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The SDN Column

The days when you could laugh off a library fine, or let it "ride" may be over. At least they are at the Scurry County Library.

Taking advantage of the revised Texas Penal Code, the Scurry County Library Board has announced that it has voted unanimously to follow the new provisions as they apply to material checked out of the library and not returned by the date due.

The code provides that a person commits theft if, with intent to deprive an owner of property, he exercises control over the property unlawfully. Obtaining or exercising control over property is unlawful if a person obtains or exercises control over the property without the owner's consent.

In short, if you keep a library book out past the due date, you are subject to a theft charge.

The Scurry County Library has posted notices stating: "You are advised that the owner of these books, recordings, and other items which may be borrowed from this library is Scurry County, Texas. These items must be returned on or before the date for which they were loaned. Any person who fails or refuses to return said items to this library by the due date is exercising control over the said property unlawfully."

The penalty for this type of theft is $200 if the property stolen is valued at less than $5. If it is valued at more than $5 but less than $20, the law provides a penalty of up to 180 days in jail and-or a fine not to exceed $1,000. If the value is $30 or more but less than $200, a jail term up to one year and a fine up to $2,000 is possible.

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Picked up from the mail:

A marketing specialist for the Extension Service says the cost of keeping a cow went up about 100 per cent from 1972 to 1974.

At the rate things are going, it may still be cheaper than natural gas, however.

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"New York City may one day be a ghost town," speculates a piece of promotional material about businesses fleeing the big cities.

"In years to come, tourists may wander through the empty streets in wonder that anyone ever chose to live or work in that concrete jungle."

Sounds like wishful thinking.—WACIL McNair.

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 1976. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as President of the Southern Confederacy at Montgomery, Ala.

On this date:

In 1546, religion reformer Martin Luther died.

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died.

In 1685, the French explorer, La Salle, established the first settlement in Texas.

In 1915, in World War I, Germany began a submarine blockade of Britain.

In 1945, the Pacific War battle of Iwo Jima was beginning.

In 1965, the African nation of Gambia became an independent state within the British Commonwealth.

Ten years ago: The U.S. AFL-CIO maritime unions told President Lyndon Johnson they would boycott ships of all nations doing business with North Vietnam.

Five years ago: President Richard Nixon rejected proposals for nationalized health care for Americans.

One year ago: It was reported that new Soviet shipments of advanced fighter planes and other military equipment to Egypt, Syria and Iraq might alter the balance of air power in the Middle East.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, Hercules Coutenay offered the rebel Maryland Council of Safety the use of his brig, "Friendship," which had a Negro crew and was registered in Bermuda. He said these facts might be a cloak if the British attempted to seize all American ships.

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The Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High reading, Tuesday, 71 degrees; low reading, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 32 degrees.

North Central and Northeast Texas: Fair through Thursday. Low tonight 40 to 48. High Thursday 75 to 80.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Fair through Thursday. Low tonight low 40s northwest to upper 50s south. High Thursday 78 to 86.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Fair through Thursday. Low mid 20s north to mid 40s south. High Thursday mid 60s north to low 80s south.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor; North winds 12 to 18 knots tonight 10 to 15 knots Thursday. Seas 4 to 6 feet, subsiding to 3 to 5 feet by late tonight and continuing to subside Thursday.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Northwest winds 15 to 20 knots and gusty in north, diminishing to 10 to 15 knots late tonight and Thursday. Northwest winds 10 to 15 knots in south tonight and Thursday. Seas 4 to 6 feet, subsiding to 3 to 5 feet by late tonight and continuing to subside Thursday.

Executive Order Bars Agencies' Use Of 'Taps'

By DAVID C. MARTIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford today issued orders barring the CIA and other intelligence agencies from using electronic or physical surveillance to collect information on the domestic activities of most American citizens and organizations.

In a follow-up to his Tuesday night press conference at which he announced plans for reorganizing the intelligence community, Ford also said he would support legislation requiring judicial warrants for national security wiretaps and mail opening.

In a message to Congress, Ford indicated he would seek to expand the power of the government to open mail, which is now permitted only in criminal investigations. "We need authority to open mail ... in order to obtain vitally needed foreign intelligence information," Ford said.

Ford also proposed a stiff new secrecy law which would provide criminal penalties for any government employe or contractor who leaks intelligence secrets. The law also would give the government new legal powers to prevent the publication of such secrets.

A 36-page executive order that takes effect March 1 also would bar infiltration of domestic organizations, drug tests on unsuspecting humans and illegally obtaining federal tax returns.

The restrictions do not apply to the FBI which will be governed by a separate set of guidelines to be issued within 90 days.

The CIA would be completely barred from electronic eavesdropping inside the United States, and the National Security Agency would be prohibited from intercepting any "communication which is made from, or is intended by the sender to be received in, the United States."

"Unconsented physical searches," apparently including break-ins, would be outlawed within the United States or against U.S. citizens abroad except "under procedures approved by the attorney general."

An accompanying document said that the restrictions placed on intelligence activities provided for "limited exceptions" which, for instance, would allow physical surveillance of a U.S. citizen who is a present or former employe of an intelligence agency or one of its contractors, or is "reasonably believed to be acting on behalf of a foreign power or engaging in international terrorist or narcotics activities or activities threatening the national security."

Parts of Ford's executive order were not made public "because of the sensitivity of the information and its relation to national security," a White House document said.

As details of Ford's plan were being disclosed, Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield snapped up Ford's invitation to Congress to tighten its scrutiny over the intelligence community.

DIVORCE IS THE ONLY ANSWER—After almost 62 years of marriage, Gordon and Ida Flint of Dallas, Tex., are getting a divorce. Not because they want to but the 88-year-old retiree can't give his wife the nursing home care she needs on his present monthly income of $488. Social workers told Flint welfare could take care of his wife's bills fully only if they were divorced so Flint is getting the Dallas Legal Services to file for the divorce. (AP Wirephoto)

Personal Income Of Americans Jumps 1%

WASHINGTON (AP) — The personal income of Americans jumped by 1 per cent in January, pushed by an upward surge in payrolls for service and distribution workers, the government said today. It was the biggest increase in four months.

The Commerce Department said personal income climbed at an annual rate of $13.6 billion last month to an annual rate of $1,313.8 billion after adjustment for seasonal variations. It was the biggest advance since an increase of $16.3 billion in September.

The January increase put personal income 9.2 per cent ahead of where it was at the same time a year ago and well ahead of the current 7 per cent pace of inflation. It also reversed a steady tapering off in the growth of personal income since August.

Commerce reported January's figures one day after the Federal Home Loan Bank Board said 63 savings and loan institutions were listed as "problem institutions" last year — with 15 of them in the most serious category.

A spokesman for the board said the 15 were considered as likely to require government financial help unless "drastic changes" occur.

The remaining 48 are in a less serious condition but "give cause for more than ordinary concern and require aggressive supervisory attention," he said, declining to name any of the institutions.

The 63 problem institutions listed at the end of 1975 had assets totalling nearly $5.6 billion, which was 1.7 per cent of all assets of insured institutions, totaling $330.3 billion. The 15 seriously troubled institutions reportedly had assets totalling $688 million.

The number of institutions on the problem list is up from 1974, when the total was 51, but below the 96 reported at the end of 1970.

The bank board is the federal regulatory agency for the 4,079 state and federally chartered institutions whose deposits are insured by the federal government. The spokesman said the board is not alarmed by number of institutions currently listed.

In other economic developments:

—The Commerce Department released figures showing the United States ended 1975 with a surplus of $3.3 billion in its balance of foreign payments by one measure and a deficit of $2 billion by another.

Other figures included in the report showed the nation in a favorable position in international financial dealings in 1975. The agency said the U.S. dollar gained in strength by 6 per cent during the year in comparison with the value of other major currencies.

Commerce said the U.S. balance of payments, measured on a net liquidity basis, had a $992-million deficit in the final quarter of the year, but wound up 1975 with a $3.3-billion surplus over-all. The liquidity balance measures the flow of dollars across U.S. borders in private and government transactions. There was a deficit in this account of $18.9 billion in 1974.

The department said the nation's payments activity on the so-called official reserve transaction basis was in deficit by $2 billion during the final quarter of 1975 and also in the red by $2 billion for the entire year. The official reserve balance measures dollars held in foreign banks through exchange marketing operations. The deficit in this account in 1974 was nearly $8.4 billion.

The 1975 deficit was the smallest since 1969, when there was a surplus of more than $2.8 billion, the agency said.

Commerce said that during the final quarter of 1975, the flow of dollars abroad increased by $3.8 billion, while flow of money into the United States from private sources abroad declined $2.8 billion.

The agency also reported that the United States had a surplus in its foreign trade, excluding military trade, of more than $9.1 billion in 1975, the largest surplus since $10.1 billion in 1947.

SAFETY CHECK LAX

Engineers Warn Of Nuclear Power Dangers

By JAMES GERSTENZANG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal safety checks on nuclear reactor controls are less stringent than those governing toasters and hair dryers, according to three engineers who quit their jobs to warn of dangers of nuclear power.

The three, who resigned from middle-level management positions at General Electric's nuclear division on Feb. 2 so they could focus attention on nuclear safety defects, warned today that federal regulations lack any requirement for an independent review of certain nuclear controls.

They made their statement in testimony prepared for the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.

The three former General Electric officials, Dale G. Bridenbaugh, Richard B. Hubbard and Gregory C. Minor, said in their statement, however, that the ability of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to effectively regulate the nuclear industry is suspect.

"The tremendous cost, schedule and political pressures experienced make unbiased decisions, with true evaluations of the consequences, impossible to achieve," the statement said. "This is the ultimate deficiency of our nuclear program."

The statement said the primary focus of a safety evaluation of 19 operating nuclear plants "has been to 'prove' the plants are safe enough for continued operation, not to openly assess their true safety."

It said that decisions on proceeding with nuclear plants were based on technical inadequacies or insufficient data.

After they resigned, the engineers met with William A. Anders, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other commission officials. The commission said after the meeting that the engineers' complaints were philosophical and dealt with general safety issues that were under consideration by the commission staff.

Bridenbaugh, involved with nuclear power plants since 1958 and a General Electric employe since 1953, spent the past 10 months on a special project evaluating the safety of 25 nuclear power plants.

Hubbard was responsible for developing and implementing plans assuring that products of the company's nuclear energy control and instrumentation department met federal quality requirements.

Minor was responsible for the design of safety and control systems.

Kissinger Welcomed In Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger arrived in Peru today on the second leg of a Latin-American tour dominated so far by Cuban issues despite his claim that he is not on an anti-Castro crusade.

Kissinger's blue and white Air Force jet flew from Venezuela to Lima for his talks with the continent's main Socialist military government. The secretary of state stepped down to a full military welcome headed by Peru's foreign minister, Gen. Miguel Angel de la Flor.

Heavy airport security was set for Kissinger's late-morning arrival in Lima. Police in the Peruvian capital used tear gas to break up several anti-Kissinger demonstrations Tuesday by small groups of workers and students.

Peruvian President Francisco Morales Bermudez has stressed "deepening" the Socialist-oriented revolution brought to his country by firebrand military officers in 1968. Nevertheless, he has substantially calmed quarrrels with the United States.

"Kissinger is the only secretary of state we've been able to talk to," said a senior Peruvian official.

Dinner Theatre Tickets Still Available Here

Tickets are still available for Western Texas College's third annual Dinner Theatre, which opens tomorrow night in the WTC Cafeteria.

The opening performance has been sold out to the Snyder Rotary Club, and Rotarians have been reminded that they will attend the Dinner Theatre rather than their regular luncheon meeting Thursday.

There are tickets for other performances still available at both Snyder banks, at Snyder Drug and on the campus. These are for Friday and Saturday of this week and Friday and Saturday of next week, Feb. 20-21 and 27-28.

Seek Applicants For Coach's Job

Applications will be accepted until March 1 for the poistion of head football coach at Snyder High School, school officials announced this morning.

At the same time, it was announced that plans for a special meeting of the board of trustees which had been scheduled for tonight to discuss the coaching vacancy, had been called off.

"Applications should be sent to Roy Carter, athletic director, at 2901 Thirty-seventh Street, Snyder, on or before Monday, March 1," the official announcement said. "Applicants will be screened from these written applications and those selected for personal interviewing will be notified by Mr. Carter as soon as possible so that the new coach may report to work on or before April 1, if possible."

Applicants who have contacted the school administration concerning the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Maurice Hodges, have been informed that the school board separated the duties of athletic director from the head football coach's job and employed Carter, a member of the school district's administrative staff, to serve as athletic director.

