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The SDN Column

If you're one of those who are less than enchanted with Howard Cosell, the TV sports commentator, you may rejoice because Cosell's Super Bowl 1975 world already has come crashing down.

"He's a Dolphin fan," said Charlie Johnson, the Denver Broncos' quarterback, during an interview Friday in his home town, Big Spring, when asked about Cosell.

Johnson was honored at a special gathering in the city where he grew up and played high school football. The next day, the Miami Dolphins were eliminated from the professional football playoffs by the Oakland Raiders, and thus ended the first opportunity for any team to win the Super Bowl three times in a row.

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There's more football going on--both professional and college--during the holidays than most fans used to see in a whole season.

But basketball already is making inroads in the competition for fan interest. And, although the football team has grabbed all of the headlines so far, they are playing a little basketball down at Baylor and a former Western Texas College star is beginning to make a name for himself down there. John McClain, sports columnist for the Waco Tribune-Herald recently wrote: "Danny McDaniel, Baylor's juco recruit from Western Texas, had his best game against Long Beach State...McDaniel came off the bench with 14:37 left in the first half and scored 14 points in the next 14 minutes as the Bears built a 42-31 halftime lead. McDaniel finished with 20 points and was the star of the game..."

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Winter made its official appearance Sunday without any fanfare. In fact the first day of the cold season arrived during a streak of some of the most pleasant weather we've had all year. The change from fall to winter took place shortly after midnight, which meant that Saturday night was the longest night of the year. And at this writing the weather people indicated that a white Christmas was not beyond the realm of possibility for some regions of Northwest Texas, although it did appear doubtful that snow from a front pushing in from New Mexico would extend this far south.

Nevertheless, Merry Christmas.—WACIL McNair.

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1974. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1814, the United States and England signed the treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the war of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, Vasco da Gama, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell.

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tenn.

In 1942, the French administrator in North Africa, Adm. Jean Darlan, was assassinated in Algiers during World War II.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that General Dwight D. Eisenhower would command allied forces in the coming invasion of Europe.

In 1968, the U.S. Apollo VIII astronauts in orbit around the Moon radioed back a Christmas eve prayer for peace.

Ten years ago: A U.S. officers' billet in downtown Saigon was demolished by a terrorist bomb, killing two persons and injuring 62.

Five years ago: Reports from Soviet Armenia said about 100 persons were killed when a bus went over a cliff near Yerevan.

One year ago: Vice President Gerald Ford criticized the 93rd Congress for failure to pass emergency legislation on energy conservation and called for quick action in the new year.

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The Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Monday, 71 degrees; low, 35 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 36 degrees.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Partly cloudy through Wednesday. Colder central and southern portions tonight. A little warmer Panhandle Wednesday but colder elsewhere. Low tonight low teens mountains and north to near 30 lower elevations of Big Bend. High Wednesday low 30s north to 40s and a few low 50s south.

North Central and Northeast Texas: Mostly cloudy through Wednesday. Chance of rain or drizzle over central and east tonight, ending in east Wednesday. Much colder west and central tonight 20 northwest to 65 southeast. High Wednesday 35 northwest to 65 southeast.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Mostly cloudy east and central and partly cloudy west tonight. Cooler tonight. Showers in central portion tonight. Mostly cloudy and cool Wednesday with chance of rain. Low tonight 38 north to 57 south. High Wednesday 58 to 68.

PRESIDENT MEETS A SANTA—A couple dressed as Santa and Mrs. Santa exchange greetings with President Ford on the Vail ski slopes. Ford spent about an hour and a half skiing. (AP Wirephoto)

ACTS ON 17 BILLS, ORDERS PROBE

Ford Plans Ski Debut

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — After two days of skiing in below zero weather, President Ford says he has his "legs in shape" and will make a downhill run for the benefit of photographers and reporters.

Ford said he is ready for the public performance today after five hours of skiing during the two days he has been at this Colorado resort in the Rocky Mountains.

Snow conditions on 11,000-foot Vail Mountain have been excellent, with lots of fresh snow since the President and his family arrived for a Christmas-New Year's vacation.

The President was red-faced and winded when he returned from Monday's outing. He admitted to reporters that the 3½ hours on the slopes in 10-below temperature had left him tired. And he said it was difficult to concentrate on official business as he sits before a roaring fire in his rented chalet-style house with a view of the snowy slopes.

Veteran skiers have wondered how Ford could stay out on the slopes so long. The secret turned out to be a snow vehicle that provided a warmup haven on the mountain.

Between ski runs Monday, the President sent orders to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to get a report from the CIA in response to allegations of widespread domestic spying by the agency.

He also issued a brief statement expressing pleasure that U.S. Steel had responded to his request that the company roll back a recent price increase. U.S. Steel announced it was still increasing prices but by a lesser amount.

The President also took action on 17 of some 150 bills sent to him in the final days of the 93rd Congress.

He signed 15, but vetoed two measures, bringing to 18 the total of bills he has refused to approve since taking office less than five months ago.

Among those signed was a measure to make antitrust violations under the Sherman Act felonies instead of misdemeanors and raising maximum fines from $50,000 to $1 million for corporations.

The vetoes involved:

—A request by the Tennessee Valley Authority to defer payment of a $425 million debt to the U.S. treasury so it could install pollution controls.

—A bill providing federal revenue sharing funds for health services that would have aided such programs as family planning services and research, community mental health centers, migrant and neighborhood health centers and rat control. Ford said this bill would add $1 billion to his budget recommendations for what he termed unjustified expenditures that conflicted with "my strong commitment to the American taxpayer to hold federal spending to essential purposes."

Bill Wright Dies Today

Bill Wright, 65, well-known Snyder painter, died at 7:45 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Wright, a native of Greenville, had lived in Snyder since 1957. He was married on Aug. 21, 1942, in Busnell, Neb., to Goldie Owens, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Rita Kay Wilson of Odessa; three sisters, Mrs. Smith Furney of Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Lela Bruner and Mrs. Willard Burk of Greenville; and one granddaughter.

Security Tight In Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Occupied Jordan (AP) — Church bells, prayers and tight security marked Christmas Eve today in the birthplace of Christ as Israeli troops checked every person entering the town in an effort to prevent Arab terrorism.

The army put up roadblocks on every route into hilltop Bethlehem and from 6:30 a.m. today until 5 a.m. Christmas morning was admitting only pilgrims and tourists carrying passes from the Israeli government.

Armed soldiers patrolled outside the Church of the Nativity, built by the Crusaders on the site which tradition says was the location of the manger in which Jesus was born.

A dozen bright-colored search booths, some covered with plastic shower curtains, stood nearby in the garden of the Palace Hotel for worshipers at the annual midnight mass to be checked for guns or explosives.

The Arab mayor of Bethlehem and local Arab merchants complained that the security precautions reduced the number of tourists and were not necessary.

Security has been tight every Christmas since Israel captured Arab Bethlehem from Jordan in the 1967 war. But it was intensified this year after a grenade attack Sunday in East Jerusalem wounded a girl in a party of Florida Baptists and a warning from the Palestine Liberation Organization that more tourists might be attacked.

No Newspaper On Wednesday

Most business activity will come to a standstill late today and tomorrow as Snyder area residents observe the Christmas holiday.

Virtually all offices etc., will be closed for Christmas, and most of the retail establishments.

The Snyder Daily News will not publish a newspaper on Christmas Day so that employes may have the full holiday. The regular schedule of publication will re resumed on Thursday.

IN AUSTRALIA

Stonehouse Is Arrested Today

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A member of the British Parliament who disappeared five weeks ago in Florida was arrested today in Australia on a charge of entering the country illegally, police said.

Detective Chief Supt. Mick Patterson said that 49-year-old John Thomson Stonehouse admitted entering the country on a false passport and would probably go before a court on Christmas Day.

The detective gave no explanation for Stonehouse's disappearance.

Police sources said Stonehouse had been traveling under the name of Markham and was arrested in a seaside suburb of Melbourne on a tip from Interpol, the international police organization.

Patterson said Stonehouse entered Australia at Perth airport on Dec. 10, 20 days after he disappeared in Miami Beach, Fla.

"Stonehouse has been frequenting Melbourne post office and receiving information from England. He may have been trying to get out of Australia," the detective said.

Stonehouse has been a Labor party member of the House of Commons since 1957 and was aviation minister and then minister of posts and telecommunications in Prime Minister Harold Wilson's 1964-70 Labor government. He was on a business trip to the United States when he disappeared on Nov. 20 after telling friends at his Miami Beach hotel he was going for a swim.

Stonehouse's wife, Barbara, told newsmen in London repeatedly that she believed her husband had drowned. But the Miami police refused to close the file on the case because the body had not been recovered.

British newspapers speculated that Stonehouse had been killed by the Mafia when a body encased in concrete was found near the beach on which he was supposed to have taken his last swim. But investigation proved that the body wasn't his.

Two British newspapers reported that a Czechoslovak agent who defected six years ago, Maj. Josef Frolik, claimed Stonehouse was a spy for the Communists. But Wilson told the House of Commons last week that Frolik's story was investigated at the time and no evidence was found to support his allegations.

There was also newspaper speculation in Britain that Stonehouse had gone underground because of reverses in international business deals he was trying to swing, including trade contracts with Bangladesh and a contract to sell Romanian cement to Nigeria. His wife denied this.

Winners Of Contest Are Announced

Winners in the Snyder Jaycees Christmas Decorating Contest were announced this morning, following judging of the 15 entries late Monday.

W.E. Cox, 303 Thirty-third Street, was the winner of the first prize, a yard light contributed by Texas Eelctric Service Co.

Clay Johnson, 3611 Avenue X, was the winner of the second prize, a $25 gift certificate from the C.R. Anthony Store.

Leland Moffett, 3400 Irving, was the winner of the third prize, a $15 gift certificate from Snyder Drug.

Three Arab Armies Alerted

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Three Arab armies were on the alert today to repel Israeli attacks as Moslems began celebrating their holiest days of the year.

