is 10-5 in conference play. WTC is 12-3 in the league.

Also, Amarillo still is very much in the picture, with an 18-6 season mark and a 10-5 conference ledger. The Amarillo team goes to Odessa tonight for a conference game. Other Western Conference games on tap tonight include New Mexico Junior College at Clarendon, Frank Phillips at Howard College and Midland College at South Plains.

Suspect Poachers Got Missing Deer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Two hunting arrows and the partial remains of a deer have been found at the Columbus Zoo, leading officials to conclude that poachers were responsible for the disappearance of a zoo deer named Bambi.

Zoo director Benjamin Blackson said the 3-year-old doe was missing when staff members went to feed her Tuesday. She apparently had been killed and dressed the night before.

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Texas, Baylor To Renew Track Rivalry

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Texas and Baylor renew their Southwest Conference indoor track and field rivalry tonight and a slew of records appear in jeopardy.

Nine of the 12 individual winners from 1975 are back for the third annual SWC indoor championships in the Convention Center arena.

Although Texas bagged the first two titles, narrowly beating Baylor by two points a year ago, the Bears are bringing a sharply tuned unit to town.

"Baylor is in super shape," said Texas A&M Coach Charlie Thomas after watching the Bears compete in two indoor meets. "They've got some hosses ... about 15 of them."

Baylor spun a smooth 3:17.0 clocking in the mile relay last weekend and that's well under the record 3:18.9 set by Texas Christian last year.

Bear sophomore Mark Collins has clocked a 48-second 440, well below the existing record of 49.2, while teammate Tim Son is favored in the 600-yard run.

Leading the Texas charge is John Craig, who won the 1,000-yard run last year and also anchored the Steers to a photo-finish decision over Baylor in the two-mile relay.

The Longhorns have another fine distance runner in Reed Fischer, the defending titlist and record holder in the mile at 4:09.6, and 1975 shot put champ Dana LeDuc.

David Shepherd of Texas, the 1974 indoor pole vault champion who was beaten last year, has done 16-6 indoors, exactly a foot over the record here.

Two Texas Tech relay teams have good shots at a record, particularly in the two-mile, which the Red Raiders have run in 7:40. The current record is 7:52.7 by Texas.

The Raiders mile relay team also has a 3:17.1 to its credit.

A couple of other threats to the record book are Steve Baker of Arkansas, who has run a 4:05 indoor mile this year, and Floyd Cavitt of Houston, the defending champ in the high hurdles.

Cavitt did a 7.1 last week. The record is 7.2.

Assuming that Baylor and Texas battle for the championship, will be in the skirmish for third place?

"Everybody but SMU," said Texas A&M's Thomas.

"I've only seen a couple of runners from SMU at the indoor meets where I've been," he said, "and they didn't even have Coach Jim Parr with them."

Thomas said he feels Tech has its strongest team and Houston is more competitive with the addition of freshmen quartermilers Delrick and Elrick Brown. Rice has good hurdlers and distance runners, he said, and TCU is loaded in the sprints.

As for his Aggies, Thomas said he's pleased with the progress of the mile relay team and could collect some points in the shot, pole vault and 880.

Apollos Sign Three Players

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Apollos, co-champions of the American Soccer League along with Boston last season, Monday night announced their first three signings for the league season which gets underway in April.

The trio are halfback Pedro Tavares, goalie Josef Maranta and forward Teofil Nahorski.

Tavaras was a member of the Portuguese National Army team before joining the Apollos last season, when he scored three goals and added four assi ts in seven games. Maranta, a former star in Poland, was the Apollos' backup goalie last season. Nahorski, a two-year Apollo veteran, played with three Polish first dovision clubs before coming to the United States three years ago.

After Houston lost its sixth football game in seven starts in 1975, coach Bill Yeoman said "young teams usually get better with age, but right now the college coaches are aging faster than the players."

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Coast To Coast

By Dick Maurice

CHER & PINCHING: "Greg would like a smaller place," Cher told the press as she put her magnificent Holmby Hills showplace on the market for two million dollars, furnished of course. Acutally, Cher HAS to sell the house she and SONNY BONO bought from TONY CURTIS—they have lots of settlement problems to resolve. It's no secret that Cher's financial situation is shakey indeed. You probably thought Cher had her own key to Fort Knox, or a printing press in her playroom—fact is Cher has been fretting over the money situation with her lawyers and advisers for months.