"The separation of the two positions was necessary in order to handle the growing complexities of the junior high and senior high athletic programs," school spokesmen said. "The workload of the athletic director has been increased by the advent of the added emphasis on girls' sports this year. At the present time Snyder has 16 girls' and boys' basketball teams, 10 football teams, nine volleyball teams, several girls' and boys' track teams, two baseball teams, golf, tennis and gymnastics teams. In the past, the athletic director's time has been primarily devoted to football during the football season, taking necessary time from directing the overall program. The present situation will allow this person ample opportunity to administer, schedule and budget for the overall program and not be confined by coaching responsibilities."

Those interested in the head football coaching position have been asked to submit resumes including information concerning their families, formal education, previous job experience, personal athletic participation, and areas in which certification has been obtained through the Texas Education Agency. Brief paragraphs should also be included explaining why each applicant is interested in the job here and his philosophy in regard to football.

Insurance Men Ask 5.2% Hike

By LEE JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Insurance men asked the State Insurance Board today for higher rates for homeowners coverage. But they requested less than the board's own staff recommended.

Sam Winters, spokesman for the Texas Insurance Advisory Association, proposed a 5.2 per cent average hike in homeowners rates, compared with 6.7 per cent suggested by the staff.

The reason for the differences apparently lay in how the two groups projected future increases in the cost of repairing damaged buildings.

Both the staff and the industry recommended that new rates take effect July 1.

The hearing follows by only two days the effective date of an 8.3 per cent average increase in homeowners rates.

Board staff actuaries put together a set of proposed new rates that would impose a 5.4 per cent, or $30 million, increase on Texans for all categories of building insurance taken as a whole—homeowners, fire and extended coverage.

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR—The following actors were nominated Tuesday for best actor in the 48th Academy Awards: Maximilian Schell, top left, "The Man in the Glass Booth," Al Pacino, top center, "Dog Day Afternoon," Walter Matthau, top, right, "Sunshine Boys," James Whitmore, bottom left, "Give Em Hell, Harry," and Jack Nicholson, bottom right, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." (AP Wirephoto)

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS—The following actresses were nominated for the best performance by an actress in the 48th Academy Awards: Isabelle Adjani, top left, "The Story of Adele H.", Carol Kane, bottom left, "Hester Street," Ann-Margaret, top right, "Tommy," Louise Fletcher, center right, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and Glenda Jackson, bottom right," Hedda." (AP Wirephoto)

Funds For Road Work Dwindling

"The day of reckoning is here," especially in highway construction, District Highway Engineer Roger Welsch said in an address at Abilene yesterday.

Welsch addressed a luncheon hosted by the Associated General Contractors. Attending from Snyder were State Rep. Mike Ezzell, Chamber of Commerce Manager Mickey Nunley, Rotary Club President Bassett Keller, Resident Highway Engineer Ed Vernon and Charlie Morrow of the resident engineer's office.

"The problem stems from the fact that for the past several years our federal and state governments have been investing less and less in better transportation while transportation needs have been growing concurrent with an expanding economy," Welsch said.

He pointed out that in 1956 transportation was ranked number two in national priorities but has now dropped to number 13, "maybe an unlucky omen."

Herman Lloyd, Area Chairman of the Associated General Contractors, told the gathering that by 1980 all highway revenues in sight will be absorbed by maintenance, leaving no state funds for new construction or even for upgrading obsolete roads and bridges.

The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation already has sharply curtailed right-of-way acquisitions pending studies of the financial crisis.

The District Engineer noted that the Texas Highway Department has become the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation and is moving rapidly on its new mission of expanding public transportation.

He added, however, that "even with progress in the field of public transportation, there is no convenient or effective alternative means of transportation other than by motor vehicle in Texas."

Welsch said Texas highway travel has doubled since 1961 and was barely dented by the fuel snortage of two years ago and the subsequent rise in prices.

Over the next 20 years, Welsch reported, enough federal and state funds are in sight to whittle away only 17 per cent of the current backlog of projects and accomplish only one-eighth of the contruction that was possible at past funding levels.

Welsch said pilot studies in the Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth districts are aimed at improving benefit-to-cost relationship of projects, hopefully enabling the state to "get the most bang for the buck."

Inflation has been so severe, he said, that to complete a billion-dollar system planned for the Houston area would now require about $3.2 billion.

Lloyd pegged the increase in construction costs at 118 per cent since 1967, while highway revenues have remained more or less constant.

"This has resulted in far less construction work for the dollar and a substantial cutback in jobs," he said.

Lloyd and Welsch said their purpose at this stage was not to debate possible solutions, but rather to inform the public of the situation and to point out that the mobility which modern Texans enjoy—and upon which the economy depends—is in danger.

TREES DEDICATED—In a Bicentennial observance, four pecan trees recently planted on the church lawn were dedicated Sunday morning at First United Methodist Church. Lyle Deffebach right presented the trees "in recognition of the Bicentennial year and in hopes that generations to come might enjoy the beauty, shade and fruit of the trees." John Fagin, center, representing the mayor and the Bicentennial committee, presented a proclamation designating the trees as an official "Horizons Bicentennial Project." At left is the Rev. Davidson Robertson, pastor of the church.

Odd Year On Oscar Lineup

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shirley McLaine, Warren Beatty, Keith Carradine and Michael Douglas were nominated for Oscars — but not for acting.

James Whitmore is one of five best-actor nominees for his role in "Give 'em Hell, Harry," in which he is the total cast.

"Jaws" was nominated as best picture of 1975 but won no mention for direction, acting or writing.

These were among the oddities in the 48th nominations for Motion Picture Academy awards, announced Tuesday at the brand-new home for Oscar. To no one's surprise, the big winner was "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" with nine nominations. "Barry Lyndon" was second with seven, but none for acting.

It was just one of those offbeat years, strange more than surprising. Observers wondered how Whitmore, who portrayed Harry Truman on stage hundreds of times before putting his monologue on tape, could logically compete with these film performances:

Walter Matthau, "The Sunshine Boys"; Jack Nicholson, "Cuckoo's Nest"; Al Pacino, "Dog Day Afternoon"; Maximilian Schell, "The Man in the Glass Booth."

Did Louise Fletcher ("Cuckoo's Nest") and Ann-Margret ("Tommy") play supporting or starring roles? They were nominated as best actress, along with Isabelle Adjani of "The Story of Adele H.," Glenda Jackson, "Hedda," and Carol Kane, "Hester Street."

And if "Jaws" was one of the five best pictures, why didn't it score in the creative categories? The other nominees: "Cuckoo's Nest," "Dog Day Afternoon," "Barry Lyndon," "Nashville."

George Burns, who costarred with Matthau in "The Sunshine Boys," somehow appears in the supporting actor category, along with Brad Dourif, "Cuckoo's Nest"; Burgess Meredith, "The Day of the Locust"; Chris Sarandon, "Dog Day Afternoon"; Jack Warden, "Shampoo."

What about the nonacting actors who were nominated? Shirley MacLaine was named as producer of the documentary, "The Other Half of the Sky: A China Memoir"; her brother Warren Beatty, as coauthor of "Shampoo"; Keith Carradine as writer of the song, "I'm Easy" from "Nashville"; Michael Douglas as coproducer of "Cuckoo's Nest."

Why was Federico Fellini nominated for his direction of "Amarcord" when the film won the foreign-language Oscar last year? Because "Amarcord" wasn't released in Los Angeles theaters until 1975, thus qualifying in all categories. Foreign language nominees don't have to be shown locally.

MIDDAY STOCKS

By The Associated Press

Alcoa	46¾	off	⅛
AT&T	55¾	up	⅛
Atl Rich	82	off	⅝
Beth Stl	41½	off	⅛
Borden	27		
Brit. Pet.	11⅝		
Cat Trac	80¼		
Celanese	54	up	⅝
Chrysler	14⅞	up	⅛
Cities Svc	41	off	⅝
Coca Cola	86⅛		
Cont Oil	63½	off	¼
Dow Chem	106⅜	off	1⅛
duPont	148¾	off	1⅛
Eastman	105¾	up	½
El Paso NG	14⅜	off	⅛
Exxon	87⅝	up	⅛
Fairchild Cam	43		
Ford	49¼	up	⅛
Gen Elec	51½	up	⅛
Gen Foods	29½		
Gen Mtrs	62¾	off	¼
Gen Tel	27½		
Gen Tire	21⅝	off	⅛
Goodrich	25⅞	up	⅛
Great A&P	12⅜	off	⅛
Gulf Oil	23¾	off	¼
Gif St UT	13⅞	up	⅛
Hart-Hk	22	off	⅛
Hous LP	23¼	up	⅛
IBM	254	up	⅞
Int Paper	72⅛	up	⅜
Jhn-Man	27⅜		
John Joh	92		
Litton	9	off	⅛
Marcor	29¼	off	⅜
Mobil Oil	52⅜	off	⅛
Monsanto	93⅞	off	⅜
Penn Cent	2⅝	up	⅛
Penney	51¼	up	¼
Phill Pet	53⅝	up	⅛
RCA	26⅛	up	¼
Safeway	45¼	off	½
Sears	66¼	off	½
Sony	8½		
Stand Ind	44½	off	¼
Texaco	25		
Texas Inst	117½		
Un Carbide	73	off	¼
Uniroyal	10⅛	off	⅛
US Steel	79½		
Woolworth	23⅝		
Xerox	63⅛	up	⅝

END TO PAROLE SYSTEM

Liberals Urge Sentences For Violent Offenders

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of generally liberal scholars and politicians today urged mandatory prison sentences for violent offenders and called for an end to the parole system.

The Committee for the Study of Incarceration concluded that a convicted offender should be punished with jail or some lesser penalty primarily "because he deserves it," not because of any hope of rehabilitation. But the panel also recommended that only the most vicious criminals should be jailed longer than five years.

The committee's conclusions from a four-year study were published today in a book called "Doing Justice."

Former New York Sen. Charles Goodell, now a Washington lawyer, was chairman of the panel which was formed shortly after the 1971 Attica prison riot and was financed with grants from the Field Foundation and the New World Foundation.

"It may seem surprising that a group of liberal professors and activists, when faced with a choice between trying to rehabilitate offenders and punishing them as they deserve, chose deserved punishment," Goodell remarked.

But he said the committee concluded "that is the only fair basis for sentencing people." The committee made no claims that its proposal would reduce crime. Instead, Goodell said, the reforms were offered "as a means of making the system fairer."

The committee also included Alan Dershowitz, a professor at Harvard law school; Herman Schwartz, chairman of the New York State Correction Commission; Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights; Joseph Goldstein, a professor at Yale law school; and David Rothman, a professor of history at Columbia University.

E. Scrivner Dies At Llano

Everett Scrivner, 79, of Tow, died at 6:15 a.m. today in a Llano Hospital. He was born May 28, 1896, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scrivner, who were among the first pioneers in Scurry County.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Tow. Graveside rites are set at 10 a.m. Friday here.

He married his wife Virgie, Oct. 26, 1915. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Herman Elkins of Snyder and a son, W. C. Scrivner, of Galena Park; a sister, Mrs. Cora Greenfield of Snyder & six grandsons.

Theft Cases Under Probe

Snyder Police investigated the burglary of two citizen band radio antennaes and an act of criminal mischief at the Scurry County Coliseum following a basketball game there.

Radio antennaes were taken from the vehicles of S.R. Overtuff and Bill Jennings of Southland. They were valued at $25 and $30 each.

Approximately $30 damage was reported to the 1972 Ford Stationwagon owned by T.E. Dickerson of Southland. The tires were flat, coil wire taken off and other minor damage to the vehicle was reported.

At 5:57 a.m. this morning Snyder Well Service reported to police that a truck had been broken into and the citizen band radio taken. The radio was valued at $125.

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Medals Arrive 31 Years Later

PEEBLES, Ohio (AP) — Howard Clark's claim to be Adams County's most decorated soldier was finally vindicated when the U.S. Army sent him 12 medals — 31 years late.

Clark, 60, received the medals through the mail without any explanation for the government's tardiness.

"I just came home one day and there were the 12 medals, all boxed up on the porch," said Clark, who has a total disability pension for wounds suffered in World War II.

"People used to think I was medal crazy," he said.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Willie Tharp, 406 Twenty-ninth; Edna Faulkner, 2015 Fortieth; Vera Dryden, 2113 Ave. S; Thomas Underwood, 1901 Nineteenth; Floyd Miller, 1901 Glendale, Abilene; Edward Whitehead, 1203 Twenty-fourth; Isabell Allen, 311 East Hwy.; Sandra Welch, 209 Thirty-third; James Hodges, 3403 Jacksboro, Ricky Hammitt, Rt. 3; Norma Jean Clements, Rt. 1; Edith Gladson, 105 Thirty-sixth; Gwen Rios, 1500 Twenty-seventh.