Al Adha, the four-day Feast of the Sacrifice ending the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, coincided with the Christmas celebration west of the Jordan river in Bethlehem. Israeli troops put an unusually tight security net around the town where Christ was born in an attempt to prevent attacks by Palestinian terrorists.

Meanwhile, Israeli jets shrieked over south Lebanon and broke the sound barrier over Beirut. Lebanese Premier Rashid Solh put the armed forces and other security units on the alert to repel invaders. But antiaircraft gunners around Beirut did not shoot at the Israeli jets high overhead.

Olive farmers along the Israeli border reported an unusually large number of ground patrols on the other side of the fence.

Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon also were placed on the alert after the Palestinian guerrilla command reported Israeli naval movements off the coast.

Reports from Damascus said the Syrian government had declared a "maximum alert."

HOLIDAY GUARD—Armed Israeli troopers on guard in Manger Square in the Israel-occupied section of Bethlehem Monday watch a passerby. Christmas lights hang over the square with the Church of the Nativity in the background. (AP Wirephoto)

THE WINNER— Donald Lloyd Timora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Timora, 2801 Avenue D, stands beside the giant stocking given away by Hoyt Furniture Co. He was declared winner of the stocking following a drawing and picked up his prize today.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Roxie Shephard, 3607 Fortieth; William Horton, 711 East Thirty-second; Silva Torres, 804 Twenty-fourth.

DISMISSALS: Doris Ridge, Mrs. George Morin and baby girl, Nancy Evans, Ruth Doneldson, Richard Blakey, Lucille Joyce, Joyce Hill, Kenny Crow, Louise McClinton.

Snyderite Is Pharmacy Grad

AUSTIN—Peggy Jo Patterson of Snyder is one of 90 students completing work on the bachelor of science in pharmacy degree at the end of the fall semester at the University of Texas.

Miss Patterson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Patterson, 3798 Avondale, Snyder.

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Winter Storm Weakens

By The Associated Press

Texas Panhandle residents shivered in a saw-toothed norther today although prospects for a white Christmas faded. At the same time southern areas of the state sweltered in unseasonable heat.

Official observers cancelled travel warnings for the Panhandle. They explained that a storm moving across the nation a bit father north weakened unexpectedly and there no longer was danger of hazardous snow accumulations.

Early morning temperatures nevertheless plunged as low as 15 degrees above zero at Dalhart, 21 at Perryton, 22 at Amarillo and 29 at Lubbock in the Panhandle-Plains sector, and 32 at Marfa in the West Texas mountains.

At the same hour readings remained in the 70s at many points downstate, staying as high as 74 at Lufkin in East Texas.

South winds herded clouds over much of South and East Texas, and there was scattered rain or drizzle at such widely separated points as Austin and Wichita Falls.

Excessive humidity clocked warmer portions of the state, and patches of dense fog formed before dawn around Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth and Abilene. Visibility shrank below one-half miles in places.

Forecasts called for clouds to linger over most of the state as the latest cold front moved from Southwest and Central Texas toward the south and east. Increasing rain was predicted as the frontal system pushed into East Texas.

Pope Opens Holy Year Tonight

By HILMI TOROS
Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI strikes a silver hammer on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica shortly before midnight tonight to open a Holy Year dedicated to reconciliation within the Roman Catholic Church and throughout the world.

The ceremony preceding the annual Christmas Eve midnight Mass in the basilica will be carried by television in 45 nations.

The Holy Door, walled up for the 25 years between Holy Years, was dismantled brick by brick last week, leaving only an outside layer for the Pope's hammer to strike three times. Then from inside, ropes will be used to pull the door down.

In his annual Christmas address to the College of Cardinals Monday, Pope Paul said the beginning of the Holy Year finds the world "floundering on the edge of the abyss."

He cited the violence in Northern Ireland, Vietnam and the Middle East and stressed the significance of the Holy Land to Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

"How much we desire that Jerusalem, instead of being the object of continuing strife, may become the crossroads of a fraternal encounter of all those who believe in one God and the symbol of peace for the peoples of the Holy Land and all the peoples of the Middle East," the pontiff said.

In proclaiming the 1975 Holy Year, Pope Paul said earlier he hoped it would lead to spiritual renewal in men, reconciliation among them, and within his own church an end to dissidence and the challenges to dogma.

This is Pope Paul's second close involvement in Holy Year observances. In 1950, as the Vatican's Substitute Secretary of State, he helped prepare Pope Pius XII's mid-century Holy Year that drew 1.5 million pilgrims.

The Vatican estimates this time about 2 million will visit Rome.

The first Jubilee Holy Year was held in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII, who stipulated they should take place every 100 years.

In 1389 Pope Urban VI reduced the time to 33 years to correspond with the belief that Jesus Christ lived that many years. Then in 1470 Pope Paul II ruled they should be held every quarter of a century.

Jubilee years have been held regularly since then except in the 19th century, because of political turmoil at the time.

Two Arrested In Altercation

City Police arrested two men involved in an altercation at the Club Sundown about 7:30 p.m. Monday.

One of the men about 35 was stabbed in the stomach. He was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by City Police. After he was treated officers locked him up in the City Jail on a charge of public intoxication.

Officers said a charge of aggravated assault would be filed against the other man.

City Firemen Called Twice

City Firemen were called to the China Grove Gin at 7 o'clock this morning. Some burrs on the ground had caught fire.

Firemen also were called to a car fire at Seventeenth Street and Avenue N at 3 a.m. Tuesday. There was heavy damage to a 1972 Model Ford owned by Edward Orona 907 Thirteenth Street.

SURPRISE VISIT—Old Santa Claus paid a surprise visit to the Leisure Lodge here Monday and passed out gifts to all of the residents.

Seek Answers From Bell Men

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Plaintiffs in a $29 million libel and defamation suit against Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. have moved to force two of the firm's top executives to answer more than 200 questions about Bell policies.

Their motion, filed Monday, claimed the two executives refused to testify oral depositions when asked about "political funds and contributions, political slush funds, wiretapping activities and an investigation after the suit was filed."

It said they remained silent also about "hunting lease improvements with telephone company funds, abuses of the voucher system, kickbacks by contractors, personal political contributions for the years prior to 1974 and rate data falsification."

Those cited in the motion are C. L. Todd, Bell vice president and general manager in the San Antonio area, and Porter Mitchell, Bell general staff manager in San Antonio.

Lawyers for James H. Ashley, fired in the fall during an internal Bell investigation, and the family of T. O. Gravitt, who was Bell's top man in Texas at the time of his suicide in November, initiated the suit.

The action contends that Ashley and Gravitt were made victims of a company investigation because they refused to go along with questionable company practices, which the suit branded "corporate rapacities."

A controversey surrounds Southwestern Bell about alleged wiretapping, operation of political slush-funds and unfair ratemaking practices in Texas. The Ashley-Gravitt suit caused many of the allegations to surface.

Telephone company spokesmen, including Southwestern Bell President Zane Barnes of St. Louis, have denied the charges. Federal agencies have become interested in Southwestern Bell's actions also, recent reports indicated.

A spokesman for state District Court Judge James Onion said a hearing on the motion to force Todd and Mitchell to answer will be held Jan. 3.

Todd was to be the first Bell executive questioned in an expected long series of depositions in the suit. An Associated Press newsman was excluded from the deposition hearing and a state judge ordered any depositions sealed temporarily.

Before Southwestern Bell's denials, cancelled checks to Texas politicians from Gravitt's personal files surfaced and Gravitt left a note which said, "Watergate is a gnat compared to the Bell system."

Political checks written by Ashley have surfaced also and Ashley said he got instructions on to whom his money should be sent.

Boone A Boon

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Boone County, Arkansas, got its name from a proposal which said: "It would be a 'boon' to create the county for the convenience of the people."

Two From Snyder Receive Degrees

SAN MARCOS—Two students from Snyder are among 792 receiving degrees in winter commencement ceremonies at Southwest Texas State University.

Donna Jo Ramsey and Karen Kay Ritchie received the bachelor of science degree, each majoring in elementary education.

Miss Ramsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Ramsey, 2217 Sunset Avenue, and Mrs. Ritchie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Banta, 3011 Avenue F.

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Two Mishaps Are Reported

An unidentified motorist fled the scene after his vehicle was in collision with the parked Chevrolet of Stanley Burgess at The Snooty Fox Beauty Salon at 11:25 a.m. Monday.

Twenty-two minutes earlier two cars were in collision at College Avenue and Twenty-seventh Street. Involved were a 1969 Model Buick driven by Helen Frye Null 4515 Fredonia, and a 1964 Model Ford operated by Nora Belle Franks 101 Elm.

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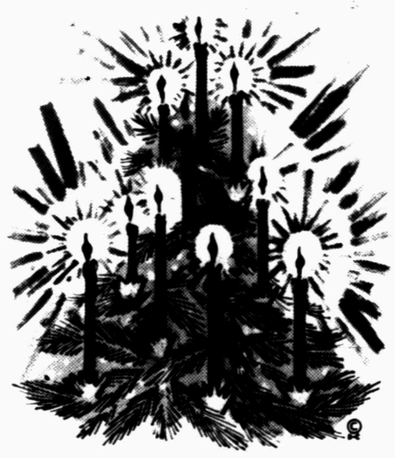

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
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PRESENTING GIFTS—The Snyder Jaycee-Ettes remembered residents of Hillcrest Nursing home at Christmas with gifts for the group Friday. Presenting the gifts are Mrs. George Mott, project chairman; Mrs. Ennis Kelly, Mrs. Kenneth Glabreath, Jaycee-Ettes. Acepting the gifts is Mrs. Jean Land, administrator of the home.

STAFF PRESENTS PARTY—The office staff at Snyder Nursing Home hosted a Christmas party for the residents of Snyder Nursing Home Friday. Gifts were distributed and a visit from Santa highlighted the occasion.

Christmas Plants Need Love Too!

COLLEGE STATION—If you receive a pot plant for Christmas, give it the special care it deserves.

Dr. William Welch with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service offers a few tips on caring for these living Christmas gifts.