They've had everything else on daytime soap operas, so they've decided to show a gay love story. Don't snikker. The NBC programming honchos told the Gay Task Force there are no taboos against it and there's a strong possibility such a tale will be worked into one of its daytime soap operas soon.

Speaking of soap operas, EMILY MCLAUGHLIN, who is nurse Jessie Brewer on "General Hospital," believes in spiritual contact. She communicates with her second husband, Jeff Hunter, who died in a tragic household fall. "He speaks to me in mysterious ways. Sometimes when my television set is off, his image appears on the screen."

BRUCE FARIBAIRN, star of "The Rookies", is frightened that his image which appeared in Viva magazine will appear in front of top network executives. Before signing his contract with ABC, Bruce did a nude layout for Viva. He never mentioned it to them. Viva recently put out a composite of their best. So now, what he thought was under the rug is in the limelight. Bruce, you sure are getting your fair share of publicity lately.

The Television Code Review Board, following an appeal from the National Organization for Women (NOW), has issued a statement saying in part: "All parties involved in the preparation of broadcast material should be sensitive to the need for balance in the portrayals of men and women in all aspects of society, both inside and outside of the home."

CLIFTON DAVIS, star of "That's My Mama", laughingly said, "Imagine living in a sardine can! BILL COSBY has a funny line about three brothers sleeping in the same bed. It's funny to some, but not to me, because that's exactly what I did. I was the one in the middle. The good part was that I was always warm in the winter. The bad part was having bed-wetting brothers on either side. I soon learned to kick out of bed whichever brother lost control. I woke him up at the first dribble, before the sheets got saturated. I stopped bed-wetting at three and a half. Very early I decided what luxury was—one in a bed (now I've increased that to two on special occasions)!" the handsome actor grinned.

New ruling on TV has one "damn" or a single "hell" per show allowable.

TV star DICK GAUTIER answers the question, What makes a woman kissable? "First, I demand two lips, perferably one on the bottom and one on the top. Second, she has to want to kiss me...I've learned not to force my intentions on a lady, as this scar on my chin testifies. Third, she can't wear too much makeup...at 17 I kissed a girl who wore too much lip gloss, slid off her mouth and swallowed her earring."

ROCK HUDSON recalls the most difficult love scene he ever filmed was with DORIS DAY in "Lover Come Back." "We were supposed to be kissing on the beach, then roll over in the sand, me on top of Doris...long kiss, fade out. First Doris noticed my bathing suit was not completely covering my anatomy and that broke her up and she got me tickled. Then every time we'd try to roll over in the sand, we'd get stuck half way, and the sand was making us itch all over. Then when we finally got it right and moved in for the final clinch, our teeth clicked as we kissed and that was it. We both became hysterical and couldn't even look at one another without breaking up. The director finally gave up and we had to shoot the scene the following day."

The surviving 24-foot mechanical shark, star of "Jaws" (two were built for the film, only one blew up at the end) will retire to Universal's back lot where he will live out his days terrifying tourists who take the studio tour. A special area is being constructed where the shark will rise from the water and attack the tour tram. Most people who work on the Universal lot (and find the tours annoying and distracting) hope the shark scares the tourists away for good.

YUL BRYNNER always wears black when he goes out socially. He says the reason is his chest is so big any other color makes him look enormous. His chest is 45 inches, same as ANITA ECKBERG's.

RICHARD HARRIS and his wife had two lion steaks air expressed from Africa to a New York restaurant, where they were charcoal broiled for them. The Harrises are obviously not cat lovers.

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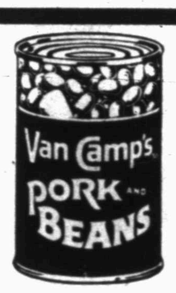