DISMISSALS: Estell Swan, Hoyle Strickland, Arlice Heffernan, Lottie Patterson, Frank Alaracon, Mrs. Darrell Campbell and baby boy, Velma Brumley, Ida Tucker, Artie Davis, Ferol Barrett, Ruth Martin, Mary Landin.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point has trained the nation's military leaders since 1802.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rios, 1500 Twenty-seventh, are the parents of a 5 lb. 1-8 oz. baby boy, born at 1:16 a.m. Feb. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

2 Grass Fires Are Reported

The Snyder Fire Department was called to two grass fires yesterday. The first was at 2:18 p.m., five miles west on U.S. Highway 180. The second at 5:09 p.m. at Prairie Dog Town at Towle Park.

GENE'S JEANS ... IS A COMIN'

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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.

American Songs Are Presented To RTA

The Scurry County Retired Teachers met Thursday afternoon at the Colonial Hill Baptist Church fellowship hall for a bicentennial meeting. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Nellie Smith, Jewel Smmmers and Lida Rhoades were hostesses. Frank Prewitt gave the invocation.

At the business meeting, conducted by Nellie Smith, president, the organization voted to retain an unused scholarship stipend at WTC and to enlarge the 1976-77 grant. Dr. Herbert von Roeder was introduced as a new member. He explained the purpose of the Institute of Lifetime Learning and its educational advantages. He pointed out that the institute is sponsored by the National Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired persons. The program is especially designed for the needs and interests of older adults. Courses are offered to share ideas and learn together. Home courses are offered to assist individuals in independent study. Many members expressed interest in the program of work. Mrs. Rhoades reminded the group of a Bible Study hour that is being conducted at the Learning Resource Center at WTC each Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

The president appointed a nominating committee to report at the next meeting. Serving on the committee are Laura Holladay, Grace King, and Mary Devenport.

Mrs. Margaret Dell Pilcher presented the program "Music Through the Years." She was assisted by Frank Prewitt, and the entire audience. Prewitt lead the sing-song with Mrs. Pilcher accompaning at the piano.

Mrs. Pilcher pointed out the important part that music has played in making America great. She stated "Songs gave men a common bond in a land where, as late as 1800, the white population over the whole Atlantic Seaboard numbered less than the present population of Greater New York; in an area where for many years there was only one person for every ten square miles; in communities and on frontiers where a babie of tongues, races and every rank and type of citizens were thrown together in the welding of this great nation.

The types of music which evolved as our country grew were those of the pilgrims, the minute men of Concord, the sea chanties of the sailors, as well as play party tunes, and the lusty songs of the 49's. There were ballads of everyday life, home and children, fiddle tunes and banjo tunes.

With the Western movement came cowboy songs, songs of the lumberjacks and railroad workers. There were songs of the farmers, the laborer, the peddler. Big men and bad men were characterized in song, melodies of the heart and many other types of songs which filled the hearts of Americans."

As the program progressed songs were sung which were typical of the change in music as our Country expanded from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

Knits Help Refresh Wardrobe

BY JUDY LOVE

Updating your wardrobe doesn't have to mean spending lots of cash on new clothes. Check your closet first. I'll bet there are several tops and bottoms just waiting for the right accessory to bring them together for a whole new look.

This tie-belted vest gives a finishing touch to separates that don't seem to stand on their own. The triple-tweed yarn comes in several color combinations that should mix and match with many of your pants, skirts and shirts.

You'll need a textured, machine wash and dry yarn like Reynold's Arizona acrylic. Instructions for size Small call for seven balls, eight for sizes Medium or Large. To knit the bulky stitches, we used on pair of No. 15 knitting needles and a size H crochet hook for finishing.

Even beginners can make quick work of this project.

To order instructions for sizes Small, Medium and Large, send 50 cents to Stitchin' Time, Box 503, New York, New York 10019. Ask for leaflet No. 441 and be sure to enclose your name, address and zip code.

Dear Judy Lofe: I've just discovered moth holes in one of my favorite sweaters. It's a solid color in a simple stitch. Since a lot of time and work went into knitting it, I can't bear to throw it away. Any suggestions? — M.L., Colorado.

Dear M.L.: Taking out stitches and replacing them can be a very complicated process. If the sweater has been cleaned often the new yarn is going to stand out against the old. I suggest a set of colorful handmade patches to repair your sweater and give it a fresh new look.

NEW ENSEMBLES—Tweedy vest turns separates into super new ensembles.

First you should stitch over the holes by hand or machine to prevent further unraveling. Here are several ideas for finishing:

Using knitting worsted in several coordinating colors, knit some squares in a simple knit and purl stitch and embroider flowers or other winsome motifs over them with a tapestry needle. If the holes are very small, you may be able to omit the patches and use embroidery alone.

Tiny crocheted granny squares also could be used, or if you're an expert knitter, you may want to create squares of popcorn, diamond, cable or other intricate patterns, for a "sampler sweater' look. Using a blanket or whip stitch and a colorful yarn, attach the squares to the sweater.

Be sure to plan the finished effect on paper so your patches or embroidery looks intentional. For instance, you may want to embroider flowers at random all over the sweater or make clusters of patches spaced so that they create an overall design. Worn with jeans or casual pants, your crafty "new' sweater will fit right in with today's ethnic fashions.

Keep knitting! Judy Love.

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WIN AT BRIDGE

Wrong contract can be made

	NORTH	18
	♠ Q 10 8 ♥ 9 8 ♦ Q J 10 7 ♣ K J 8 7	
WEST		EAST
♠ 7 5 ♥ Q J 10 7 5 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ 9 6 3		♠ 6 4 3 2 ♥ K 6 4 3 2 ♦ 9 4 ♣ 10 4
	SOUTH (D) ♠ A K J 9 ♥ A ♦ K 5 3 2 ♣ A Q 5 2	

Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead — Q ♥

By Oswald & James Jacoby

North and South were so busy arguing about whose fault it was that they failed to bid and make a club or diamond slam, that neither one noticed that South should have made his four-spade contract. It seems that after winning the heart lead, South had played three rounds of trumps after which unfortunate start there was no way for him to score more than nine tricks.

South could have insured a 10th trick by playing only two rounds of trumps and then leading a diamond. If West ducked South would have his 10th trick; if West took his ace and led a second heart South should refuse to ruff. Then he would be able to ruff the next heart in dummy and score the rest of the tricks.

This type of play in one form or another occurs quite often and is well worth learning. As for the bidding we agree with both partners. Each one had bid badly.

Ask the Jacobys

An Alabama reader wants to know what you should bid after opening one club with: ♠ 6 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ K J 5 ♣ A 10 9 7 5 3. There is a one-spade overcall, your partner bids two hearts and the next player passes.

Our answer is that we pass to three hearts. There is a temptation to bid three clubs but we resist it.

(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.)

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ON THE HOUSE

By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures

There's a knack to cutting glass for the replacement of a window pane, but it's something you can learn with a little practice. Do it three or four times with some scrap glass and you'll suddenly find yourself getting the hang of it.

The first thing you should know is that the glass should be cut slightly smaller than the dimensions of the frame into which it will be placed. This is to allow for irregularities and expansion. Deduct about 1-16th of an inch (⅛th inch maximum) from each dimension. The frame is so constructed as to permit this leeway.

Before making the cut, be certain the glass is absolutely clean. The slightest dirt or grit can interfere with the action of the glass cutter. Place the glass on newspapers which are on a flat surface, such as a workbench. Use a straightedge, preferably metal, to guide the wheel of the cutter. Put a few drops of turpentine or kerosene along the line of the cut. Hold the cutter firmly and almost vertically. Begin at the part of the glass farthest from you, drawing the cutter towards you. Use fairly heavy pressure, moving the cutter so that a line is scored in the single long stroke. There is a tendency to apply firm pressure at the start, then relax it a bit as you move the cutter. Resist it, because the glass may not separate cleanly at the point where you relaxed the pressure.

When you practice, you may find that you have no trouble making the cut, but that you run into difficulty when you attempt to break off the scrap glass from the part that is to be used in the window frame. Some persons tap along the top of the scored line with the back of the cutter; some do it on the underside; some on both sides. My own method, evolved after experimenting, is to tap gently along the underside of the cut, move the glass carefully so that the scrap part overhangs the workbench, then snap it off firmly with one hand while I hold the glass with the other. For this snapping operation, I put on work gloves.

Your cutter has a notched edge. This should be used when snapping off narrow strips of glass.

Is all this worthwhile? It is when you have some old glass on hand that can be used or when your hardware store or glass dealer charges considerably more for cutting the glass to exact dimensions than for buying one of the pieces he has in stock. It isn't if the charge is nominal. If you do have a pane cut to order, better measure the dimensions three times to be certain you haven't made a mistake and be sure to tell the dealer whether you already have made the necessary deductions.

To replace the pane — and assuming you have already removed every bit of the old glass — first apply linseed oil to the grooves of the frame in which the new glass will be placed. Use a putty knife to put down a bed of putty or glazier's compound. Put the glass into position and insert glazier's points every few inches. Make a roll of putty and press it against the frame and glass with your fingers. Do the smoothing with the blade of a putty knife. While the putty or glazier's compound is often left as is, it will stand up better against the weather if it is painted after a few days.

(The techniques of 35 do-it-yourself tasks are explained in Andy Lang's handbook, "Practical Home Repairs," available by sending $1 to this newspaper at Box 5, Teaneck, N.J. 07666.)

School Menu

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Thoughts are mightier than strength of hand...Sophocles
Kitchen Made Corndogs w-Condiments
Mustard & Catsup
Oven Fried Potatoes
Seasoned Spinach
Fruit Cocktail w-Peanut Butter Cookie
Hush Puppies
Milk

FRIDAY

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: We walk after our thoughts and in no other direction...Crocker
Manager's Choice

SECONDARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY

Fishwich on Toasted Bun
Catsup & Tartar Sauce
French Fried Potatoes
Cabbage Slaw
Strawberry-Banana Pie
Milk

FRIDAY

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

A natural bridge on the north coast of the island of Aruba was carved from solid coral rock by the crashing sea over many centuries.

Life Expectancy Is Shorter For Obese

The way to a man's heart may be through his stomach, but the route is fraught with peril.

There are nearly 700,000 fatalities in this country every year from heart attacks, said Adele McGinty, Director for Weight Watchers in West Texas, who noted that "poor eating habits and excess pounds can contribute significantly to heart disease."

In connection with "Heart Month," now being celebrated by the American Heart Association to alert the public to how they can reduce the risk of heart attack, Mrs. McGinty, in citing Heart Association literature, observed that life expectancy can be shortened for those who are markedly over their normal weight.

The American Heart Association points out that:

1. Men in their middle years who are significantly overweight have about three times the risk of a fatal heart attack compared with those of normal weight.

2. Obesity also heightens the possibibity of high lood pressure or diabetes.

3. Since most people reach their normal adult weight between the ages of 21 and 25, fewer calories are needed after that to maintain normal weight.

Dr. William H. Sebrell, Medical Director of Weight Watchers International, has stated that, "Regrettably, people in their 30's and 40's tend to eat as much as they did when they were in their 20's. This, coupled with a diminished physical activity, can mean that the body will store excess calories as fat."

"There are no short cuts to weight reduction," a fact that is being stressed by the American Heart Association."

"People should avoid so-called 'crash diets'," said Dr. Sebrell, who added that "they invariably omit nutritious foods that are vital to good health.

"And even when extreme reducing diets are successful, they produce only temporary results. This is because the individual does not develop a pattern of eating designed to keep his or her weight at a normal level."

Dr. Sebrell cited an American Heart Association report that there still is no "ironclad proof" that reducing known risks of heart disease will prevent heart attacks.

"However, most scientific evidence points that way, and at the very least reducing the risks—and obesity is a major one—can contribute to general good health," Dr. Sebrell said.

Doctors Deal Firmly With Heart Cases

CLEVELAND (AP) — Doctors at University Hospitals here have developed a means of studying hardening of the arteries that has led them to be adamant with their patients.

"Because our research has shown us beyond the question of a doubt how dangerous the risk factors are to these patients, we don't merely make suggestions about reducing those factors, we insist," says Dr. Ralph G. DePalma.

DePalma was one of several Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals doctors who described the progress of their research to a recent conference in Canada.

Some risk factors have been known for some time, but little was known about the actual development of the cholesterol deposits in the arteries, DePalma said. He said the hospital's recently developed surgical technique for removing the deposits from monkey arteries now permits analysis of the development of the disease.

By relating their animal studies to human clinical problems, DePalma said, the doctors have shown with selected patients that reducing such risk factors as high cholesterol levels, smoking and high blood pressure has produced regression of early deposits.