"Poinsettias, chrysanthemums, azaleas and most other flowering pot plants will last much longer if kept in a cool location away from drafts," says the landscape horticulturist.

"Never place them where heating vents or other heat sources can blow or reflect directly on them."

"Water is extremely important. Since your flowering plant has probably been growing in a greenhouse where it has had all the water it could use, it will wilt quickly when deprived of sufficient moisture. So keep the soil fairly moist to the touch. This usually requires water about every other day," points out the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Overwatering is also a possibility, but if the plant's container drains well, this should not be a problem.

"Be sure the plant gets light," emphasizes Welch. "Artificial lighting is helpful, but most plants will remain attractive longer if placed near a window or other source of natural light. However, don't place the plant in direct sunshine or too near glass."

What about transplanting these flowering plants?

"Many species are not well adapted for garden use," says the specialist. Most florist type azaleas are difficult to grow and are best enjoyed for their flowering period and discarded. Gloxinias, cyclamen and poinsettias are not good landscape plants for most of Texas. Poinsettias need a long, warm growing season to flower outside and could be transplanted in South and parts of East Texas.

Chrysanthemums will perform satisfactorily but the holiday season is not a good time to plant them outside. If they can be kept alive until early spring, cut them back to a height of three or four inches and plant them in well drained beds, advises the horticulturist.

"Flowering pot plants are great to receive or give during the holiday season. And with a little extra care, they can give lasting pleasure," points out Welch.

Read food ads—they can tell you who offers the variety and quality you prefer, and what the regular and special prices are this week. Keeping track of regular prices helps you recognize the real bargains. Occasionally compare your favorite store with competitors, Mrs. Gwendolyne Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

College DedicatesOrgan

OBERLIN, Ohio (AP) — The Oberlin College Conservatory of Music has dedicated a new $200,000 organ. Marie-Claire Alain, French organist, played a recital and E. Power Biggs, American organist, received an honorary doctor of music degree.

The installation of the organ has been in progress since its arrival from the Netherlands in August. It was designed and built by Dirk A. Flentrop.

The organ contains 4,000 pipes, weighs nine tons, stands 25 feet high and is 18 feet wide. It is constructed in modified Baroque style, with colors red, blue and gold. The organ is a 44-stop mechanical action instrument and is the largest of its kind at an educational institution in the United States.

It was commissioned by the family of Frank C. and Grace Langeland Van Cleef, in memory of George Whitfield Andrews.

The worst bridge disaster in history was the collapse of a suspension bridge at Angers, France, in 1850, as a regiment of soldiers marched across. Some 200 perished.

May your Christmas be merry and bright!

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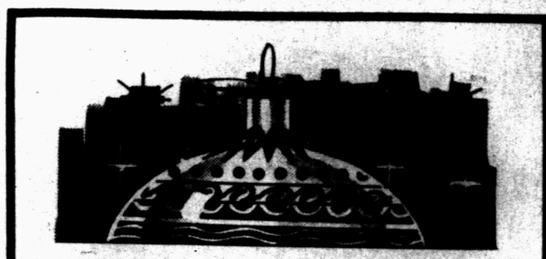

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Annual Yule Party Held

Snyder Jaycee Ettes had their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Farmer. The group was served hot cranberry punch, chef salad, and an assortment of desserts. The group exchanged gifts after a brief business meeting. Mrs. Stanley Baize was presented with a going-away present. She will be leaving this month to join her husband in Dundee, Scotland. The group expressed their appreciation to her for her dedicated service during her association with the Jaycee-Ettes. Mrs. Tim Burton and Mrs. Jimmy Farmer were hostesses of the event.

Bruhn To Dance At ABT Gala

NEW YORK (AP) — The famous classical ballet dancer, Erik Bruhn, who retired in 1971, will dance with American Ballet Theater here Jan. 11, at a gala benefit performance marking the company's 35th anniversary.

He will perform, with Cynthia Gregory, in an excerpt from "Miss Julie."

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'Aunt Carol' Introduces Christmas To Orphans

By CARL D. ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — Three months ago, Carol Thiessen left her husband and three teen-age children in Kansas to do something for South Vietnam's orphans.

This Christmas, her first away from home, finds Mrs. Thiessen in a Saigon orphanage, playing "Aunt Carol" to about 80 abandoned children of anonymous GI fathers.

The 34-year-old former housewife supervises 80 orphans ranging in age from infancy to 5 years in a rambling house known as Hope One.

"I went to a reception once and was introduced as 'the woman who lives in Hope.' That's what I'm doing — I'm living in hope for these children," she said.

Mrs. Thiessen helped organize a Christmas party for more than 350 orphans at the two Saigon homes run by the Vietnamese-American Children's Fund. She directed a group of the 3-to 5-year-olds in a Nativity Scene.

Contributions poured in to brighten what for many of the children was their introduction to Christmas. An ice cream company gave them a discount. The press corps provided a Santa Claus. Bags of toys came from employes of the local Central Intelligence Agency office.

Mrs. Thiessen is one of two American volunteers who help the Indian founder of the children's fund, Victor Srinivasan, run the two homes. Contributions supply the money, and most of them come from the United States.

The other volunteer is James Broscius of Easton, Pa., who spent two years in Vietnam as an infantryman and military policeman from 1970 to 1972.

Mrs. Thiessen said she was inspired by the work of Dr. Tom Dooley in Laos and by Pearl Buck's work on behalf of illegitimate Korean children abandoned by their GI fathers. She also had the opportunity for first-hand experience when she accompanied her husband, Sgt. Maj. Richard C. Thiessen, on a tour of Army duty in Okinawa in the early 1960's.

"These fellas came over here and had a lot of children," she said. "They left their children here and these in particular.

"I feel useful being here even though I miss the family. When I left, my children said, 'Well, Mom's doing her own thing.'"

She said she would like to stay in South Vietnam indefinitely and hopes to renew her one-year contract when it expires in another nine months. And she talks of bringing her 38-year-old husband over when he retires from the Army in another two years. He is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The family back at 811 Pottowatomie St., Leavenworth, includes Teresa, 18; Brenda, 17; Jodi, 16, and Brenda's husband, Joseph Brune. Mrs. Thiessen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Maxwell, live in Seattle, Wash.

Wallace Faces Uncertainties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace faces both physical and political uncertainties as he decides whether to make a fourth bid in 1976 for the presidency.

Some close associates of the 54-year-old Wallace, who last month won his third term as governor, are unsure whether he will run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In their thinking, Wallace could win the 1976 nomination by capitalizing on his grassroots support. Some of those close to Wallace say the new proportional representation system for delegate selection could increase his strength in many states where he previously has been shut out.

At least one key Wallace associate frankly concedes that if Wallace does win the nomination, he might split the Democratic party and would almost certainly be swamped in the November 1976 election in the way that George McGovern, representing the party's opposite wing, was trounced in 1972.

This Wallace adviser says it is more likely that Wallace will do sufficiently well in the Democratic primaries to enter the convention with the largest, or one of the largest, blocs of delegates, though far short of the number needed for the nomination.

At that point, there is some doubt about the extent of Wallace's influence.

Despite the hope he would have enough strength to bargain either for the vice presidential nomination or a platform concession, there is an increasing realization that none of the possible Democratic candidates is likely to select Wallace as his running mate.

Santa Is For Real In Coalinga

COALINGA, Calif. (AP) — Many children in this rural Central California area know Santa Claus is real because he has made his pre-Christmas visits with gifts and goodies for 33 years.

Santa — who masquerades as a rancher named Roy Loftis the rest of the year — starts his rounds each Christmas Eve at 4 p.m., driving from ranch to ranch and home to home.

He used to keep it up until after daybreak Christmas morning, but an operation in 1972 forced him to cut back. Now Loftis gets home between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. After such a stint, he says he spends most of Christmas Day sleeping.

"In 16 years of marriage, I've never spent a Christmas with my wife," Loftis says. "But she said that if I wanted to go on playing Santa Claus, she'd help me."

Mrs. Loftis wraps presents and prepares fruit and candy destined for needy children, while her husband fixes toys.

"For two or three days before Christmas, my house is really Santa's workshop," Loftis says.

Loftis estimates he has visited almost 6,000 children, and he says some of the youngsters he'll visit today represent the fourth generation from the same family.

Loftis says he started as a lad of 14 when a justice of the peace asked him to play Santa. He enjoyed it so much he never quit and now even gets letters at his ranch addressed to "Santa Claus." He memorizes the letters so he will know what the writer wants.

"It's embarrassing to ask a child, 'What do you want for Christmas?' and have him say, 'You know what I want — I wrote you a letter'," Loftis said.

He says he began gathering goodies for poor children after he went to the wrong house one Christmas and found the family was "as poor a family as I'd ever seen. They had absolutely nothing for Christmas."

Another rancher gathered some food, sweets and toys for Loftis to give the family. Now he buys or arranges for donations each year for needy youngsters.

Loftis, 47, says he plans to keep donning his Santa suit "as long as I can get around and as long as there's a kid who believes in Christmas."

France, 212,822 square miles in area, 54,000 square miles smaller than Texas, is the largest country in Western Europe.

Mild Winter Is Forecast

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the bitter breath of deepest winter nears, there is good news for residents of the nation's most populous areas who worry that unseasonable cold might deplete home heating supplies.

The National Weather Service forecasts a 60 per cent chance that temperatures on the East and West coasts will be above normal this year.

Only in the Great Plains and the Upper Mississippi Valley do the forecasters assign a 60 per cent chance that temperatures will be below normal.

Elsewhere, the weather experts are giving even odds — a 50-50 chance — that temperatures might be either higher or lower than normal.

At the Federal Energy Administration, where planners must ponder what long cold spells might do to energy reserves, there is more good news.

If the nation has a normal winter, there will be no shortages of petroleum distillates, those crude oil products that keep furnances roaring, the energy administration says.

If temperatures drop below normal, what FEA analysts call their "high demand option," there might be a 2 per cent shortage of distillates. But slight increases in petroleum imports or minimal conservation could make up the difference.

For residual petroleum products, such as the oils burned by electrical generating plants, a normal winter might bring a one-half per cent shortage. But even with a severe winter only a 1 per cent shortage is expected.