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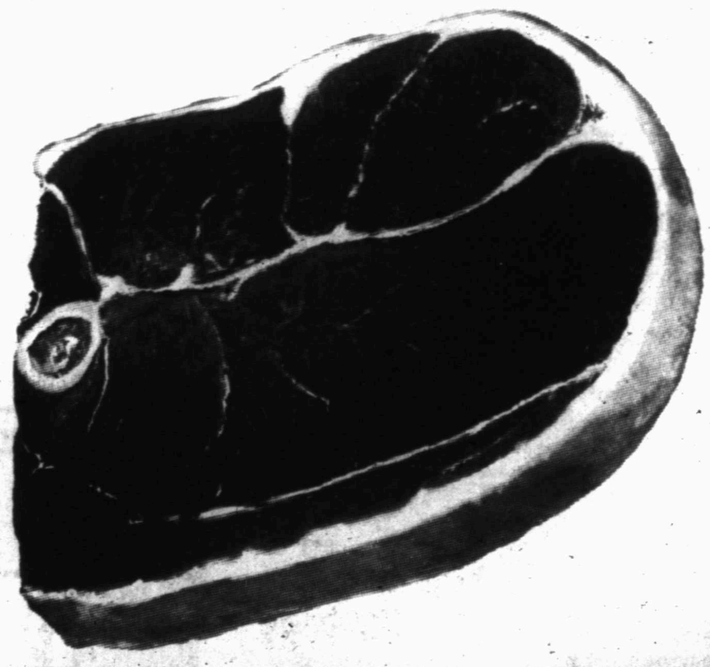

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California Trying To Ban Most Lead In Gas

By RICHARD SALTUS
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California antismog officials are on the verge of attempting what no other state has done and the federal government has been kept from doing — requiring the virtual elimination of lead in gasoline.

Tiny amounts of the heavy metal are building up in the bodies of people living near freeways, the state Air Resources Board has concluded. Years of such exposure may be dangerous, say health officials, and after a public hearing today the ARB is likely to approve a phase-down program that could ban most lead additives by 1980.

But the state must reckon with the lead additive industry, which so far has used the courts to beat back federal efforts to reduce lead and render previous state antilead regulations ineffective. The industry, which admits deleading of gasoline would "wound us some," declares there is insufficient evidence to convict airborne lead of any harm to health.

In respect to health hazards, California has taken a stronger position than the federal Environmental Protection Agency, which has not set any restrictions on lead in the air. California's ARB recently voted to retain a strict standard

"We do not have enough medical information to talk about what is a safe air standard," said Ronald Campbell of EPA's Office of Air Quality Standards.

Even the most adamant state officials don't blame lead additives for causing clinical lead poisoning — which can produce liver and kidney damage, vomiting, seizures, abdominal pain, brain damage and death. Large overdoses of lead usually come into the body from eating contaminated food or, as happens frequently with ghetto children, eating leaded paint from aged housing.

But Dr. John R. Goldsmith of the California Department of Health said that even with blood-lead amounts considerably below the poisoning level, some researchers have found disturbances in the way nerve impulses are relayed.

"It's a long term problem," he said. "What worries me is the risk to children, who may take up lead more readily than adults."

Therefore, he said, even the relatively minor amount of lead breathed in from the air should be reduced.

Taking the lead out means gasoline has to be more highly refined to achieve the same octane rating - with its antiknock properties - as leaded gasoline.

According to Jack Fuller, a spokesman for the Ethyl Corp., manufacturers of lead additives, this will "cost like the devil."

"It takes four to six per cent more crude oil and extra energy to make unleaded gasoline, and that's counter to energy conservation," he said.

It is estimated that the annual commercial catch of sharks off the California coast totals 400,000 pounds.

More Association People Moving To Washington

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — By whatever name they are known - institutes, associations, societies, unions, federations — they are concentrations of influence, and each year more of them move to the Washington, D.C. area.

The incentive is the same as that which made many of them settle at first in New York and Chicago and other American cities — their belief that from these addresses they could best listen to and make an impact on public opinion.

Now they are saying in effect that the way to influence public opinion is not to shotgun their message throughout America but to concentrate their fire on the specific target of legislation and regulation.

"There is a fundamental feeling among association people that most of their concerns are identified with the presence of the federal government, and that this is where the action is," said Clarence Arata.

Arata, executive vice president of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade, maintains Washington has surpassed both Chicago and New York in the number of national association headquarters.

"We've grown very fast in the past two, three years," he said. "We have 26 per cent, while New York now has only 24 per cent and Chicago 16 per cent."

So numerous have they become in Washington, that often the associations are referred to as the fourth branch of government, exerting influence on the lives of Americans exceeded only by the executive, judicial and legislative branches.

New York, which is attempting to keep its industry and influence, isn't giving up the title without an argument, and it has some support. A new edition of the Encyclopedia of Associations still has it in first place.

Margaret Fisk, the editor, counted 1,740 national associations here compared with 1,622 in Washington, D.C. and 681 in Chicago, but these numbers are accompanied by some asterisks.

First of all, they are for the central city rather than the metropolitan area, and Washington has spilled over geographically as well as, it is alleged, in a few other ways. Arata's claim is based on metropolitan area figures.