Top Country-Western Hits

Best-selling country-Western records based on Cashbox Magazine's nationwide survey:

"The White Knight," Cledus Maggard

"Don't Believe My Heart Can Stand Another You," Tanya Tucker

"Good Hearted Woman," Waylon Jennings & Willie Nelson

"Somebody Loves You," Crystal Gayle

"Hank Williams, You Wrote My Life," Moe Bandy

"Somebody Hold Me Until She Passes By," Narvel Felts

"The Happiness of Having You," Charley Pride

"Amazing Grace (Used To Be Her Favorite Song)," Amazing Rhythm Aces

"I'm Sorry Charlie," Joni Lee

"Standing Room Only," Barbara Mandrell

TODAY'S TREASURES

Rethink goals to cope with prices

By Jean Barnes

"I love antiques but they've been priced out of my league," a collector remarked recently.

If you've expressed similar sentiments take heart. You have a lot of company.

If you are not financially able to collect in the manner to which you've become accustomed read on. There are several alternatives open to you.

Instead of lowering the quality of your purchases to accommodate rising prices try making fewer additions of equal or better quality that you presently have in your collection.

Even if you have to put your purchase on layaway or save for several months, the long range goal will be worth it.

If you make your acquisition something really spectacular you can carry the satisfaction of it for many months without feeling the need to buy another thing.

This brings about a second alternative. This could be an excellent time to cull your collection of unwanted objects.

Selling those of lesser quality, pieces with damage or duplicate items will probably net you enough to add new objects to your collection. Don't be afraid to try your hand at trading for what you want. Organize a swap meet with other collectors in your area.

Still another way to beat the budget squeeze is to try second-guessing the collecting trends. Dare to be different. Concentrate on something that few other collectors want.

At one time carnival glass could have been bought by the barrel. Once it caught the fancy of collectors, prices soared. One couple we know began bidding on items at auctions. These were things that no one else wanted five years ago. Today, their home is beautifully furnished in "early nostalgia."

The final alternative, and it really is a must, is to examine your buying habits.

Curtail the impulsive purchase. Know how much you can spend on your collecting and plan your purchases. A really knowledgeable and trustworthy dealer can help you with this.

Buy the item not the story. It sounds negative to say, "don't believe anything you hear." But if you're in strange territory, it's better to be skeptical than sorry.

Know your merchandise. Be aware of the number of new reproductions that are floating around.

Scout several gift shops and you'll see a super abundance of new things made to resemble the old. If you buy a reporduction, make sure you are not paying an "antique" price for it.

Forget the price guide books. An antique or collectible is worth only what someone is willing to pay for it. You, the collector, make the final decision on price.

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Thieves Have Fancy Taste

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — Thieves with fancy taste pulled a $900 weekend robbery at a Vancouver restaurant.

Police say that in addition to taking a fur coat and a leather coat, a man and two women carted off 10 lobster tails, six tins of escargots, 20 New Yok cut steaks, 10 pork tenderloins, 24 top sirloin steaks, 10 prawns and 15 shrimp.

They also took four bottles of sauce for seasoning and a box of strawberry cheese cake for dessert.

Solar Heater Heats Coffee

HONOLULU (AP) — A solar water heater was used to heat coffee for visitors at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hawaiian Energy House, a University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Architecture experimental dwelling.

Designed to use the sun and wind for more than 75 per cent of its power needs, the house is being built to take advantage of maximum natural ventilation and light while meeting the need for lower cost housing. Solar collectors, installed on the roof, will heat water. A wind generator outside the house will provide some of the electricity.

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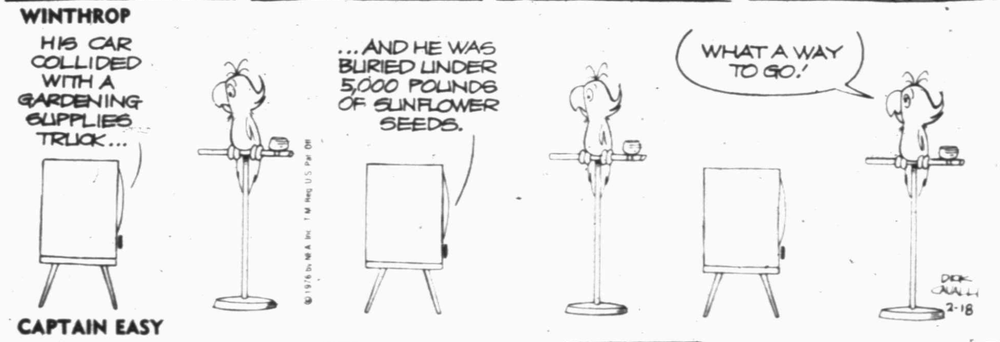


CAPTAIN EASY

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

In Greece

ACROSS

1 Second Greek letter
5 Greek goddess
8 Greek chariot
12 Roman road
13 Estop
14 Jewish month
15 Zesty taste
16 Agent (suffix)
17 Bridle part
18 Sailing vessels
20 Greek poetry muse
21 Sheltered place
22 Sainte (ab.)
23 Feminine name
26 Counselors
30 Sacred bull
31 Toe (Scottish)
32 Honey maker
33 Masculine nickname
34 Used in fishing
35 Speck
36 City on Isthmus of Corinth
39 2nd-century Greek physician
40 Faucet
41 Dine
42 Vision
45 Greek plays
49 Bull (Sp.)
50 Greek letter
52 Confined
53 Newspaper paragraph
54 Grease
55 Space
56 Martha—
57 Resident of (suffix)
58 Open fabrics

DOWN

1 Small pieces
2 And others (Latin)
3 Tendon (comb form)
4 Ancient Greek district
5 Mistreat
6 Pitch
7 Before
8 Military cap (Fr.)
9 Thought
10 Manner of walking
11 Italian stream
19 Green vegetable
20 Latin conjunction (pl)
22 Sow
23 Soothe
24 Fencing sword
25 Edible fish
26 Inner part of Greek temple
27 Greek coin
28 Nerve network
29 Was observed
31 Journey
35 Peloponnesos cape
37 In residence (2 wds.)
38 Rodent
39 Snouted fish
41 Roman official
42 Mix
43 Another Greek letter
44 Lady Jane—— English queen
46 Simple
47 Dill herb
48 Depots (ab.)
50 Hawaiian food
51 Take a seat

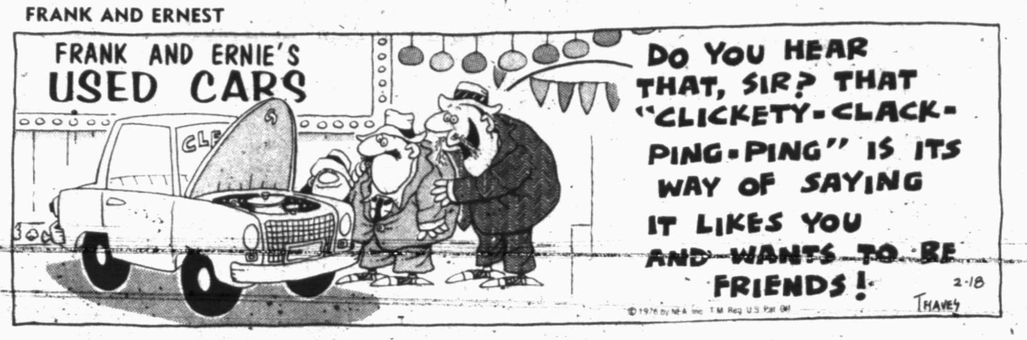
Answer to Previous Puzzle

FUNNY BUSINESS

SIDE GLANCES

"When I said he started from scratch, I meant the scratch he inherited from a wealthy uncle!"

FRANK AND ERNEST



CAMPUS CLATTER with BIMO BURNS

PRISCILLA'S POP

BUGS BUNNY

ALLEY OOP

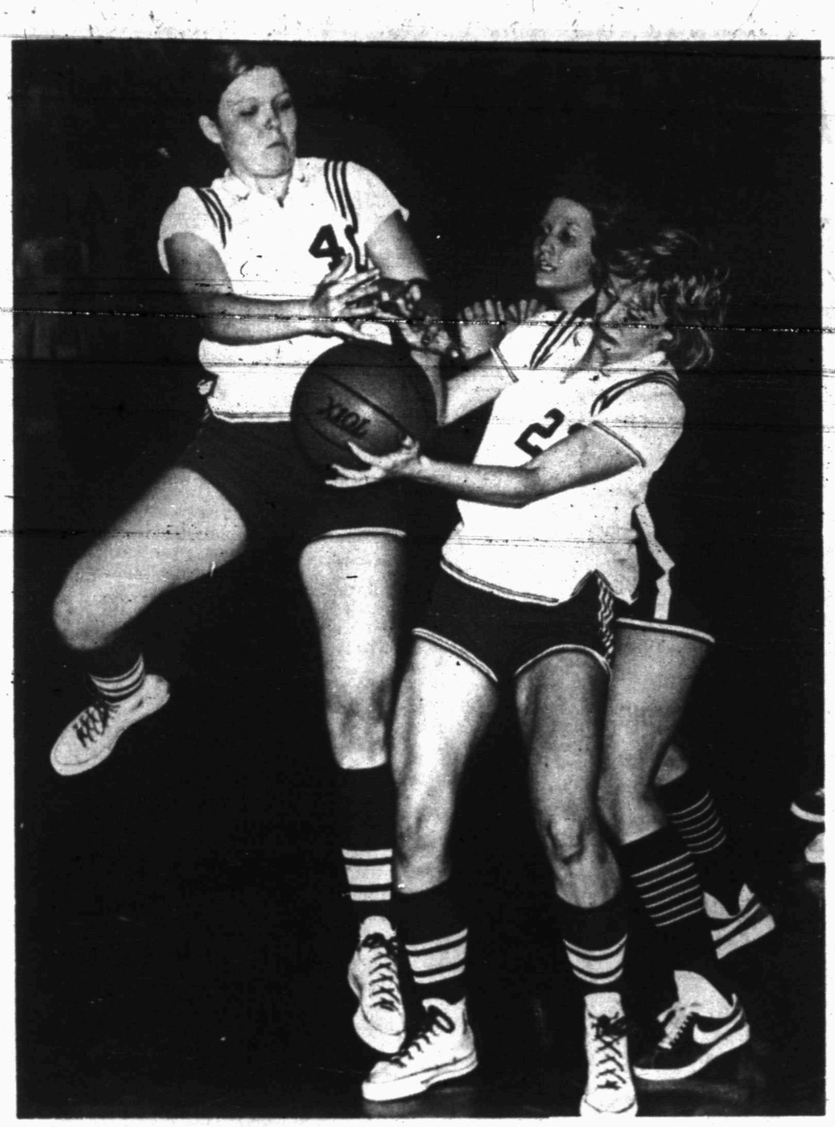
BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

FLASH GORDON

BLONDIE

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I MIGHT NOT HAVTA GO TO SCHOOL NO MORE. TEACHER SAYS SHE'S GONNA GET A JOB *SLINGIN' HASH!*"



YOU TAKE IT—Coahoma's Kim Swann (40) and Donna James seem undecided as to which will take possession of the basketball in Tuesday night's bi-district game between the girls teams of Coahoma and Slaton in the Scurry County Coliseum. Slaton's Debra Montgomery, in the background is ready to take the ball if it becomes available. Slaton won the game, 34-33, in the second spine-tingler in a row between the two teams in bi-district play here. Slaton had won by 45-43 a year earlier.

Slaton Nudges Coahoma Again

Slaton did it again, but it was even closer this time.

The Tigerettes nudged the Coahoma Bulldogettes, 34-33, Tuesday night in the Scurry County Coliseum to become bi-district champions in Class AA girls basketball.

A year ago, the Slaton team took a 45-43 decision.

It was close all the way as Slaton took at 10-8 lead in the first period, and then managed to hang on for a one-point advantage at 18-17 at half-time.

Coahoma made its bid in the third period, out-scoring the District 5-AA champions by 8-4, but Slaton was equal to the challenge and pulled it out in the final quarter.

Becky Snell of Coahoma led all scorers in the game with 17 points. Mickie Schafer added 10 for the Bulldogettes. Sandra Mercer and Debra Montgomery scored 10 each for Slaton.

Hosting the bi-district game here was the sports committee of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Slaton will advance to regional play, while Coahoma's season ended with the game here last night.

SLATON	FG	FT	PF	TP
Mercer	2	6	0	10
Montgomery	5	0	0	10
Wright	3	2	2	8
Holland	3	0	0	6
Whaley	0	0	3	0
Wolf	0	0	3	0
TOTALS	13	8	8	34

COAHOMA	FG	FT	PF	TP
Snell	8	1	0	17
Meyer	3	0	2	6
Schafer	5	0	0	10
Bayes	0	0	4	0
Sterling	0	0	3	0
James	0	0	1	0
Swann	0	0	4	0
TOTALS	16	1	14	33

SLATON 10 8 4 12—34
COAHOMA 8 9 8 8—33

Hayes Survives Turbulent Year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Surviving criticism by sports writers, fans and even Ohio State University's president, the legendary Woody Hayes shows no signs of calling it quits as the Buckeyes' football coach.