These shortages also could be made up by adjustments in imports or conservation measures.

For those who use natural gas to heat homes, there is little danger of shortages, even if temperatures are more severe than the National Weather Service predicts.

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he never held an office.
he never had a family or owned a house.
he didn't go to college.
he never visited a big city.
he never traveled two hundred miles from
the place where he was born.
he did none of the things one usually
associates with greatness.
he had no credentials but himself.
he was only thirty-three when the tide of
public opinion turned against him.
his friends ran away.
he was turned over to his enemies and went
through the mockery of a trial.
he was nailed to a cross between
two thieves.
while he was dying, his executioners gambled
for his clothing, the only property he
had on earth.
When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed
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When cooking foods in liquid — whether in an electric skillet, crock pot, Dutch oven or on your range — use the lowest heat setting that will maintain a boil.

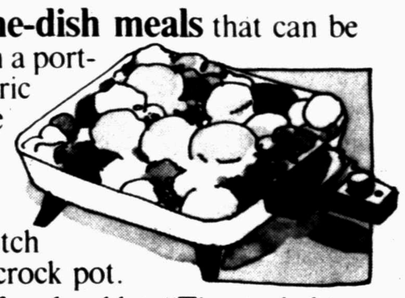
Don't open the oven door unnecessarily. Opening the oven door when the oven is hot can cause heat loss and extended cooking time.

For toasting bread, use a toaster or portable toaster-oven instead of your range oven. The smaller appliances are more efficient for this job.

Reduce cooking time by thawing meats before cooking them. When recipes call for a preheated oven, don't turn it on too far in advance — usually 10 to 15 minutes will do.

Use flat-bottomed pans. The flatter the pan, the better the contact with the electric unit. Be sure the pans have tight-fitting lids to reduce cooking time and moisture loss. Match pan size to unit size to avoid heat loss.

Plan one-dish meals that can be cooked in a portable electric appliance such as a skillet, deep fat fryer, Dutch oven or crock pot.



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Starr To Guide Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Bart Starr, who quarterbacked the Green Bay Packers to championship glory under the legendary Vince Lombardi in the 1960s, was named head coach and general manager of the National Football League team today.

Starr, who retired as a player in 1972, succeeds Dan Devine, who quit Dec. 16 to become head football coach at Notre Dame, replacing Ara Parseghian.

Starr, now 40, first came to the Packers in 1957 as an obscure 17th-round draft pick out of Alabama. After two ineffective seasons, he became the team's starting quarterback late in 1959, Lombardi's first year as Green Bay's Coach.

In the next eight years, the Pack won six divisional and five league titles—and added the first two Super Bowl championships to its unprecedented collection of titles in 1966-67, with Starr named the Most Valuable Player each time.

Starr, who still owns the NFL career completion percentage record at 57.4 per cent, had his best season in 1966, when he completed 156 of 251 passes—62.2 per cent—for 2,257 yards and 14 touchdowns and had only three passes intercepted.

But the next year, he was injured by blitzing linebacker Tommy Nobis of the Atlanta Falcons, and that began a series of physical troubles which finally drove him out of the game.

It was before the 1972 season that Starr finally called it quits. He stayed on as an assistant coach in 1972. After the 1972 season, he left the game entirely, turning his attentions to his successful automobile dealerships in Alabama.

BLUEBONNET ENDS IN TIE

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The second smallest crowd into Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl history and a national television audience saw two games for the price of one in the 16th renewal at the Astrodome Monday night.

The first game lasted until early in the fourth quarter and ended with North Carolina State and Houston tied 17-17.

Then the fireworks started and before the final gun sounded with the score still deadlocked at 31-31, four touchdowns were scored and the Astrodome's $1 million scoreboard—which lights up with each score—may never be the same.

After a humdrum first half, the Cougars started the excitement with two rapidfire fourth quarter touchdowns that gave them a 31-17 lead with 7:55 left in the game.

Houston's Eddie Foster disappeared behind the North Carolina State secondary and emerged with a bowl record 73-yard touchdown pass play from quarterback Bubba McGallion to ignite the volley before a disappointing crowd of 35,122.

On the Pack's ensuing series, Joe Rust returned an interception 42 yards to set up a five-yard touchdown run by fullback John Housman, the game's outstanding back, who rushed 134 yards on 21 carries.

That gave the Cougars a 31-17 lead but the Pack came back scoring two touchdowns in 1:21 to knot the game at 31-all with 2:17 to play.

First, Tommy London rammed nine yards and a pass for the two-point conversion failed. Moments later, after Wolfpack special teamer Louis Alcamo recovered an on-sides kick, quarterback Dave Buckey jumped one yard for a touchdown.

North Carolina State, an underdog despite its No. 13 national ranking, still remained two points behind. Stan Fritts, a second team AP All-American, took care of that with a bullish run for the two-point conversion.

Despite thrilling rallies by both teams, neither dressing room was overjoyed.

"It's too bad you can't play off a tie bowl game," a disappointed NCS Coach Lou Holtz said. "Both teams feel like they lost it."

Dave Buckey, who engineered the Wolfpack revival in the final minutes said the tie "leaves a bad taste in your mouth."

The Wolfpack, which almost matched the massive offensive power of the Cougars, took a 10-3 halftime lead on a 37-yard field goal by John Huff and Roland Hooks' 11-yard touchdown run. Lennard Coplin's 21-yard field goal accounted for Houston's first half scoring.

The Cougars actually started revving up in the third quarter when they took the second half kickoff and marched 75 yards for a one-yard touchdown by Houseman to tie the score at 10-10.

North Carolina State regained the lead for the final time on a seven-yard pass from Dave Buckey to Fritts in the third quarter and Houston matched that with Marshall Johnson's 10-yard run early in the fourth quarter.

Housman shared post-game honors with Cougars defensive end Mack Mitchell, named outstanding lineman.

Heeds Tip

By The Associated Press

Mary Ellen Mix isn't the only wife in the country that wants her husband to drive. But with her it's a little different.

Monday night, Steve Mix had 26 points and 17 rebounds, helping the Philadelphia 76ers to a 100-88 National Basketball Association victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

And Mix credits his wife for helping him come out of a slump.

"She told me, 'Why aren't you driving more?'" Mix said after the game.

It was Mix' field goal from the right corner in the first period that gave the 76ers the lead for good at 24-22 after the lead had changed hands six times.

Wolfpack Is No. One Team

By The Associated Press

Marquette's fortunes slipped last week as Al McGuire's troops lost twice and tumbled out of The Associated Press' Top Ten in today's weekly college basketball poll.

The highly regarded Warriors, who had a solid grip on sixth place a week ago, lost it when they lost 65-58 to unranked Pittsburgh and 80-69 to fourth-ranked Louisville. Marquette fell to 14th, replaced in the Top Ten by Arizona, which jumped from 13th to 10th.

The first five teams, headed by defending national champion North Carolina State, retained their positions. The Wolfpack, 6-0 with last week's 95-79 victory over Davidson, earned 25 of the 40 first-place votes by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters for 812 points.

Runnerup Indiana, 7-0, scored convincing triumphs of 71-53 over Creighton and 97-60 over Nebraska and picked up 15 first-place votes and 766 votes. UCLA's Bruins, outlasting Memphis State 113-94 and rallying to turn back Notre Dame 85-72, held third with one first-place vote and 690 points.

Louisville and fifth-ranked Maryland also got one first-place vote apiece with the Cardinals well entrenched in fourth place with 614 points to the 497 for the Terrapins.

Southern California's Trojans pulled out victories over Houston, Vanderbilt and New Mexico, raising their record to 7-0 and moving up one spot to sixth with 406 points. Alabama also moved up a place to seventh, getting the two remaining first-place votes and 393 points.

North Carolina jumped over Pennsylvania into eighth with 309 votes, 40 more than the ninth-rated Quakers. Then came Arizona, rounding out the Top Ten with 208 points.

In the Second Ten, South Carolina vaulted three spots to 11th with 194 points and Providence vaulted up four to 12th with 101. Notre Dame slipped down one to 13th with 86 points, six more than Marquette and seven more than Purdue, which held 15th.

Memphis State dropped from 11th to 16th place, Kentucky jumped from 20th to 17th, Oklahoma dropped down one to 18th, Oregon remained No. 19 and Rutgers joined the select circle in 20th place. Kansas, 18th a week ago, didn't play last week but the Jayhawks still slipped from the list.

By The Associated Press

The Associated Press Top Twenty college basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records, through games of Dec. 21, and total points. Points tabulated on basis of 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-etc.:

1.N.C. St. (25)	6-0	812
2.Indiana (15)	7-0	766
3.UCLA (1)	6-0	690
4.Louisville (1)	4-0	614
5.Maryland (1)	6-0	497
6.S. Calif.	7-0	406
7.Alabama (2)	4-0	393
8.N. Carolina	4-1	309
9.Penn	6-0	269
10.Arizona	7-0	208
11.S. Carolina	4-1	194
12.Providence	5-0	101
13.Notre Dame	4-2	86
14.Marquette	3-2	80
15.Purdue	5-1	79
16.Memphis St.	6-1	78
17.Kentucky	5-1	76
18.Oklahoma	5-1	60
19.Oregon	4-0	45
20.Rutgers	7-1	23

Others receiving votes, listed alphabetically: Arizona State, Bradley, Canisius, DePaul, Kansas, LaSalle, Long Beach State, Manhattan, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon State, Penn State, Pitt, Tennessee, Texas-El Paso, Tulsa, Vanderbilt.

Cards Buy Back Mick Kelleher

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals have re-purchased infielder Mick Kelleher, who was sold to the National League's Houston Astros in October, 1973.

The 27-year-old Kelleher appeared in 19 games for the Astros last season, batting .158, and spent the remainder of the season with Denver of the Pacific Coast League.

The Cardinals said Kelleher will be assigned to their Tulsa farm club of the American Association.

Haden Is Rhodes Scholar

By RON ROACH
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pat Haden, quarterback of the University of Southern California football team, says gaining the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to England's Oxford University was tougher than anything he's met on a football field.