Without attempting to settle the argument for all time, Mrs. Fisk notes that New York too has a large metropolitan area, and that many associations moving from the central city are re-establishing themselves elsewhere in the larger unit.

Another footnote that cannot be ignored relates to the relative importance of the associations, and that's where Chicago excels, being home to the bar, medical, hospital, dental, realtor and library associations.

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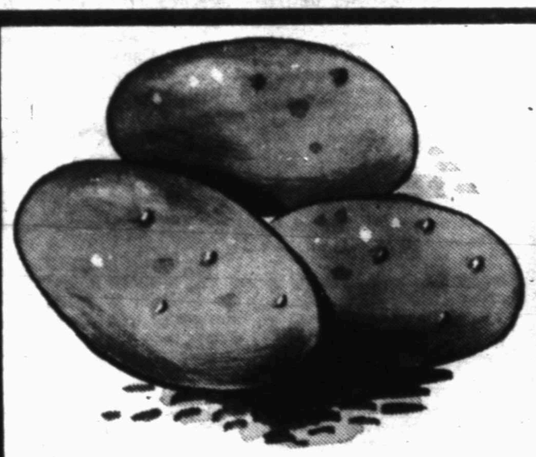

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Morton Convinced That Ford Is Frontrunner

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Ford's chief political aide, Rogers C.B. Morton, says a two-day swing through northern New Hampshire has convinced him that Ford is the Republican frontrunner in the nation's first presidential primary.

Morton says he arrived in New Hampshire "with kind of the blues ... with the idea that we were in a tough situation."

But now, he said, "I think we're the frontrunner."

Ford is due in the state late today for a final campaign stint, an appearance in Keene tonight and a half-day in southeastern New Hampshire on Friday.

His opponent, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, arrives Friday for a last weekend of campaigning before the balloting Tuesday.

Both camps say the Republican race is close, with the decision probably in the hands of voters who are still undecided.

Morton, the presidential counselor who handles political tasks for the White House, said Wednesday that he has no figures or polls to back up his optimism.

"I feel intuitively that there is a swing toward the President," he said in Concord.

"Maybe it's because I'm on that side."

While Morton claimed the role of favorite for Ford, two Democrats tried to pin the label on each other.

Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona said former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter is the frontrunner. Carter said it's Udall, "because he's concentrated almost all his entire past 18 months" in New Hampshire.

Udall said Carter is trying to "make his victory — if he has one — look even bigger."

In other campaign developments:

—Morton seemed to disagree with Ford's contention that Reagan is too conservative to be elected president even if he wins the Republican nomination. Morton said Reagan would be "more difficult to elect" but that it's too soon to tell whether he could win.

He said he would support Reagan if the former governor is nominated.

—Former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird predicted that Ford may lose some primaries to Reagan but will win the nomination and be elected in November. At a news conference in Madison — sponsored by Ford's Wisconsin campaign committee — Laird said Reagan would be a good candidate but "I just happen to feel that President Ford is the better candidate."

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PARTY FOR LULAC—Mr. and Mrs. Mario Herrera hosted a coffee and Coke party in their home for LULAC members who are celebration National LULAC Week. Among those attending were, from left, seated, Gilberto Ramos, Teo Romo, Anita Felan, Eduelia Herrera, Moises Rodriguez; standing, Joe Hernandez, Librada Ramos, Jessie Suarez, Mario Herrera and Gloria Romo.

LULAC YOUTH MEET—Youth of the local LULAC organization heard Albert Hernandez of Snyder, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, at a meeting Tuesday night in connection with local observance of "LULAC Week." Hernandez received his bachelors degree in business administration and now plans to go to law school next fall. Shown at the youth meeting, from left, are Ricardo Corrales, president of the Senior LULAC organization here; Olga Herrera, Youth LULAC president; Hernandez; Delores Gutierrez, youth treasurer; Connie Herrera and Debbie Romo.

Eight Coops Quizzed On Pass-On Fuel Charges

By JERRY SCARBROUGH
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—An Oklahoma Corporation Commission member confirmed Wednesday he has written letters to eight electric cooperatives demanding an explanation of alleged improper fuel charges being passed on to the coops' customers.

Commissioner Jan Eric Cartwright, in letters to the eight cooperatives Feb. 5, said it appeared they had been making payments to Western Farmers Electric Cooperative of Anadarko for services they "did not receive."