Before Hayes took over the helm, Ohio State, which had had six coaches in 11 seasons, was known as a graveyard for college coaches. The dean of the Big Ten coaches has held the post for a quarter of a century.

Ohio State's 23-10 loss to UCLA in the Rose Bowl was Hayes' fourth defeat in his last five outings in the New Year's Day spectacular, but he is following it up with one of his greatest recruiting campaigns.

Hayes drew the ire of sports writers and others this January when he skipped a news conference after the Bruins' upset in the Pasadena classic. The Ohio State student newspaper called on the university to sack him.

The 25-year veteran's behavior irked Ohio State President Harold Enarson. "Whether it's a coach or anyone else from the university, when he's representing the university, it's essential to have some sensitivity to public opinion and press relations," the administrator said.

Enarson said he had lunch with a major donor to the university, who said, "There seems to be growing concern about Hayes' behavior."

Hayes created another storm when he dismissed star defensive tackle Nick Buonamici from the squad without first telling the junior.

Tickets To Banquet Are Moving Well

Ticket sales have moved well for the Snyder Booster Club's All Sports Banquet scheduled for Thursday night, Bill Sikes, club president, reported today.

The banquet will featured Emory Bellard, head football coach at Texas A&M University, as guest speaker.

It will be held in the High School Cafeteria, and serving will begin around 7 p.m.

Banquet tickets are selling for $4.50 each, and for those who wish to attend the program only, may purchase tickets at $2.50 each. Sikes said the program should get underway around 7:45 p.m. Tickets were on sale at the West Texas State Bank, Snyder Athletic Center and Snyder Savings and Loan.

Seattle's Obstacle Removed

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — The final obstacle to reinstatement of American League play in Seattle was washed away Tuesday when a Superior Court judge adjourned the baseball trial.

Judge Frank Howard told the nine-woman, three-man jury that they were permanently dismissed although the $32.5 million lawsuit remains alive, on paper, until April 1977.

The suit was suspended with the understanding that it would be dismissed if the paper expansion team actually began play in April 1977.

Nine of the jurors said afterwards that they were leaning towards the side of Seattle, the state and King County. Almost all agreed that they wanted to carry the trial to the end and "see who won."

Clyde Parker, a gray-haired loan collector for a bank, said the trial "was a waste of taxpayers' money," but he agreed with the other jurors that he had wanted the trial to continue "because it's like stopping in the middle of the ballgame."

The governments had accused the league and its teams of antitrust violations, fraud and breach of contract for sale of the old Seattle Pilots team to Milwaukee interests in 1970.

The suit's goal, Atty. Gen. Slade Gorton said, was to recover a major league baseball team for the city, which in the meantime has acquired a $60 million domed stadium, the Kingdome.

Dusters Go To ENMU

The Western Texas College Dusters, who already have clinched the Western Junior College Conference women's basketball title, go to Portales, N.M., for a non-conference game tonight.

Coach Sid Simpson's charges rolled past the South Plains College team, 76-58, Monday night in the Scurry County Coliseum to sack up their second conference crown and to run their season's record to 20-3.

The Dusters still have one more conference game, a home engagement in Scurry County Coliseum next Monday night with Howard College. Then, the WTC team will compete in the regional tournament which opens Feb. 26 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Ags, Tech Win Despite Handicaps

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

Texas A&M and Texas Tech demonstrated Tuesday night they can win without key players, and Rice proved it can win, period.

The Aggies, leaders in the Southwest Conference race most of the year, held that status with a 94-80 road victory over Houston despite the sudden loss this week of Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams.

The two freshman starters were declared ineligible Monday by the Southwest Conference for undisclosed violations believed to be involved with recruiting.

"I feel justice will be done," said A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf. "I base my opinion on the knowledge of these young men. They've always gone to class and they've never told me anything that wasn't on the up and up."

Texas Tech, which played two games without its starting forwards while they were ill and is still without starter Grady Newton because of an injured knee, stayed close to the Aggies with an 87-76 victory over Baylor. A&M is 11-2 and Tech 11-3.

But the one game in the loss column is bigger than it appears because A&M has beaten the Red Raiders twice and therefore can afford to lose one of its remaining three games and still claim a berth in the finals of the SWC tournament March 6.

Meanwhile, Rice broke its 18-game losing streak and won its first SWC contest in 14 starts by surprising Texas Christian 93-78.

A&M's star seniors, Barry Davis and Sonny Parker, became involved in a scuffle with a fan in the second half after Parker chased a ball out of bounds underneath the A&M basket.

"There was a lot of tension building up in this game," said Parker. "When I went for the ball, I reached out for it and the fan threw it away from me. I was so keyed up and it just took a little spark. I just reacted."

Parker said the loss of Godine and Williams "was an advantage to us in a way. We had to prove that we could win even without them."

Tech, which got 24 points from Mike Russell and 21 from Rick Bullock, trailed Baylor 37-33 at halftime but a 36-18 streak in the second half sparked the Red Raiders to victory.

"We were just a little sluggish in the first half," said Tech Coach Gerald Myers. "I don't think we were thinking about the A&M situation, just the loss (Saturday) to A&M. That took a little out of us."

Elbert Darden and Pete Meyers combined for 44 points to help Rice win only its third game in 24 starts.

"I'm pleased Rice broke the string but I just wish it hadn't been against us," said TCU Coach Johnny Swaim. "We were just flat-footed. We missed a ton of close shots."

Arkansas has a good chance tonight to solidify its hold on fourth place with a home game against Texas following the losses by Baylor and Houston.

The second through fifth place teams get home berths in the first round of the SWC tournament Feb. 28.

A&M's next game is Thursday night against TCU at College Station.

Junior High Netters Beat Sweetwater.

Snyder Junior High tennis team won their second dual, in as many tries, over Sweetwater 19-7 there yesterday. The top nine boys and girls made the trip. Results are as follow:

GIRLS SINGLES

Connie Weber has not fully recovered from a tonsillectomy and this was a factor in her 4-8 loss to Layfield. Donna McGee defeated Rister 8-3. Martha Womack won over Whisenant 8-1. Kim Harlin won over Bills 8-1. Belinda Scott defeated Luce by the score of 8-3. Sherry Grosshans was defeated by Robinson 5-8. Norma Garcia defeated Willingham in a close 9-7 battle. Marla Jones went down in defeat to Henson by the score of 8-10. Lori Wafer won over Box by the score of 8-2.

GIRLS DOUBLES

Weber and Womack defeated Layfield and Rister 8-6. McGee and Harlin defeated Whisenant and Bills 8-3. Scott and Grosshans defeated Luce and Robinson 8-6. Garcia and Jones went down in defeat at the hands of Willingham and Henson 4-8.

BOYS SINGLES

Darrell Calvert lost a good match to Smith 6-8. Mark Scott defeated Headricks 8-5. Scott Marlar defeated Hampton 8-1. Rodney Babcock lost a close one to Williams 6-8. Jeff Wesson defeated Wells 8-5. Barry Tubbs won his opening match of the year 9-7 over McDonald. Bryan Vincent defeated Fortin 8-2. Randy Hodges defeated Jones 8-1. Neal Paige defeated another Smith 8-2.

BOYS DOUBLES

Calvert and Marlar were soundly defeated by Smith and Headricks 2-8. Scott and Babcock defeated Hampton and Williams 8-4. Wesson and Tubbs had a tough time defeating Wells and McDonald 8-6. Vincent and Hodges finished a good days work with an 8-4 win over Fortin and Jones.

The top six boys and girls will travel to Forsan on Thursday to take on their high school team.

ALL-DISTRICT—Cathy Minton (22) and Paula Grimmett (20) were named to the All-District 3-3A girls basketball team. Members of Snyder's first girls basketball team, they earned positions on the all-star team at forward and guard, respectively.

2 Snyder Girls On All-District Team

Snyder High School placed two players on the All-District 3-3A girls basketball team.

The all-district team lists four forwards and six guards.

Cathy Minton, Snyder's high scoring forward, and Paula Grimmett, a junior guard, were named to the district's all-star team.

Minton scored a total of 616 points during the season, and she averaged 30 points per game during conference play.

Champion Lake View had five players on the 10-member all-district team, while runner-up Fort Stockton placed three on the all-star squad.

THE ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Debbie McIvor, forward, 33.8 Avg., Sr., Ft. Stockton.
Cathy Minton, forward, 30 Avg. Sr., Snyder
Loann Phillips, forward, 25.9 Avg., Sr., Lake View
Charlotte Dehnel, forward, 18.9 Avg., Jr., Lake View
Paula Grimmett, guard, Jr., Snyder
Sanora Evans, guard, Sr., Fort Stockton
George Ann Prince, guard, Fr., Fort Stockton
Vickie Hasty, guard, Sr., Lake View
Meta Stephenson, guard, Sr., Lake View
Shelly Simpson, guard, Jr., Lake View

Bengals Edged By Tors, 76-75

LAMESA—The Lamesa Golden Tornadoes, avenged an earlier loss to the Snyder Tigers by putting on a rally in the fourth period to take a 76-75 decision here Tuesday night in the final basketball game of the season for both squads.

SNYDER	FG	FT	PF	TP
C. Cobb	1	0	1	2
Brandon	6	4	5	16
Ragland	8	1	5	17
Arnold	1	0	2	2
Thompson	5	0	3	10
T. Cobb	2	1	3	5
Gressett	10	1	1	21
Courtney	1	0	0	2
Totals	34	7	20	75

LAMESA	FG	FT	PF	TP
Arrendondo	7	12	3	26
Martinez	4	4	4	12
Price	11	2	0	24
Flenniken	3	1	3	7
Hawkins	0	0	2	0
Wellington	1	0	1	2
Pearson	1	0	2	2
Strahan	0	1	0	1
Manuel	1	0	0	2
Totals	28	20	15	76

Snyder 19 18 19 19—75
LAMESA 17 18 19 22—76

SNYDER JV	FG	FT	PF	TP
Jeffery	9	4	3	22
Moore	1	3	2	5
Wells	5	2	3	12
Lewis	2	0	3	4
Sutton	0	0	1	0
Clayton	6	1	4	13
Johnson	2	3	4	7
Totals	25	13	20	63

LAMESA JV	FG	FT	PF	TP
Page	1	0	1	2
Lee	4	2	0	10
Butler	6	2	4	14
Robinson	6	7	1	19
Scarborough	3	0	3	6
McCurley	2	2	2	6
Pinkerton	1	0	0	2
Menix	0	1	0	1
Bogus	0	0	1	0
Totals	23	14	12	60

SNYDER JV 13 24 11 15—63
LAMESA JV 10 12 17 21—60

Snyder won the junior varsity game, another closely-fought encounter, 63-60.

In the varsity game, the Tigers took a two-point lead in the first period and they maintained that margin through three quarters of play, but the Tornadoes came back to outscore the visitors by 22-19 in the final period. Actually, the Lamesans won the game at the free throw line, with six of their fourth quarter points coming on gratis tosses. Snyder got only two free throws in the hotly-contested fourth period and cashed in on one of them.

The Tigers had a balanced scoring attack, with four men in double figures. Randy Gressett was the scoring leader with 21 points, while Kelly Ragland had 17, Ray Brandon 16 and Kenny Thompson had 10.

Larry Arrendondo roped 26 points to pace Lamesa, with Guy Price close behind with 14.

Lucious Jeffery had 22 points to pace the Snyder Junior Varsity. The Snyder JV held a 37-22 lead at half-time, but Lamesa began to close the gap in the third period.

Arkansas Coliseum Damaged

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — University of Arkansas officials said they would decide today whether their basketball game with Texas would be played as scheduled tonight in Barton Coliseum which was damaged during a severe thunderstorm Tuesday.

The storm tore a 25-foot section of the roof from an enclosure at the top of the coliseum that houses ventilating equipment.

"Water was pouring in," Arkansas Coach Eddie Sutton said Tuesday night. "They had the floor covered with plastic and there were people mopping up the water.

"Right now you couldn't play a game there. I don't know what we'll do. There was a roofing crew out there and they're optimistic they can get the place in shape in time for the game."

Idaho Adds To Football Staff

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Former Washington State University offensive coordinator John "Jack" Elway has been added to the University of Idaho football coaching staff, Athletic Director Leon G. Green announced Tuesday.

The 44-year-old Hoquiam, Wash., native succeeds Dennis Erickson, who left in December to join former Washington State coach Jim Sweeney, now head man at Fresno State.

Elway spent the last four years at Washington State, where he graduated in 1953.

Survey On Gymnastics Taken Here

A survey has been taken this week in the public schools concerning interest in a school-sponsored gymnastics program.

The program will be offered to boys and girls in grades 1-12, beginning March 1. The classes will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-6 at the high school gym. There is no fee for the program. However, transportation must be provided by the students.