The blond senior, who leads the Trojans against Ohio State in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, was informed Saturday that from 100 applicants in California, he was the winner.

"It went from 100 to 58 to the 15 who made it to interviews in San Francisco," Haden said of the sessions last week that made him one of two finalists in California. He had final interviews last Friday and Saturday at Cal Tech.

"At San Francisco, they kept all 15 of us waiting for 2½ hours in one room while they decided. It was extremely competitive, the most competitive situation I've ever been in."

Haden, an English major at Southern Cal who won Academic All-American honors again this year with a 3.74 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, said the Rhodes committee narrowed the choice to himself and a Harvard student-athlete from California for one of four $4,700-a-year scholarships awarded to 14 finalists in California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Hawaii.

He was interviewed both informally and formally by former Rhodes Scholars, he said. "They asked me why I was applying for the Rhodes, about my role as a 'campus hero,' the subject of charisma, favorite authors, politics, writings."

Going to Oxford, he said, "is something I want and need. My educational experience has been pretty limited.

"I'm interested in politics, philosophy and economics. I'm interested in the food crisis, and I might be able to get over to India and see it first hand. I know at Oxford they encourage you to travel. You have six weeks of classes, then six weeks to travel."

Haden, a 6-foot, 174-pound senior, said he only recently decided — "after talking to a lot of people" — to accept the two-year scholarship that starts next October. After Oxford, he may attend law school, play professional football, or both.

"I'm certainly leaving the option open," he said of pro football. "Perhaps when I get back a pro team will want me."

SCORES

SOUTH
Kentucky 100, Kansas 63
Alabama 77, Virginia Tech 73
Nebraska 81, Vanderbilt 66
Georgetown, D.C. 79, East. Ky. 69
Ohio U. 73, S. Florida 63

MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 88, Indiana St. 77
Cleveland St. 76, Chicago Loyola 73
Michigan St. 72, Detroit 69
Ohio St. 75, Georgia Tech 66
St. Louis 77, Drake 71

SOUTHWEST
Texas 63, Northwestern 59
Pan American 85, Lamar 77

FAR WEST
New Mexico St. 93, Samford 58
Oregon 116, Villanova 77
Pepperdine 105, Moorhead St. 75
San Diego St. 60, W. Michigan 58
Stanford 80, Florida 70
Nevada-Reno 104, UC-Davis 64
Portland St. 88, Montana 69
Fullerton St. 61, Los Angeles St. 55
Gonzaga 88, Lewis & Clark St. 55
Ball St. 91, Butler 74
Okla. City 79, Arkansas 77

Forzano Confirmed In Job

DETROIT (AP) — A job Rick Forzano took at a time of great sorrow now is his for the next three years, and he hopes they'll be happy ones for the Detroit Lions.

Forzano was given a three-year contract Monday to coach the National Football League team, a job he assumed in August after the sudden death of Don McCafferty in July.

The likeable ex-Navy coach guided the club to a 7-7 record this past season.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be the Lions' head coach," Forzano said. "The Lions have a fine organization and I'm happy they have confidence in me. My goal is to bring the owners and fans a championship."

Forzano, a native of Akron, Ohio, has been coaching in both college and pro ranks for 19 seasons. He became aquainted with McCafferty when he was head coach at Navy and McCafferty was coaching the Colts in nearby Baltimore.

He left the Naval Academy to join McCafferty's staff in Detroit in February, 1973, as an assistant coach.

When McCafferty suffered a fatal heart attack on the weekend before the start of the 1974 exhibition season, the Lions named Forzano acting coach. Five days later he was given the job full-time for the remainder of the 1974 season.

The Lions got off to a dreadful start, losing their first four regular season games.

But Forzano managed to turn the team around and the Lions won their next four, including the first victory over Minnesota in seven years.

Cold Weather Slows Fishing

Cold weather kept fishermen off Lake Spence part of the time last week, but there still were some impressive catches of striped bass.

Fishing out of Y.J.'s Marina, James Hathcock, L.J. Turner, J.B. Bromley of Andrews, brought in three stripers weighing 12½, 3½ and 4½ lbs.

Bubba Duncan and Ronnie DeValle of Robert Lee, brought into the Wildcat Fish Rama two stripers, the largest 10½ lb., also a 5-lb. blue catfish.

From Dink's Bait, C.C. Detlayk, Odessa, brought in a 9½-lb. striper, plus five channel cat to 3½ lb., while Eddie Stewart, Midland, had seven white bass to 2½ lb.

Dwaine Clanton, Gooch Conley, Eugene Clanton and Joyce Clanton reported four smaller striped bass to 2 lb., and a 3-lb. black bass; also Joe Clark, Odessa, reeled in a 2½lb. black bass.

Race Club Has Meeting

The Snyder Dirtdobbers Motocross Club met Sunday afternoon in Hermleigh to work on the practice track.

Several new jumps were built. Most of the members attended, including Mike Cagle, home on leave from the service.

In the future, the Dirtdobbers will meet at Hermleigh for practice runs with dates to be announced later.

Frank McGuire is in his 11th season as University of South Carolina basketball coach.

Owners Are Quiet On Kapp Ruling

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

Dropping a live mouse in a roomful of debutantes, and dropping the question of Joe Kapp to National Football League owners accomplishes about the same thing.

They scatter in all directions.

Only a handful of NFL executives are willing to guess the possible ramifications of the U.S. District Court suit brought in San Francisco by Kapp, a former quarterback who refused to sign a standard player contract.

Most say "no comment," refer questions to NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle for a "no comment," or just aren't available for comment.

The upshot of the Kapp suit was to strike down the NFL's reserve clause, the so-called Rozelle Rule — both contained in the standard player contract — and parts of the player draft.

The reserve clause binds a player to the team with which he has a contract for one year after that contract expires. The Rozelle rule says Team A must compensate Team B when Team A picks up a player that used to play for Team B. If the two teams can't decide on the amount of compensation, Pete Rozelle does.

If there was one thing NFL higher-ups could agree on other than "no comment," it was that the results of the suit will be appealed. That's probably one reason why they're reluctant to offer more than a grunting reaction.

Richard Gordon, a former astronaut who orbited the moon and splashed down as executive vice president of the New Orleans Saints, was one of the few willing to open up.

He called the ruling "a basic attack on the structure of professional football.

"This is really a league matter and not one for the teams to deal with individually. I'd hate to have a bunch of Catfish Hunters running around — we'd really be in trouble."

He said he couldn't predict the full impact of the Kapp ruling since he hadn't read the decision. "This is liable to be in the courts a long time, and we don't have to be concerned at this time. We will conduct business as usual until it is settled."

George Allen, vice president, coach and general manager of the Washington Redskins, said he "hated to see that decision because it won't help football. It could hurt football. It's just like the decision in the Catfish Hunter case.

"The Rozelle Rule is needed. It can't help but get us in a bidding war. The team with the money will go after the best players."

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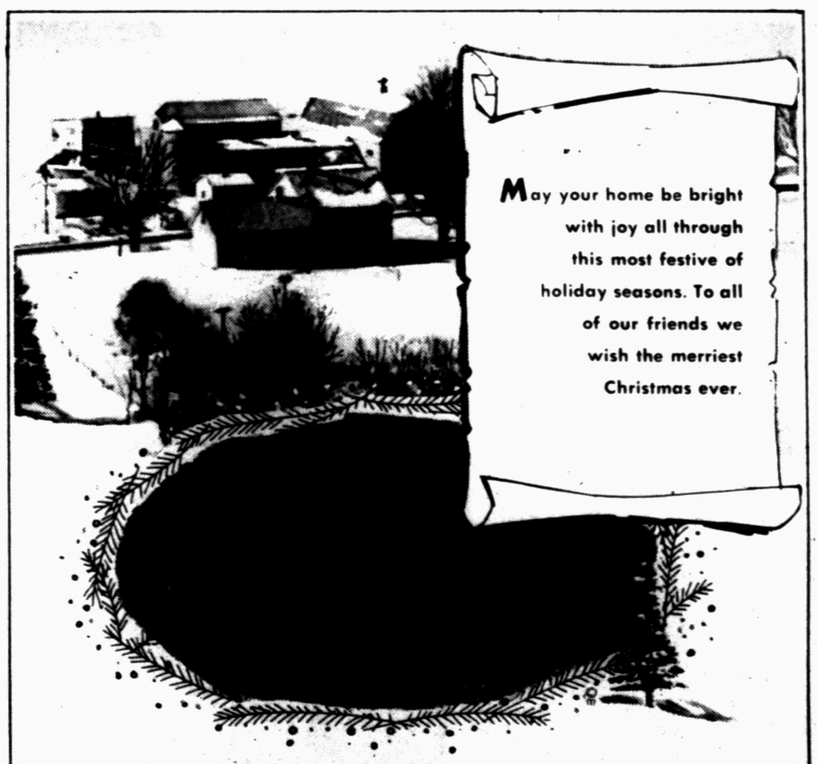

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Weather Boosts Harvest

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (AP) — Favored by open weather, farmers in the plains and West Texas made good progress with their harvest last week.

However, yields of most crops were down sharply because of the drought during the spring and summer, said Dr. John E. Hutchison, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A little cotton remains to be harvested in North Central and Northeast Texas, but some fields are being abandoned as the crop continues to deteriorate. Soybeans and peanuts are still being harvested; the pecan harvest is winding down.

Harvesting of some vegetable crops continues in South Texas. The surgarcane and citrus harvests are in full swing.

Forage on pastures and ranges is curing well and is providing good grazing for livestock along with small grain crops now.

Livestock conditions are generally good going into the winter season although cattle in eastern areas are losing weight from adverse weather conditions, said Hutchison. Feeding has started in many eastern counties and is also spreading into other areas. However, cattlemen are concerned with keeping feeding to a minimum due to high feed costs and low cattle prices.

Going into the new year, soil moisture is good in all areas except parts of the Panhandle and West Texas.

District Extension agents reported the following conditions.