In one of the letters, Cartwright said the coops were making "highly questionable payments" to the Anadarko company and passing the costs on to their customers.

After the AP obtained copies of some of the letters, Cartwright confirmed he had written them, but said he would prefer not to discuss them because he was "waiting for an explanation from the companies."

"I don't want to pre-judge them," he said. "I'm waiting for their explanation."

In a related development, State Sen. Jim Hamilton, D-Poteau, introduced a Senate resolution Wednesday calling for an investigation of public utilities and their dealings with electric cooperatives.

The Corporation Commission has full regulatory power over public utilities, but has only limited power over the rural electric cooperatives.

The "highly questionable payments" Cartwright referred to apparently would total at least several hundred thousand dollars because he cited an $81,000 bill one company paid in just one month among the payments he questioned.

The letters were sent to the managers of these electric cooperatives;

Canadian Valley, Seminole; East Central, Okmulgee; Kay Electric, Blackwell; Peoples Electric, Ada; Southeastern, Durant; Red River Valley, Marietta; Choctaw Utilities, Midwest City, and Kiamichi Electric, Wilburton.

In the letter to Canadian Valley manager Douglas McKellip, Cartwright said it appeared the coop was paying Western for power it actually buys from the Southwestern Power Administration.

Referring to a payment to Western last month, Cartwright said "Canadian Valley paid $81,025.22 to Western Farmers Electric for services it did not receive and added this cost to its customers' bills.

"According to the agreement cited above," his letter continued, "this practice has been in effect since Jan. 1, 1974, so I am sure a great amount of money has been given to Western Farmers Electric without receiving any benefits to consumers of Canadian Valley Electric.

"To put it mildly," the letter concluded, "I am disturbed by these payments and their effect on the consumers' bills and request that Canadian Valley Electric furnish me with specific authority for and the legality of such payments at the earliest possible date."

McKellip, contacted by the AP, said Cartwright "had received some misinformation, but it has been straightened out now.

"Our people got it worked out with him last week," McKellip said.

ITALIANS WARN
Break Is Not Sure Remedy

By PIERO VALSECCHI
Associated Press Writer

MILAN, Italy (AP) — The leader of an Italian team that has discovered a combination drug treatment hailed as a breakthrough in treatment of breast cancer warns it is not an "absolute remedy" and that more testing will be needed.

"Let's hope we can save thousands of lives," Dr. Gianni Bonadonna said in an interview Wednesday night. "Hopes are justified. But there is no certainty. More tests and studies over the next three years will be needed."

Bonadonna and a team of associates at the National Cancer Institute of Italy developed a treatment combining three drugs which resulted in a sharp reduction in the recurrence of the disease among women who had been operated on for advanced breast cancer. The treatments and the results were reported this week in the New England Journal of Medicine and termed of "monumental importance."

The three drugs are cyclophosphamide, methotrexate and fluorouracil, or CMF.

"The drugs we used for our study are on the market and available to patients for treatment in community hospitals," Bonadonna said. "But patient and public opinion must not think we have developed the absolute remedy."

"The main point is that physicians should be aware of the new possibility and that patients learn that something is being done for them," the 41-year-old doctor said.

His team reported that in a 27-month experiment with 386 women who had had radical mastectomies — removal of the breast, lymph nodes and nearby muscles, cancer recurred in 5 per cent of the 207 women who had the combined drug treatment for a year and in 24 per cent of the 179 who did not get the drugs.

Bonadonna said the next step in his study is to treat patients for six months to determine the effectiveness of the combined drugs when administered for a shorter period of time.

Bonadonna said his team's work was based on studies by two doctors at the U.S. National Cancer Institute at Bethesda, Md., Paul P. Carbone and B. Fisher, "who already were testing treatment on operated women with a single drug." The Italian team also received financial support from the American cancer institute.

North Carolina became the 12th state Nov. 29, 1789.

'Economic' Divorce Is Out

DALLAS (AP) — Gordon Flint, 88, who was going to divorce his wife, 91, because he loved her too much, is a happy man now that he knows he won't have to be separated from her.

Flint had paid a $27.50 filing fee to get a divorce from his wife who is in a nursing home because it was the only way the two could get enough money from Social Security and other federal programs to pay for the medical expenses.

Flint had asked a nun-lawyer handling the case not to tell his wife about the divorce.

His plight was made public by newspapers Sunday.

Since then he has been flooded by cash contributions and a fund was started for him and his wife at a local bank.