This week, physical education teachers issued letters about the program to interested students. If a student failed to receive a letter, the parent can send a note to the physical education teacher by Thursday (Feb. 19) with the child's name, age, sex, and parent's signture. Registration materials will then be sent out to these students in late February.

Skills will be taught in tumbling, floor exercise, uneven bars, vaulting, trampoline, and the beam. For the beginner, the three-month program will serve as an introduction to gymnastics. For the more skilled, advanced tricks will be taught. To highlight the program, students will compete in a meet in late May.

Patsy Rainwater, Snyder High School gymnastics coach, and another qualified instructor, will be in charge of the program. Members of the Snyder High School gymnastics team will serve as assistants and demonstrators.

WTC Golfers In Abilene

Western Texas College golfers will be in Abilene today for a dual golf match.

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Ford Says Reagan To The Right Philosophically

By DICK BARNES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford says he and challenger Ronald Reagan differ on some issues. But whether it's a philosophical difference seems to depend on which of the President's statements one hears.

At one point in a nationally broadcast news conference Tuesday night, Ford said, "Governor Reagan is to the right of me philosophically." Elaborating on their differences about federal spending and Social Security, he said "it is a somewhat different philosophy."

But a few minutes later, in response to another Reagan question, Ford said, "I don't think there are any philosophical differences.... I think he is to the right of me in a pragmatic and practical way."

Either way, Ford also declared that "anybody to the right of me, Democrat or Republican, can't win a national election."

He named no other names, but on the Democratic side seemed clearly to be referring to Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama.

In stressing the Social Security and federal spending issues, Ford continued to hit at themes he believes will help him in the New Hampshire and Florida primaries.

But he declined two opportunities at the news conference to flatly predict victories.

"I think we will do well in both.... I am encouraged in both cases," he said.

Reagan campaign manager Lyn Nofziger challenged Ford's recitations of the former California governor's positions. Ford said Reagan has suggested from time to time that Social Security ought to be voluntary and that he has suggested Social Security funds might be invested in the stock market.

Nofziger said Reagan "has been stating very clearly that he believes Social Security must be mandatory" and that Reagan has never proposed stock market investment for the fund. Reagan told a news conference in Florida last week that Social Security funds "are not invested, as they could be invested, in the industrial might of America."

Ford said he disagreed with what he described as Reagan's proposal of "a $90-billion cut in federal expenditures transferring the responsibilities and the programs to the local and state officials where they either have to abandon the programs or raise taxes to support them."

Nofziger said Reagan "has always proposed that any transfer of federal program funds back to the states must be accompanied by a transfer of tax sources."

Ford said he would campaign in New Hampshire Thursday and Friday this week. The election is next Tuesday.

Song Composed To Honor Amin

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Two Brazilian songwriters have composed a carnival tune in honor of Uganda's controversial president, Idi Amin.

The song, whose title is translated as "If Amin Said So ...," is said to be among the favorites of the city's disc jockeys.

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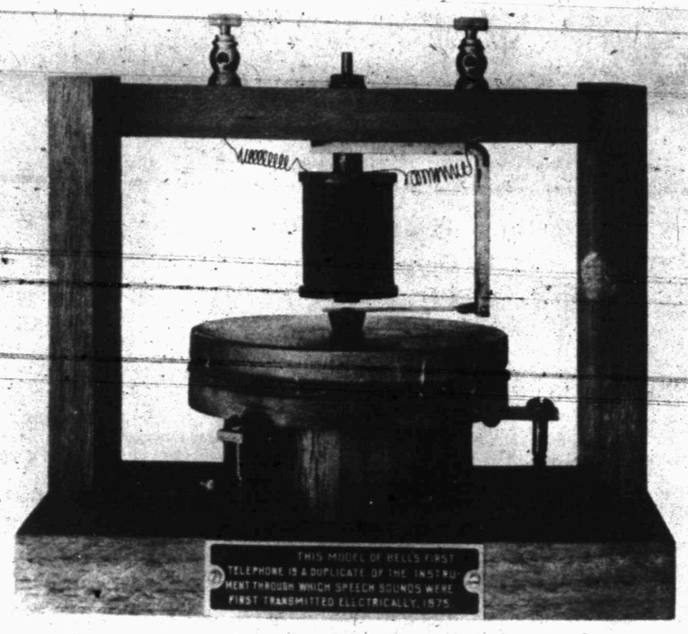

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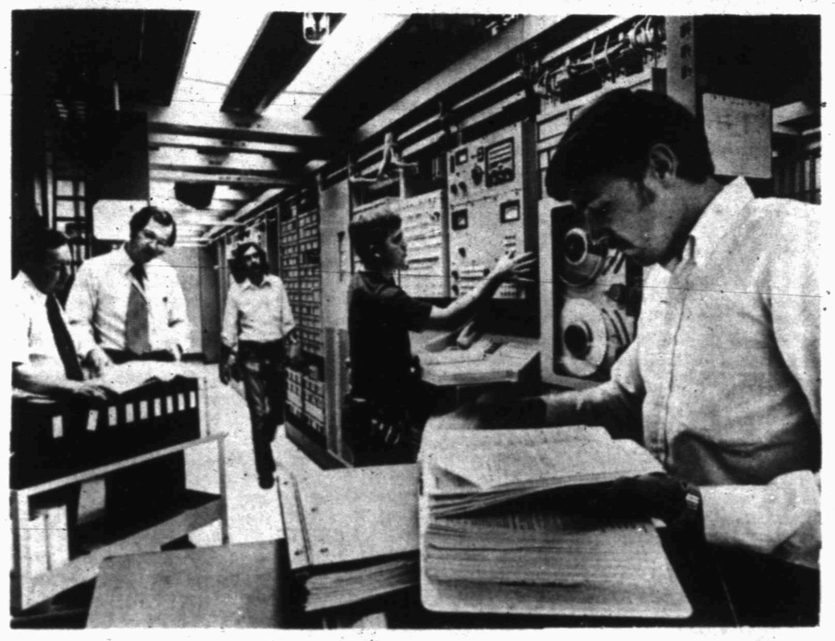

ESS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED—Electronic Switching System (ESS) equipment is being installed in many central offices across the nation. Developed by Bell Labs, ESS provides call switching in seconds and Custom Calling features which allow local or long distance calls to be placed by dialing two or more digits.

Telephone Has Come A Long Way In Century

While the nation observes its bicentennial, that gadget in your home that rings even if you're in the shower will be turning its 100th year.

It's been a century now since Alexander Graham Bell spoke the first words into the invention he called a telephone: "Mr. Watson, come here! I want you!"

The telephone and the nationwide network it's hooked into have come a long way since the inventor spilled acid on his pants and cried to his assistant for help—not even knowing the contraption worked.

Bell went on to improve his invention, and telephones were installed in the East for those few Americans who could afford them. As America embarked on its second hundred years, the telephone offered an alternative to travel.

Just how much worse today's energy and pollution crises would be without the telephone is anybody's guess. But in his day, Bell had never heard of such.

The inventor's patents had run out by 1894, and telephone companies sprang up everywhere. Duplicate wires filled the air in many large eastern cities, and complications developed. To be in touch with everyone who had a telephone, customers had to subscribe to two or more telephone companies, have one phone and directory for each company and pay separate bills to each.

The confusion and cost increased, and the first president of the Bell Telephone Company, Theodore N. Vail, asked for regulation. His request was granted, and government regulators ended duplication of services. Phone service began to improve.

Though Bell invented the telephone, it was Vail who developed the system. Vail described his view of the telephone's future as dependent on "one policy, one system, universal service. The strength of the system lies in this universality."

Vail became president of the Bell Company in 1878 and his theories—now almost 100 years old—are still in operation. Nearly 95 percent of Americans have telephone service, and, according to a 1968 report issued by President Johnson's Task Force on Communications Policy, "It can be truly said that the United States has the finest telephone system in the world."

Vail believed that telephone companies should be treated as a utility just like waterworks and electric companies and should be granted exclusive franchises for geographical areas. He bought out rival companies in some towns and sold out in others. He agreed to allow the non-Bell companies to use the Bell long distance lines to insure universal service.

At his direction the Bell Company acquired controlling interest in the Western Electric Company of Chicago and in 1882, made that company the manufacturer of Bell equipment.

Bell scientists studied ways of improving both telephone service and productivity. Not only did they find ways of improving the telephone, but many other important discoveries.

The transistor, which opened the door to the space age, was invented at Bell Labs. The vacuum tube electronic amplifier, which extended the range of long distance service, also led to commerical radio and television.

The Bell System evolved with Bell Laboratories researching and developing ideas, Western Electric manufacturing the final products, and 24 Bell operating companies responsible for installation, maintenance and repair.

Today customers no longer call "central" to complete a call. Calls can be dialed and completed in seconds across the street or the continent. Not too many years ago, routine long distance calls sometimes took hours to complete.

The Bell System today is installing Electronic Switching System (ESS) equipment, which offers customers custom calling features. One service enables customers to complete a local or long distance call by dialing two or three digits. Another enables customers to add on a party to existing conversations. And another enables the customer to transfer calls to a different number. Still another feature gives you an audible tone when another person is trying to reach you while you're talking on your line.

Dataphone sets used in business can transmit the complete New York Stock Exchange report accurately from one computer to another in 97 seconds.

What lies ahead in the telephone industry? C.L. Todd, vice president and general manager for Southwestern Bell's San Antonio Area, which covers more than half of Texas, said: "We are working on technology to transmit telephone calls on a beam of light to handle the tremendous calling volumes expected by the year 2000.

"And we are still developing the Picturephone set, but we don't feel it's time has come just yet," Todd continued. "Right now, we are more interested in providing good telephone service at reasonable cost to all Americans who want it. This was Vail's objective of universal service, and today for all practical purposes, we're there."

Bette Midler Receives Award

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Pop singer Bette Midler has received Harvard University's "woman of the year" award from the school's Hasty Pudding theatrical club.

The red-haired singer said Tuesday she accepted the award — the 26th in the 128-year history of the club — on behalf of all entertainers who perform before live audiences. She said, "I accept this gratefully and with no humility at all."

At the urging of the crowd, she sang "one of my really nasty numbers," a blues-style song about a dentist named Dr. Longjaw.

Miss Midler's award was a shiny gold bean pot with a handle. Her name was engraved on the side.

Demand For Texas Crude Oil Drops

AUSTIN (AP) — Field nominations for Texas crude oil in March total 3,260,588 barrels a day, and additional demand totals 679,732 barrels a day, the Railroad Commission says.

This is a decrease of 1,142 barrels a day from the February figure, the commission said Tuesday.

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Astro-Graph

by Bernice Bede Osol

For Thursday, Feb. 19, 1976

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're likely to procrastinate today and find more excuses why you shouldn't do something than why you should.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, guard not only against your own extravagance but also that of a friend. It could involve you in something costly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best today to do one thing properly than to attempt several things and give adequate attention to none.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You won't be too successful today in talking others into doing something for you that you should do yourself. Don't be a shirker.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you're extremely practical. Today there's a possibility you could blow caution to the winds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) As resistance to your aims stiffens today, there's a good chance you'll start to slack off instead of pushing harder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful not to create unnecessary problems for yourself. Be your own best friend, not your worst enemy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Look at your finances realistically today. This is not a day to be extravagant, or to borrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful today in anything you do in public. You could alienate allies through a lack of tact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It would be wise today to temper your grandiose ideas with a sprinkling of realism. Keep a sensible perspective.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Propositions that come to you today through associates may have some strings attached. Don't make impulsive deals.

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Be alert this coming year so you can distinguish between a real opportunity and wishful thinking. If your choices are wise, results will be quite rewarding.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Baptists Okay New Budget

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee has voted to recommend a $55 million budget for operating the 35,000-church denomination in fiscal 1976-77.

The new budget, $4 million above the current year's budget, was approved Tuesday at a meeting of the convention's executive committee here.

It includes a $49 million budget for 18 national Southern Baptist agencies and committees and for operation the convention itself. It will be voted on at the convention's next meeting June 15-17 at Norfolk, Va.

Officials said the proposed budget is based on projections of a continued rise in church receipts.

The demonination's Foreign Mission's Board would get the largest share of the budget, $23.6 million, an increase of $3.1 million over the current year. The convention's Home Mission Board would receive $9.2 million, an increase of $1.5 million over the current budget.

Other items included in the proposed budget are:

Southwestern Seminary, $3 million; Radio and Television Commission, $2.5 million; Southern Seminary, $2.3 million; Southeastern Seminary, $1.6 million; New Orleans Seminary, $1.8 million; Midwestern Seminary, $1.1 million; Golden Gate Seminary, $1 million.