PANHANDLE: The cotton harvest is 70 per cent complete. Yields are off. Sugarbeet harvesting is about complete, with a good crop. A few carrots and some cabbage remain to be harvested. Cold temperatures have slowed wheat growth, but stockers are making excellent gains. Some continue to move to wheat fields. Wheat is being irrigated in some counties.

SOUTH PLAINS: All crops other than cotton are in. The overall cotton crop is the shortest since about 1950. Wheat is making good progress. Some rust damage is evident but greenbug numbers are light. Stocker cattle continue to move into the area to graze wheat.

ROLLING PLAINS: Harvesting of cotton and guar is near the halfway point. Cotton yields are down sharply; the guar crop is fair. Small grains are making good growth and providing good grazing. Greenbugs are increasing. Some light feeding of cattle has started.

NORTH CENTRAL: Wet fields are delaying the completion of the cotton peanut and soybean harvests. Some cotton may be abandoned as the crop has deteriorated considerably. The pecan harvest is about 75 per cent complete, with low yields. Wheat and oats look good but need warm, open weather for continued growth. Harvesting of collards, mustard greens, turnips and parsley continues. Some livestock feeding is underway.

NORTHEAST: The corn and pecan harvests are about complete. Some cotton remains to be harvested and may be left in the field due to continued wet conditions. Some wheat and oat pastures are too wet to allow grazing. Pastures are generally short so livestock conditions are declining. Cattle are losing weight, and this has necessitated some feeding.

FAR WEST: Harvesting of cotton and sorghum is making good progress. The commercial pecan crop has been harvested and yields have been generally good. Livestock are grazing heavily on irrigated small grains fields and feeding is increasing. Calving continues.

WEST CENTRAL: The cotton harvest is at the mid-point. Sorghum and peanut harvesting is about complete. Crop yields have been low. Pecan harvesting is about complete with yields generally good but quality down. Small grains are furnishing good grazing. Caving and lambing are active. Some livestock are being fed.

CENTRAL: Cotton remaining to be harvested will probably be abandoned due to weather conditions and severe deterioration of the crop. The pecan harvest is about complete, with generally good yields but lower quality.

EAST: A few acres of peanuts still remain to be harvested, t he crop was generally good although late fields have suffered from prolonged wet weather. Pecan harvesting is about complete, with light yields. Cold, wet weather has slowed small grain growth. Cattle feeding is increasing.

SOUTHEAST AND UPPER GULF COAST: Some farmers are tying to get cropland in shape for the coming season but wet soil is causing delays. Cool, wet weather is slowing small grain growth and limiting grazing by livestock. Flax palnting has been delayed by wet weather. Livestock are in good condition.

SOUTH CENTRAL: Cold, wet weather has slowed small grain growth. Flax planting continues. Livestock are in fair shape. Marketings are increasing despite low prices. Land preparation is limited due to wet soil.

SOUTHWEST: Vegetable harvesting continues. The strawberry crop escaped recent freezing temperatures an is making good progress. Small grains are making good growth, with wheat beginning to head. Livestock have a good supply of dry forage for winter grazing.

SOUTH: Wet weather is delaying flax planting. Harvesting of citrus, vegetables and sugarcane continues in the Rio Grande Valley. Spinach harvesting is in full swing in the Coastal Bend. Wheat and oats look good. Livestock are generally in good condition. Marketing of dry cows, heavy calves and culls continues despite low prices. Land preparation for spring crops remains active.

Four Killed In Eritrea Explosions

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — The Ethiopian government announced today that four civilians have been killed and 41 injured by explosions in Asmara, capital of Eritrea province, where Moslem rebels have been fighting intermittently for 12 years.

Most of the casualties were caused by two hand grenades thrown into crowded bars, the announcement said. Sources in Asmara said heavy machine-gun fire and more explosions were heard Sunday night and Monday morning, mainly around the headquarters of the 2nd Division and the governor-general's palace.

There were unconfirmed reports of five soldiers killed and 20 wounded. The 2nd Division was reported engaged in a firefight 10 miles outside Asmara, and three trucks were reported blown up near Assab, a port on the Red Sea.

Informed sources said the military junta in Addis Ababa fears the attacks signal the start of a general uprising by the Eritrean Liberation Front. The ELF has been seeking independence since Emperor Haile Selassie unilaterally incorporated Eritrea into Ethiopia in 1962. The territory was an Italian colony until 1962 and then was federated with Ethiopia.

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ANNUAL SPREE—Snyder Jaycees held their annual shopping spree for underprivileged children at the college building at the First Baptist Church. A local discount store was the scene where children were allowed to purchase gifts for members of their family. During a party the Jaycee-Ettes wrapped their gifts. Pictured with the children are (back row) Tommy LaRoux, Jimmy Farmer, project chairman and Ron Kelly.

Got A Gripe? Here's How You Can Complain

By The Associated Press

Got a gripe? The federal government has almost two dozen persons ready to listen whether your problem concerns food, travel, housing or any of a dozen other areas.

Here is a list, compiled by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, of officials to write or telephone if you have a consumer problem:

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Nancy Steorts
Special Asst. to the Secy. for Consumer Affairs
Agriculture Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20250
Telephone: 202-447-3165

Air Travel

Jack Yohe
Director
Office of the Consumer Advocate
Civil Aeronautics Board
Washington, D.C., 20428
Telephone: 202-382-6376

Business

Sam Sherwin
Deputy Asst. Secy. for Domestic Commerce
Commerce Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20230
Telephone: 202-967-5491

Consumer Information

David Peterson
Director, Consumer Information Center
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C., 20407
Telephone: 202-343-6171

Product Safety

Mary Kay Ryan
Special Assistant for Legal Matters
Consumer Product Safety Commission
5401 Westbard Ave.
Bethesda, Md., 20207
Telephone: 301-496-7377

Energy

Hazel Rollins
Director for Consumer Affairs & Special Impact
Federal Energy Administration
Washington, D.C., 20461
Telephone: 202-254-7546

Emmett J. Gavin
Assistant to the Chairman
Federal Power Commission
Washington, D.C., 20426
Telephone: 202-386-6081

Food, Drugs, Cosmetics

Dr. John Harvey
Senior Educational Director
Office of Consumer Affairs
Food & Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Md., 20852
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Health, Education & Welfare Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20201
Telephone: 202-245-0724

Consumer Affairs

Virginia H. Knauer
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Office of Consumer Affairs
Washington, D.C., 20201
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Office of Education
Health, Education & Welfare Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20202
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Housing & Urban Development Dept.
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Environment, Resources, Parks

Ann Richardson
Special Asst. to Asst. Secy. for Program & Budget
Interior Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20240
Telephone: 202-343-7785

Bus & Train Travel

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Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D.C., 20423
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Chief
Consumer Affairs Section
Antitrust Division
Justice Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20530
Telephone: 202-739-4173

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Retirement, Pensions

Joanne Gordon
Special Asst. to the Secretary
Labor Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20210
Telephone: 202-961-2027

Stocks & Bonds

Barbara J. McTigue
Consumer Liaison Officer
Securities & Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C., 20549
Telephone: 202-755-4845

Car Safety/Highways
Public Transportation

Antonina P. Uccello
Director
Office of Consumer Affairs
Transportation Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20590
Telephone: 202-426-4518

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Office of Financial Analysis
Treasury Dept.
Washington, D.C., 20220
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Rebel Soldiers Seize Vientiane Second Time

By DAVID JENKINS
Associated Press Writer

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Several hundred rebellious Royal Lao Army soldiers shot their way into a provincial capital in northwestern Laos today and took over the town for the second time in less than three months after exchanging fire for more than an hour with loyal troops, military sources said.

Several persons were reported wounded in the fighting before dawn in Ban Houei Sai, on the border with Thailand. But an American Embassy official said no Westerners were reported hurt.

The local representative of the U.S. Agency for International Development, John Huxtable, was reported confined to his house by the rebels but was unharmed.

The rebels are Lao Theung tribesmen who had been members of the separate army supported by the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency that did much of the fighting against the Communist Pathet Lao.

The same two companies seized Ban Houei Sai in October after the CIA army was disbanded and many of the men's names were not transferred to the rolls of the Royal Lao Army. The Army said the omission was due to a "bookkeeping error."

Today they were reported supporting a seven-point program which students activists are pushing, including dissolution of the National Assembly.

In South Vietnam, crowds celebrating Christmas Eve thronged the streets of Saigon. But it appeared that the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were about to capture the fourth district town in an offensive in the southern half of the country that has been going on for nearly three weeks.

The Communists pounded Tanh Linh, 75 miles northeast of Saigon, with 3,000 rounds of heavy shells and launched five infantry assaults against the district town, the Saigon command said. A communique said government forces counterattacked and at last report fighting was continuing. Viet cong sappers blasted their way into the market place, and there was street fighting, the command said.

The Viet Cong announced that negotiations for information about Americans missing in action in Vietnam cannot resume until the Saigon government stops all military operations and all provisions of the Vietnam peace agreement are carried out.

The Americans called on the Viet Cong and North Vietnam last week for information on 87 missing Americans. It said North Vietnamese publications showed the Communists had information on them which they had not communicated.

Sextuplet Bill High

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The hospital bill for Jolene Rene Lange, sole survivor of the Lange sextuplets, increases daily and officials at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center say it could reach $60,000.

No formal bill has been compiled yet for the round-the-clock care given Jolene. Her four brothers and a sister died of respiratory complications stemming from their premature birth on Dec. 8.

Jolene was the first born, and doctors say they believe that is a major reason she survived.

The delivery cost was $570, dismissed by the hospital as a good will gesture to Charlotte Lange and her husband, Alvin, a $12,500-a-year armored car driver.

Daily costs ran $500-a-day per child for the eight days. By then, with Jolene the only survivor, hospitalization costs had passed $20,000.

Day-night nursing, testing, constant checks and monitors of vital signs, assorted life support machiney and associated care went into that charge.

Jolene will probably receive at least another 75 days of specialized hospital care and that could come to another $20,000 to $40,000, officials said.