"It is like a miracle," Flint said Wednesday. "Everything is going to be all right for us."

One woman who had set out for the cemetery with flowers for her son's grace took them to Flint instead. Flint then took them to the nursing home and gave them to his wife.

Flint said he hoped some of his good fortune rubbed off on other elderly couples in similar situations.

Sister Rosemary, who had been asked by Flint to help him file for divorce, said she has five other couples seeking divorce "for economic reasons."

Dr. Lamb
Megacolon problem can be acquired

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Please tell me something about megacolon. Would the bowel movement of a person with this condition be large or small since it enlarges the colon and narrows the rectum and causes the waste to back up in the colon? Would the kind of food a person eats have any effect on the condition? Would one be any more likely to get cancer of the colon or rectum?

Since this is a congenital defect will it be likely to improve with age or get worse? Any comments you can make on this condition would be appreciated.

DEAR READER—Megacolon is also called Hirschsprung's disease. A common form is congenital, and is present from birth. Some vital nerve endings are absent in the lower part of the colon and rectal area. This permits the muscles in the wall of the rectum and lower colon to over contract acting like an obstruction. That is why you have heard that the colon is narrowed at the outlet.

The area of the colon above the obstructing narrow outlet dilates enormously and becomes filled with food residue. And the colon in this area becomes markedly dilated. Unfortunately the condition does not disappear as the child gets older.

The condition causes distention, constipation and accumulation of gas in the colon. The large dilated colon can be seen and felt through a thinned abdominal wall. Inflammation of the colon called enterocolitis is a frequent complication in persons suffering with this problem.

Adults can acquire the disease, usually from long standing constipation, and less commonly from nerve diseases that destroy the nerves to the rectal area and lower colon. Individuals who repeatedly fail to answer the bowel urge gradually blunt this reflex and eventually it doesn't work at all. Chronic constipation on this basis may often lead to an acquired form of enlarged, dilated colon. Acquired megacolon can be prevented.

Those wanting information on avoiding or correcting bowel problems can send 50 cents for The Health Letter, Number 2-1, Irritable or Spastic Colon and Constipation. Enclose a long, stamped self-addressed envelope for mailing. Address your letter to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

The size of the bowel movements vary but may be quite a large amount with limited caliber. Many patients with this problem often require enemas to relieve their condition. Remember, the basic disease is an obstruction of the outlet of the bowel.

Megacolon may exist in varying degrees of severity. Mild cases can be managed with minimal difficulties—diet, laxatives or enemas. Care should be used to limit enemas to retention enemas of mineral or olive oil. Water enemas or soap suds enemas may be retained beyond the obstructed area and result in water intoxication and other problems.

There is no solid evidence that megacolon has any relationship to developing cancer.

More severe cases can be treated surgically. There are various operations that have been devised but most involve removing the obstructed area without any nerves and pulling down the area of the colon with proper nerve control. When these procedures work properly the lower bowel then works like it does in other people.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

Living Costs

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — When the cornerstone for Long Beach's municipal auditorium was uncovered its contents disclosed the cost of living in 1931 wasn't costly.

Butter sold at 32 cents a pound, a two-pound loaf of bread cost only 7 cents and a woman could get a permanent for $2.98. The big movie at the time was "Cimarron," starring Richard Dix and Irene Dunne.

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For Friday, Feb. 20, 1976

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something beneficial businesswise may unexpectedly develop today through someone you're friendly with. It could be worth looking into.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have an opportunity today to win a new ally who could later prove of value to you. Treat all new contacts warmly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Put your thinking cap on at work today. Clever ideas will go a long way to chalk up points with the boss.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is one of those days when the best things that happen to you may occur quite suddenly and unexpectedly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Surprise the family today, either in what you serve or by inviting people over they'll all enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You should be a pretty fast thinker today. Your first ideas are likely to be your best. Put them to a good use.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The chances of today being profitable for you look rather good. What you gain may come in an unusual manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll have more fun doing things today on the spur of the moment than you will with planned activity. Stay loose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be able to size up situations quite accurately today by using answers you arrive at both deductively and intuitively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Go somewhere today where you'll be able to meet new people with different interests. It should prove to be fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't give up on your goals too quickly today. Events could take a surprising turn and put victory within your grasp.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may be the recipient of some unusual information today. It could fit very neatly into some plans you've formulated.

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The urge to travel and to acquire knowledge from personal experiences may grow stronger this coming year. Begin to save. Plan now to satisfy your wanderlust.

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