Southern Baptist Convention operating budget, $488,000; Brotherhood Commission, $475,000; Christian Life Commission, $323,000; Education Commission, $240,000; Stewardship Commission, $255,400; Annuity Board, $250,000; Baptist Joint Committee on Joint Affairs, $200,000.

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Economy Climbing Back Up A Slippery Incline

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — As measured by the numbers, this country's economy over the past decade has risen to the heights, plunged to the depths and is now climbing back up a slippery incline that has few footholds.

The numbers show retail sales are moving ahead, industrial production is rising, the job situation is improving, the stock market has recovered lost ground, inflation is tending lower and some interest rates are half what they were.

Sometimes we become hypnotized by these numbers, and tend to think they are a continuous measurement of the same economic body. But the numbers are mere abstractions, bare bones without the flesh of memory or emotion, unable to distinguish changes in the quality.

A look at the nonstatistical record will show that this past decade was perhaps even more violent than the numbers in regard to our business institutions, including retailers, airliners, railroads, banks, insurers.

Property and liability insurers have lost billions of dollars on underwritings over the past two years, perhaps more than $6 billion in all. Some have gone bankrupt, and others are looking for support or are retrenching.

The banking industry has lost billions more on bad loans, and the names of many banks are on various official problem lists. The list of failures, for years restricted to relatively small institutions, now includes giants.

The stock market took one of the deepest dives in its history, from 1052 points on the Dow Jones industrial average early in 1973 to 578 late in 1974, before beginning an unsteady climb to its current mid-900 level.

But these stock averages too are numbers that disguise the carnage, individual and institutional. This is a very different stock market today, even if the numbers suggest business as usual or, in fact, better than usual.

There are many thousands fewer brokers and hundreds fewer brokerage houses. While the volume sets records, there are fewer investors. Most of the trading is by funds and trusts and other institutions.

Moreover, the structure of the stock market is different. The big, individual exchanges have lost much of their individuality, their autonomy, their separate identities. We are attempting to evolve a central market place.

Our three vital financial institutions — insurance, banking and the stock market — are all changed and changing. It is a different world today; it is a world in transition. Other industries too are changing, irreversibly.

The nation's bankrupt railroads still haven't been successfully reconstructed. The airline industry, healthy in a few areas, generally is buffeted by financial turbulence, often accompanied by a total absence of profits.

Few people back in the 1960s would have believed that the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., largest food retailer in the nation, and W.T. Grant, one of the leading soft goods retailers, would fall on bad times. They have.

And the cities. The cities of the seventies cannot be viewed as they were in the sixties. Even to the untrained eye they are different. They are financially unstable, some of them on the verge of bankruptcy.

You won't find these contrasts in the numbers unless you look very closely and have an expert to interpret what you see. No, the numbers provide a sense of continuity when it really doesn't exist.

If you study all the numbers you might be inclined to say that everything is back to where it was, because a lot of the numbers have returned to their old position, or are heading in that direction.

The truth is that we are in a vastly different situation today, a weaker one in some respects, because some old institutions are unstable, but a stronger one in others, because old problems have finally been faced up to.

Those numbers have their uses, but we can be lulled by their monotony, by their continuity, into thinking that economic life is just a series of ups and downs. It isn't: vast changes have occurred and are occurring.

Dr. Lamb

Exercise helps varicose veins

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Would you please let me know if playing tennis, dancing or strenuous exercise can be harmful if one has varicose veins. I will be anxiously awaiting your answer, along with two of my friends who also have varicose veins.

DEAR READER—No, it will not. If you just have dilated or varicose veins over the outside of the leg and the veins deep inside your leg muscles that you can't see are all right, the exercise will actually help. As you exercise, the venous blood in the legs is milked out of the leg by a massaging action of the contracting leg muscles.

The superficial veins drain into the deeper veins and emptying the deep veins helps drain the superficial ones.

If the superficial veins are all that are involved you will not have any trouble with significant ankle swelling. When the deep veins are also involved you will have persistent swelling of the involved leg.

The best thing you can do short of surgery for removal of varicose veins is to prevent further dilation of the veins. To do this you need to avoid prolonged standing without moving, and to wear some external support hose. The external pressure helps prevent distention of the veins. Varicose veins develop because of overdistention. The veins have valves inside them to help move the blood uphill back to the heart. When the veins are overstretched the valves no longer meet and the blood leaks downhill distending the vein and you see the varicose vein. I think it is a good idea for women to wear support hose of some type during pregnancy as the pressure on the deep veins in the pelvis contribute to overstretching and later varicose veins. This is particularly important to women who have a family history of varicose veins.

If you have swelling of your ankles with your varicose veins then go ahead and exercise but you might want to wear some support hose while doing it.

For more information on varicose veins send 50 cents for The Health Letter number 5-8. Enclose a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing. Address your letter to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 326, San Antonio, Texas 78292.

DEAR DR. LAMB—I have had my thyroid partially removed and am on two grains of thyroid a day, also Hydropress and have been on it for years, one or two a day depending on my pressure. Now I have been put on a medicine that I hate, in juice or not. Not only do I dislike the taste but the cramps and gas that I get from Kaon elixer is mean.

Now I see you tell another person to drink three glasses of orange juice a day. Perhaps I may solve my problems by doing just that but what size glasses please. I have always taken six ounces for breakfast but that has been it. I'd appreciate any information that could help me get off the awful medicine.

DEAR READER—You should follow your doctor's instructions as he knows what your potassium level is. You can discuss other sources of potassium with him and he may agree to let you take three 8-ounce glasses of orange juice a day.

You can also get a lot of potassium in milk. There is almost as much potassium in a quart of milk fortified with two per cent nonfat milk solids as there is in a quart of orange juice.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

Plane Never Was Missing

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Civil Air Patrol leaders called off a search today for a missing airplane that actually never was missing.

They said the pilot, identified only as P. Donovan of Morgantown, W. Va., diverted his Piper Navajo to Oklahoma City and landed safely—but failed to give notice of the change.

Federal Aviation Administration officials reported earlier that the flier and a companion left here at 2:50 a.m. Monday after filing a flight plan taking them from Houston to El Paso.

Before authorities learned the aircraft proceeded instead to Oklahoma City, planes from San Antonio, Del Rio and El Paso scanned a broad stretch of the Southwest in a futile search.

Storms Move Out Of Texas

By The Associated Press

Turbulent storms moved eastward out of Texas today as drying west winds propelled the latest cool front through the central and east parts of the state. Skies cleared in its wake.

Capping a night of wild weather in some sections—including a tornado watch for a time in Southeast Texas—a line of fierce thunderstorms formed before dawn from Houston to Shreveport, La.

Welcome rains fell across much of the parched state earlier Tuesday. Unofficial measurements went as high as four inches at a spot or two on the east side, but the amounts generally were no more than one-half inch. The moisture raised hopes of farmers and ranchers although far too skimpy to break protracted drought.

While parts of Northwest Texas also received a few showers late in the day, winds gusting to 40 miles per hour stirred dust in that part of the state. Visibility was cut to one mile around Lubbock.

Dry air spread over all of the state except coastal sections and the east by this morning. Coupled with the clear skies this helped temperatures to drop quickly in parts of West Texas, where freezing weather returned to the Panhandle-Plains sector.

Thick fog formed around Brownsville and elsewhere along the coast in extreme South Texas before daybreak, dropping visibility below one-fourth mile in places.

Early morning temperatures sagged to 23 degrees at Dalhart, 26 at Amarillo and 30 at Lubbock. At the same hour in areas still not reached by the weak cold front the readings still were 66 at Beaumont-Port Arthur and Galveston on the Upper Texas Coast.

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PLANT IDENTIFICATION COMPETITORS—Texas Tech University's range plant team prepares for the week-long International Range Management Symposium in Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15-21. Team members, all junior and senior wildlife management majors, will compete against about 16 teams in the plant identification division. Texas Tech teams have placed first seven times in the event during the last 11 years. The contest involves identifying at least 100 plant species from a group of 100 important forage plants. Left to right seated are Russ Lasater and Elizabeth Maris, both Lubbock seniors; Dr. Russ Pettit, professor of range management and team sponsor; and standing left to right are Weldon Sears, Snyder junior; John Wimberley, Littlefield junior; and Steve Nelle, Lewisville senior.

Temperance Crusaders Hail Victory In Abilene

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

ABILENE, Tex. (AP) — Trumpeting Abilene's rejection of legalized liquor Tuesday, a temperance crusader modestly labelled it "the greatest victory I ever helped to win."

A university president of the Baptist persuasion called it a "mighty fine day."

The anti-liquor leader observed that "the will of the majority has prevailed."

Even the captain of the losing team found certain solace: "We view the election itself as a victory for our city."

"What election?" asked the mayor of neighboring Impact, rivalling "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" in a classic example of understatement. The outcome of the election perhaps means millions of dollars for the Impact mayor.

The subject of all this unusual attention was the city of Abilene's scuttling of the second attempt in 37 years to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Legally dry for three-quarters of a century and sometimes called "the buckle on the Bible belt," Abilene was — and is — the state's second largest city without booze.

The vote was 12,905 against and 11,291 for, a margin of 1,614 in a West Central Texas city of nearly 100,000 with three church colleges and around 40,000 registered voters.

Certain moralistic and legal debates preceded the election, the outcome of which apparently was determined by overwhelming opposition in the Abilene Christian College and Hardin-Simmons University areas.

"I think most people know our position on this matter," said Dr. John C. Stevens, president of ACC. The vote in that district was 6-1 against legal sales.

"I remember Feb. 17, 1976, as a mighty fine day," said Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, president of HSU. In that area the opposition prevailed nearly 3-1.

In addition, the McMurry College box defeated the issue by a small margin. The president of that school, Dr. Thomas K. Kim, said of the over-all vote:

"I am obviously gratified .... The vote confirms the wish of the citizens to continue the fine and wholesome community atmosphere which traditionally has characterized Abilene."

Dr. Sam Morris of San Antonio, who said he spent $3,000 crusading against the Abilene proposal, declared:

"I've been in thousands of local option liquor elections all over the nation. Because of Abilene's unique situation with the fine Christian colleges, I consider this the greatest victory that I have ever helped to win."

At Impact, the tiny town totally surrounded by Abilene and a legal source of exotic beverages, Mayor Dallas Perkins was uncommonly reticent.

With Abilene dry, Impact — which voted itself into cityhood 28-0 in 1960 — and this county's southern watering hole of Buffalo Gap remain the prime sources for quenching Abilene area thirsts.

"What election?" asked Perkins facetiously in response to a reporter's request for comment.

"Was today the day they voted? How'd it come out?....

"Mercy, I'm glad you called."

Pope-Hennessy Is Retiring

LONDON (AP) — Sir John Pope-Hennessy says he will retire as director of the British Museum at the end of the year.

"I am not retiring to do something else," Pope-Hennessy, 62, said at his London home Tuesday. He has been the museum's director since 1974.

The Times said in reporting his resignation there was no substance to speculation that Pope-Hennessy was about to become director of the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

He is the former director of London's Victoria and Albert Museum and was Clark professor of art at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., for 1961-62.

Hearing Set Over Baby Sale

HOUSTON (AP) — A juvenile court judge has set a March 16 hearing on a petition to end the parent-child relationship of an 18-month old boy whose mother said she sold him for $1,600 to buy heroin.

Judge Robert Lowry placed the infant under the temporary custody of the Harris County welfare department Tuesday, then set the March hearing date.

Sherri Alton, 19, told newsmen last week she sold the boy, Ricky, shortly after Christmas while she and the father, Ray Martinez, 21, were temporarily separated.

She said she and Martinez later staged a series of grocery store robberies to raise money to buy back the boy. Both are being held on robbery charges.

Welfare unit officials said the child will be allowed to remain temporarily with Rhonda Hovater, 25, a single secretary-bookkeeper.

Graham Moore, a lawyer for Miss Hovater, denied the baby had been sold.

Moore said his client reimbursed the parents for hospital, doctor and other expenses and that the couple signed an affidavit relinquishing their role as parents of the baby.

However, Lowry ruled the affidavit was illegal in that it bore no date.

Berry's World

"Can we help it if we get our kicks by telling pollsters answers which don't reflect our REAL opinions?"

Dear Abby

Former Patient Praises Mental Hospital

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: May God bless you for asking readers who had spent three months or more in a mental hospital to write to you explaining the problems of getting back into society. You really do care about people, don't you?

I spent two years in a county mental hospital. At first I expected to be thrown together with freaks and nuts who would climb the walls, scream bloody murder and act crazy. Some were a little strange, and occasionally hostile and hard to handle, but none was dangerous. Most were in a deep state of depression.

Abby, will you please say a kind word for those wonderful people who work with disturbed patients? It takes a deep love for humanity to care for people who are mentally ill.

Today I am home, well and happy, and I know I never could have made it without the patient, loving and understanding people who looked after me. Thank you.