Nixons Plan Quiet Christmas

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — "A quiet family Christmas" at his oceanside estate is on tap for Richard M. Nixon in his first yuletide holiday after resigning as president.

An aide said Monday that both Nixon daughters would be at the family home. Daughter Tricia and her husband, Edward F. Cox, were at the residence. Daughter Julie and her husband, David Eisenhower, were expected by Christmas.

Meanwhile, Dr. John C. Lungren, Nixon's personal physician, said Nixon's recovery from last October's surgery for blood clots — when he almost died from postoperative shock — "is following the projected course."

He said Nixon is still receiving anticoagulation therapy, "which is well controlled," and continues to wear an elastic stocking on his affected left leg, which he keeps elevated much of the time on a recliner chair.

Lundgren also said the former president's mental condition is "rather remarkable for what he has been through."

Christmas Gold Rush Subsides

LONDON (AP) — The Christmas gold rush subsided today after the price of the precious metal hit record highs in European markets Monday.

The price was fixed for morning trading on the London market at $192.25 an ounce, 75 cents below Monday's afternoon fixing and $2.25 below Monday's peak trading quotation. The market closed for Christmas after only two hours of lackluster trading with the price unchanged.

In Zurich, the other major bullion market, gold opened at $193.25, down 50 cents from Monday's closing price.

Fords Visit Old Friends At Party

By FRANCES LEWINE
Associated Press Writer

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — President and Mrs. Ford have visited their own condominum apartment for a nostalgic party with longtime skiing friends from this Rocky Mountains resort.

About 50 guest couples were on hand Monday night for the buffet dinner given by Richard Bass, Texas millionaire who traded houses here with the President, and James Brown of Tremonton, Utah, an executive of the Thiokol Chemical Corp.

The pre-Christmas celebration spilled over in friendly fashion across the hall to the neighboring apartment of longtime friends, John and Susan O'Laughlin of Chicago.

"It was good seeing old friends," the President said when he emerged at 10 p.m. M.S.T. after spending two hours at the party.

"It was nice seeing our place," Ford added of the three-bedroom condomium he swapped for Bass' seven-bedroom chalet nearby. Ford pays $15 a day to make up the difference in rental price for the quarters.

The President wore a white turtle neck sweater, blue blazer dark trousers and an Alaskan wolf fur coat that had been given him for his recent trip to the Soviet Union.

Several neighbor youngsters ran up to greet the Fords when they arrived shortly aft 8 p.m. and wished the President a merry Christmas.

The Ford's daughter Susan, and son and daughter-in-law Michael and Gayle Ford, dropped in on the party too. Susan's school chum Barabara Manfuso of Chevy Chase, Md., was with her.

Among the guests was Ted Kindel from Grand Rapids, Mich., Vail's first mayor. His father was Ford's Eagle Scout master back in Grand Rapids years ago.

Others included Lt. Gov. Robert Orrof Indiana, Fitzhugh, Scott, an architect from Milwaukee, and Pepi Gramshammer, a former Austrian ski champion, who runs a restaurant and ski shop here.

Mrs. Ford went out to lunch at Pepi's Gasthof Restaurant Monday and Mrs. Gramshammer joined the First Lady and also went out Christmas shopping with Mrs. Ford later.

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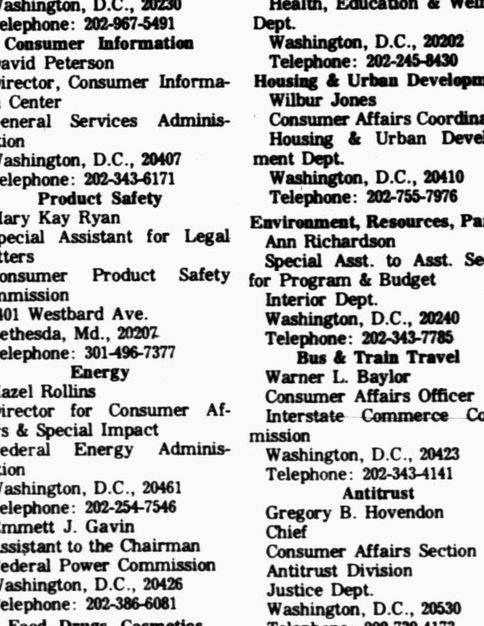

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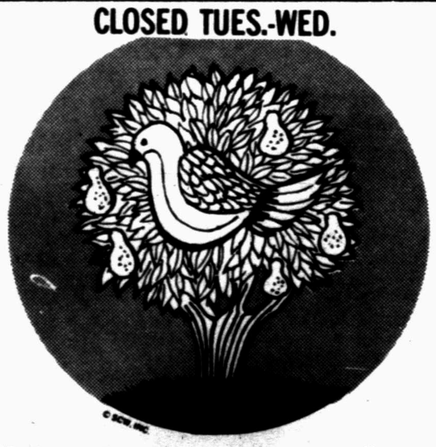

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White Christmas Prospects Dim

The Nation's Weather

By The Associated Press ..

A winter storm that dumped up to a foot of snow in the Colorado Rockies diminished today to a scattering of flurries and showers over the midcontinent.

A combination of the weakening storm and unseasonably mild weather appeared to dim the prospects for a white Christmas in many sections from the central Plains to the lower Great Lakes. Much of a heavy snow that fell over the weekend was going down the drain in the Midwest.

While bitter cold numbed the northern half of the Rockies, temperatures remained above freezing overnight through most of the country from the central Plains to the Eastern Seaboard.

The storm in the West piled 4 to 8 inches of snow Monday on the region from Arizona and New Mexico to Colorado. Higher areas of Colorado, where temperatures tumbled near zero overnight, measured up to a foot of snow.

But most of the moisture from the Rockies eastward came in rain, heavy at times. Three inches of rain swamped Meredian, Miss., through Monday. More than two inches hit Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Showers or thunderstorms ranged over a wide area from the central Gulf Goast to the Great Lakes and lower New England.

Fair weather prevailed over most of the country west of the Rockies, but clear skies were scarce elsewhere.

Temperatures before dawn ranged from -13 at Havre, Mont., to 75 at Key West, Fla., and Lufkin, Tex.

Some other reports: Anchorage 30 light snow, Atlanta 52 light rain, Boston 38 cloudy, Buffalo 38 cloudy, Chicago 34 light snow, Cincinnati 50 cloudy, Cleveland 37 light rain, Dallas 66 cloudy, Denver 12 light snow, Detroit 34 partly cloudy, Honolulu 74 clear, Indianapolis 40 drizzle, Kansas City 37 cloudy, Los Angeles 46 clear, Louisville 53 light rain, Miami 74 partly cloudy, Minneapolis-St. Paul 20 cloudy, Nashville 58 cloudy, New York 47 cloudy, Philadelphia 38 clear, Phoenix 38 clear, Pittsburgh 43 light rain, St. Louis 36 light rain, San Francisco 45 clear, Seattle 32 cloudy.

Kissinger, Rocky To San Juan

SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller are expected to vacation this week at a Rockefeller-owned property east of here.

The date of the arrival of the long-time friends has not been announced, but it was believed they may arrive with their wives on Thursday.

Kissinger spent a Labor Day vacation in the Caribbean this year at a home on Laurence Rockefeller's Caneel Bay plantation on the island of St. John in the Virgin Islands.

The Rockefellers own 1,700 acres of resort property in Puerto Rico.

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Christmas Pets Can Be Headaches

By KENNETH T. WALSH
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — The lovable puppies given as Christmas presents by thousands of Americans often turn into major headaches by New Year's Day, says the American Humane Association.

"Pets are frequently impulse gifts," said Milt Searle, director of the association's animal protective services. "But a gift pet cannot be quietly and politely disposed of later like a purple necktie."

Searle estimated that more than 250,000 pets will be given as gifts this Christmas and that 25,000 will be returned shortly after the first of the year. He said Christmas is the peak season for giving pets — puppies and kittens are the most popular — and business soars at pet shops and animal shelters.

But Searle said many gift-givers make hasty decsions without considering licenses, vaccinations or the care needed for a pet.

"The feeling is that Dad had a puppy when he was little. He wants his 3-year-old son to have one, even though the son isn't old enough yet to accept the responsibility," said Clifford Pike, director of the Colorado Humane Society.

"Then after the holidays, the children forget all about it and no one accepts the responsibility."

James P. Gionfriddo, assistant manager of the Denver Dumb Friends League animal shelter, said animal "adoptions" have been running at a rate of about 50 a day this week. The average rate is about 15 adoptions per day.

"Everybody wants to give his friend or his children a puppy for Christmas," Gionfriddo said. "The problem is that parents think it would be neat for the children to play with the puppy and learn responsibility. In many cases, it turns into a fiasco."

MODESTY—Never one of Edy Williams more noted virtues, the American actress boards a jet in Rome following her brief visit to England. Miss Williams went there on business, stopping by Lloyds's of London which has insured her breasts for $1 million.

The Richmond-San Rafael toll bridge in northern California is more than four miles long and ranks as one of the largest in the world, built at a cost of $50 million.