FORMER MENTAL PATIENT

DEAR FORMER: I appreciate your kind letter. And I still welcome letters from former mental patients. You need not sign your names. The response to my request has been heartwarming.

DEAR ABBY: I am a minister's wife, and I would like to tell you what Christmas means to me:

It means spending the holidays going to programs in which my musically talented children perform. (Most ministers marry women who can play the piano so they will always have someone to play for the services. These wives usually produce musically gifted children.)

Christmas means working hard to make gifts for the family in order to live within a limited budget. Ministers' wives have always done this. It means cooking everything from scratch for the same reason.

Christmas means being excluded from a lot of holiday parties because most people don't want us to know the kind of drinks they're serving. (We know anyway).

Christmas means spending all the time at the stove, sink or washing machine. Nobody offers to help with anything, and after a few tries, you end up doing it alone because it's easier than begging for help is.

Christmas means receiving gifts from your family that will enable you to serve them better—rarely anything to satisfy your personal, feminine desires.

Christmas means becoming physically exhausted and trying to keep it from showing. The family isn't concerned. Any suggestions, Abby?

NAMELESS AND NO LOCATION

DEAR NAMELESS: Yours is the saddest Christmas song I've ever heard. Clip this and show it to your family. If they don't know how you feel, they should.

DEAR ABBY: I've been going with Roy for a year and a half. We plan to be married.

Roy's brother went with a girl I'll call Gloria. Gloria and I are good friends. Gloria broke up with Roy's brother and is going to marry someone else.

My boyfriend and I were invited to the wedding. I want to go. My boyfriend says that he will not go and that out of respect to his brother, I shouldn't go, either. I think he's out of line, and I told him I thought he was childish—and if everyone thought like this, no one would have a friend in the world.

What do you say?

EASTERNER

DEAR EASTERNER: I'm with you. Adults choose their own friends. (And enemies.)

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 69700, L.A., Calif. 90069. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

Europeans Concerned About US Alliance

LONDON (AP) — Some influential Europeans are beginning to worry that the post-World War II alliance with the United States is in danger of crumbling. Many of them feel their trans-Atlantic ally can no longer be counted on to give firm leadership in a changing world.

A survey by The Associated Press disclosed that the main factor behind these concerns is the continuing conflict between the White House and Congress and other domestic developments that seem to some Europeans to have paralyzed the ability of President Ford's administration to counter Soviet threats around the world.

They see this condition continuing into future administrations.

Julian Amery, son-in-law of former British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan and a former junior minister in the Foreign Office, said in a recent interview that America's internal problems have robbed Washington of its capacity to lead.

"In Vietnam they have experienced the first military defeat in their history," he said, "They have seen the dollar drastically devalued, they have endured the shame of Watergate and now are in the toils of a masochistic investigation into the CIA. The administration's hands are tied by their legislature. They cannot give the lead."

Winston S. Churchill, grandson of Britain's World War II leader, also lamented in a recent speech what he called "the grotesque orgy of self-denigration, of party political mudslinging" going on in Washington.

Late last month, Belgian Defense Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants called for a truly unified European defense system because he said the continent could no longer put all its trust in the United States.

"What would become of us if the U.S. nuclear umbrella were to disappear tomorrow?" he asked. "The farmer in Nevada does not care about faraway Europe."

Some Europeans are also concerned by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's warnings of serious consequences to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) if the Communists gain admission to the government coalition in Italy.

This is a real possibility, and the Communists are increasing their influence in other NATO nations to such an extent that some Socialist governments are considering closer cooperation with them.

There seems little doubt, according to the AP survey, that some key governments within the 15-nation NATO alliance share some of these concerns. But thus far, the worries have been expressed by out-of-office politicians, diplomats and newspaper and magazine commentators rather than by heads of governments.

Scouters Discuss Future Activities

Coming activities for Explorers, Scouts and Cubs were discussed by the Lone Buffalo District Boy Scout Committee at its meeting Monday night in the West Texas State Bank Community Room.

Explorers will have an Olympic meet on April 9-10, and a water skiing day on Lake Colorado City. Several new Explorers posts will be available in the near future and any boy or girl 15 to 18 who is interested should contact the district exploring chairman, Tony Turk.

Scouts are trying for the largest camp-out ever. It will be the Council Bicentennial Camp-O-Ree at Cub Field Day at Hogan Park in Northeast Midland on April 23-24. Preparations for summer camp at the Buffalo Trail Council's Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains and Scout Fun Day on May 1 in Towle Memorial Park were discussed.

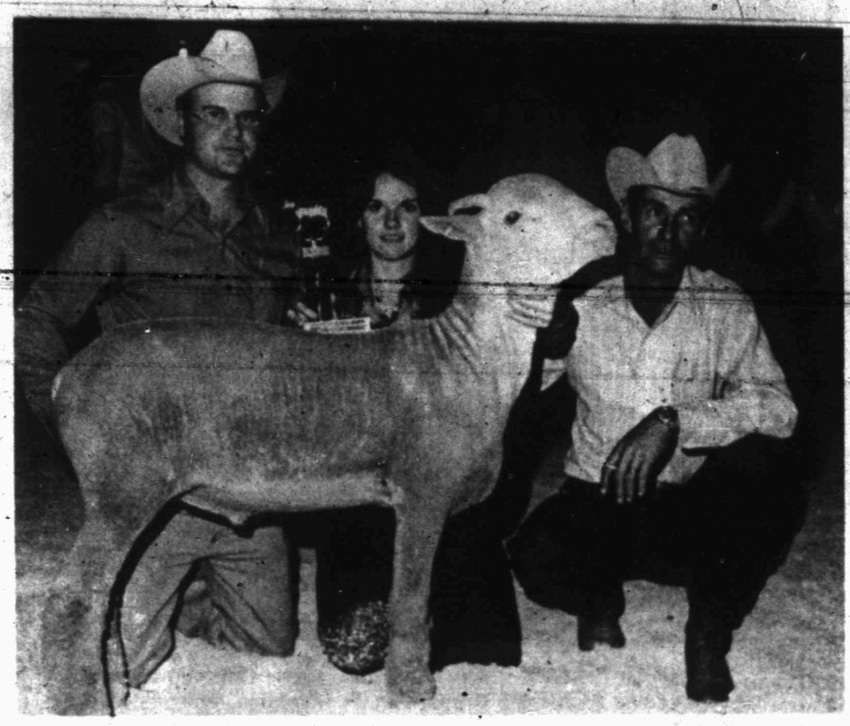
District Scout Chairman Ronnie Fitzgerald is organizing a Snyder Adult Scouters Association for men and women who are interested in helping with the scouting program. There will be no registration fee of full-time commitment involved. Some of the work adult scouters will be doing will be merit badge counseling, overnight camps and outings for Cubs. There are many other ways that adults can help the scouting program, it was emphasized, and anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Fitzgerald at 573-8789.

The Cubs are planning to attend the Field day at Hoga Park in Midland on April 24. Arrangements are being made for two buses to transport the Cubs and their leaders. The Cub Summer Fun Day is set for July 17 in Towle Memorial Park, with games and swimming.

On Saturday, March 13, the District Scout Exposition will be held in the Scurry County Coliseum. All Scouts, from 8 through 18, may participate. Erwin Pavlik, ticket chairman, reported that ticket sales were going fairly well. All Scouts and Cubs are selling the tickets.

Snyder's sustaining membership financial drive will begin soon. The goal is $1,800.

Jimmie Joe Key, district chairman, presided over the meeting.



CHAMPION AT EL PASO—Sissy Odstrcil of Hermleigh FFA, exhibited the champion fine wool market lamb in the Southwestern International Livestock Show in El Paso. She is shown here with the prize animal and her trophy, and with her are Richard Smith, vocational agriculture teacher at Hermleigh, and Jimmy Beck, sheep breeder.

Crewmen Leave Tanker On Advice Of Lawyer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Crewmen from the 40,000-ton tanker S.S. St. Thomas, who vowed over a month ago to stay aboard until they were paid in full, have left the vessel rather than risk possible removal by immigration authorities.

Capt. John Koukis and his 28-man crew had been stranded aboard the rusty-gray ship since Jan. 13, when it was seized by U.S. marshals after the Greek company that owned it defaulted on a bank loan.

Power, heat and food supplies were cut off, but the crewmen said they would remain on board until they were paid. By Tuesday, their food supplies were so low they ate spaghetti for breakfast.

They began filing down the gangplank late Tuesday on their lawyer's advice, and policemen drove them to a hotel.

The attorney, Peter Picotte, said he wanted them to accept an offer of $35,000 plus transportation costs back to their homes in seven different countries. But the crewmen, who were last paid Jan. 7, demanded $45,000.

"Two tugs are going to tow this ship away Wednesday morning and I imagine the U.S. Immigration Service will make an effort to take these men and deport them," Picotte told the captain Tuesday.

A bankruptcy action Jan. 13 against the ship's owner, St. Thomas Maritime Ltd. of Liberia, caught the crewmen in the middle after they had unloaded the ship's cargo of crude oil.

The owners, represented by a Greek shipping agent, Karavias Ltd., defaulted on a mortgage to the Bank of Nova Scotia. U.S. District Court Judge Daniel H. Huyett III ordered the vessel seized, and the ship has been moored at Philadelphia's Tioga Marine Terminal since.

Last Wednesday, the ship was sold at auction for $594,000 to Union Mineral and Alloys Corp. of New York. The bank was owed $903,000.

After the sale, the ship's heat and power were cut off, and food supplies were also stopped. The crew turned to reserve food, but the supply was almost gone when the men walked off the ship. Portable generators had supplied enough current to operate the ship's lighting.

Fear of being deported without pay as soon as they left the ship had kept the crew holed up. The gangplank was raised so that federal marshals could not come aboard and deport them.

The lowest ranking crew member is owed $192, and the men feel the salaries should come out of the sale price, their attorney said.

In a hearing before Huyett Tuesday, the ship's creditors objected to paying the full $45,000. Huyett assembled the creditors' representatives and ordered them to agree on a settlement.

Laverne And Shirley Top Rated

NEW YORK (AP) — Again aided by top ratings for its Olympics telecasts at night, ABC, for the fifth consecutive week, has emerged No. 1 in the average weekly ratings of the A.C. Nielsen Co.

Nielsen audience estimates for the week ending Feb. 15 show four of ABC's seven Olympic's broadcasts among the week's 20 most popular evening programs, in addition to five ABC entertainment shows.

According to the Nielsen samples, made public Tuesday, the top-rated show last week was ABC's "Laverne and Shirley" series, seen in nearly 21.5 million homes by an estimated 44 per cent of the national audience.

The Nielsen figures, for the second week of ABC's Olympics coverage, showed that the network's Friday night Olympics broadcast was the week's sixth most-watched program, seen in 17.4 million homes.

By contrast, the smallest audience for ABC's Olympics show was on Saturday night, when only about 10.2 million homes tuned in for it.

According to Nielsen estimates for the 12 nights ABC's Olympics programs have been on the air, the sports broadcasts have gotten a nightly average of nearly 34 per cent of the national audience.

A 30 per cent share is generally considered by the networks to be a sign of a program's success.

Last week's 20 most-watched evening programs, according to Nielsen estimates, were "Laverne and Shirley" and "Happy Days" (both ABC); "All in the Family" (CBS); "Rich Man, Poor Man" (ABC); "Charlie Brown Special" (CBS); "Friday Olympics" (ABC); "Police Woman" (NBC); "The Waltons" (CBS); "Walt Disney" (NBC); "Rhoda," "Hawaii Five-O" and "Maude" (all CBS); "Winter Olympics, Tuesday, Monday and Wednesday" (all ABC); "Six Million Dollar Man" (ABC); "Kojak" and "Phyllis" (both CBS); "Welcome Back, Kotter" (ABC); and "Sanford and Son" (NBC).

Flu Closes Lockney Schools

LOCKNEY, Tex. (AP) — Lockney Independent School District teachers had in-service training today while officials gave pupils the rest of the week off in hopes the children would recover from an assortment of illnesses.

Absenteeism in this Floyd County school system, normally about 3 to 5 per cent, was 15.5 per cent when the decision was made by school officials to close Tuesday.

Teachers were to work without classes today and Thursday before taking a day off Friday, Weldon Dodson, Lockney elementary school principal, said.

Classes for the school system's 1,000 pupils will resume Monday.

Dodson said absences had been running high last week because of chicken pox and mumps, and then the flu bug hit this South Plains town over the weekend.

"Finally, we (school officials) thought that if we called it all off and closed everything down, everyone would be better off," Dodson said.

Traffic Increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Domestic scheduled airline traffic gained 1.3 per cent for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1975, compared with 1974, the Air Traffic Association reports.

It said domestic traffic for the month of December alone increased by 5.4 per cent.

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