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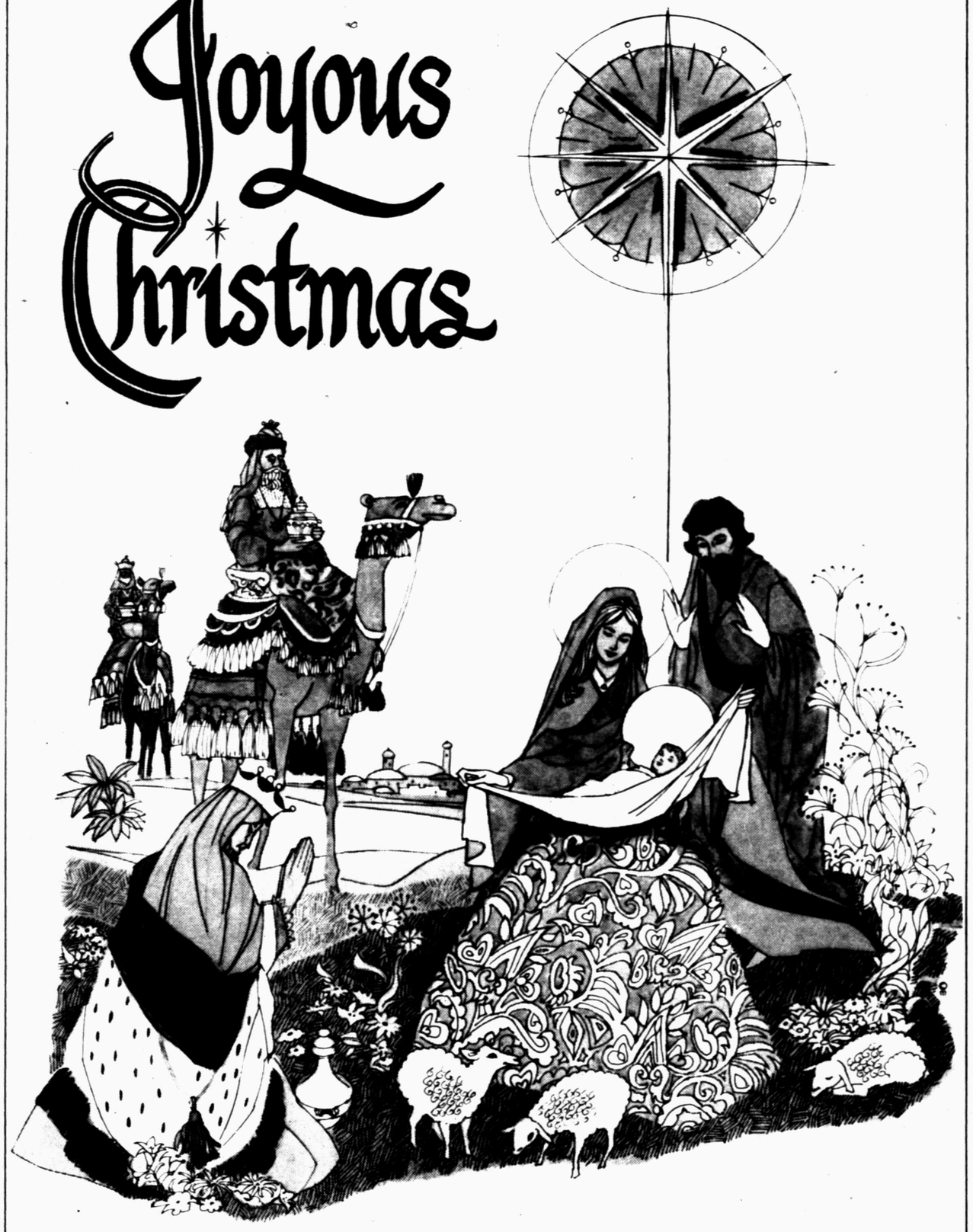

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JAYCEE CHRISTMAS PARTY—The Snyder Jaycees and Jaycee-Ettes held their annual Santa party for Jaycee children. A visit from Santa climaxed the evening. Visiting with Santa are Kathy Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Norris and Rebecah Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Powell.

FOLLOWING SPYING REPORTS

Angleton Quits CIA Post

By DAVID C. MARTIN
and
MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Angleton, named in published reports as overseer of alleged illegal domestic spying by the CIA, today told The Associated Press he has resigned as head of the agency's counterintelligence operations.

Angleton's resignation became known after President Ford ordered Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to get a report from the CIA "within a matter of days" on the allegations of domestic spying. Three congressional committee chairmen also announced Monday that they would launch separate investigations of the matter when Congress returns next year.

Meantime, a spokesman for Kissinger said Monday that the secretary "has never seen any survey of American citizens by the CIA and he doesn't know if any such survey exists."

But later, administration sources disclosed that Kissinger had seen one CIA document referring to activities inside the United States by American citizens or organizations. They said, however, that it was philosophical and did not reflect the results of any surveillance.

These sources said a CIA survey entitled "Restless Youth" crossed Kissinger's desk at the National Security Council in March, 1969. They described it as a general, philosophical discussion of the youth movement abroad with references to the attitudes of American students and youth in the United States during the 1960s.

Angleton, 57 and a veteran of 31 years in the intelligence field, said he would leave the agency at the end of the month. Angleton said he was resigning not because he felt he was guilty of any wrongdoing but because of what he said were the interests of the agency.

The New York Times had reported that he headed a domestic spying operation during the Nixon years that kept files on 10,000 American citizens and performed break-ins and surveillance in the United States.

A well informed source said the resignation had been arranged late last week in a meeting between Angleton and CIA director William E. Colby. Colby also was said to feel that Angleton was not involved in any illegal activities. It was understood that Angleton's public identification had been a factor in the resignation.

Another source, familiar with domestic counterintelligence operations, said that the FBI did not know about any CIA domestic spying and that former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover had been adamant that CIA not approach anyone at all in this country.

The CIA is prohibited by law from conducting intelligence or counterintelligence operations within the United States. That is the FBI's responsibility.

Documents obtained by Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., during his inquiry into the CIA's possible involvement in Watergate contained "references (to) an apparent CIA file" on columnist Jack Anderson.

A source within the CIA confirmed the existence of such a file and said it had been maintained by the United States Intelligence Board, an interagency panel whose members include the heads of the government's various intelligence services.

The board, whose responsibilities include developing intelligence estimates and priorities and overseeing security, compiled a dossier on Anderson after publication of classified documents in his syndicated column had blown the cover of CIA agents abroad, the source said.

Two sources said Angleton was questioned by the Watergate Special Prosecutor's office last winter in an attempt to determine if there was any connection between Angleton's unit and the White House plumbers unit. But one source familiar with that effort said the prosecutors could find no evidence of a link and the investigation was not pursued.

Angleton also came to the attention of one of the congressional investigations of Watergate.

A source familiar with that investigation said he got the clear impression that Angleton's operation was very secret and was feared by other CIA employes.

Kissinger has ordered an accounting by U.S. Ambassador Richard Helms, who was the CIA director during part of the period in which the alleged unlawful activities were said to have occurred. State Department sources said Kissinger would assemble information from Helms, Colby and others, probably within 48 hours. These sources said Kissinger will not make any recommendations although he may comment on the material he relays to Ford.

Rep. Michael J. Harrington, D-Mass., Monday questioned whether Kissinger was the proper person to be involved in any investigation of the CIA. Harrington asserted that Kissinger's other title, presidential assistant for national security affairs, made him responsible for directing CIA activities.

Sen. John J. Sparkman, D-Ala., soon to become chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he was "shocked by the revelations regarding CIA activities in the United States" and announced that he intends to launch an investigation when the new Congress convenes next year.

Separate hearings were promised by Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Lucien N. Nedzi, D-Mich., chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on intelligence. According to the Times, both men were briefed last year by Colby on the CIA's domestic activities.

A spokesman for Kissinger said Monday that "the administration will cooperate to the fullest with any appropriate investigation," including bringing Helms home from his diplomatic post in Iran to answer to "a duly constituted congressional committee." However, State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said Kissinger had no intention of agreeing to a demand from Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., that Helms resign.

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Absence Of Nixon Has Attention At Trial

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attention at the Watergate cover-up trial again is focused on the absence of Richard M. Nixon as defendant or witness in the case that drove him from the presidency.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica started Monday to comment on the pardon granted Nixon by President Ford but then restrained himself.

"It's too bad — well, I better not say what I'm thinking," said the judge after the jury had been sent from the courtroom to begin a two-day Christmas recess. The jurors will do some last-minute Christmas shopping today and spend tonight and Christmas Day with their families in a hotel banquet room under the watchful eye of 27 marshals.

The issue of the Nixon pardon came up during William S. Frates' closing argument to the jury on behalf of his client, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman.

Frates recalled that prosecutor James F. Neal had likened the five cover-up defendants to members of an orchestra, saying that while some may play far less than others, all are essential parts of the total orchestration.

Frates picked up Neal's analogy and carried it a step further:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, we're missing one person here, the orchestra leader, that's who we're missing in this case."

Frates and his client have repeatedly charged that Nixon misled Ehrlichman about Watergate.

During his argument to the jury, Frates kept referring to the orchestra leader, without ever naming him.

Frates got only part way through his closing argument before the trial adjorned until Thursday for the Christmas recess. The case is expected to go to the jury Friday or Saturday.

After the jury was sent out of the room, Neal said he thought Frates should explain how far he intended to carry the orchestra leader theme.

"I took him to mean the man with the baton was Richard Nixon," said the prosecutor.

"Everyone knows who he meant when he said the conductor or the head of the orchestra wasn't here," said Sirica. "I've already ruled he doesn't have to appear because of the doctors' report" that said Nixon was too ill to testify before the trial is expected to end.

Then the judge asked if it was the defendant's position that they should be acquitted because Nixon was not going to testify.

"I can't answer yes or no," replied Frates.

Sirica said he didn't think it made any difference. None of the defendants had to obey Nixon if he told them to cover up Watergate, said the judge.

"They went into it with their eyes open," he said. "They're over 21. Some of them are lawyers."

In addition to Ehrlichman, the defendants are former White House aide H. R. Haldeman, former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, former assistant Atty. Gen. Robert C. Mardian and Kenneth W. Parkinson, one-time lawyer for Nixon's reelection committee.

They are charged with conspiring to obstruct the investigation of the Watergate break-in.

Plane Crash Probed

VIDOR, Tex. (AP) — Investigators rummaged through Christmas presents and wreckage today in an effort to determine the cause of a plane crash which killed three North Carolina men on their way to Houston.

The occupants of the four-seat single-engine Bonanza aircraft died Monday afternoon when the plane plunged into a swampy wooded area about six miles north of this Southeast Texas town.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) identified the victims as Joseph T. Dameron, 59, of Salisbury, believed to have been the pilot; Frank Lee Dameron, 25, of Tabor City, and John Dewitt Dameron, 19, also of Salisbury.

DPS spokesmen Jim Robinson said the two younger men were believed to be sons of Joseph Dameron.

Robinson said the Jefferson County Airport at Nederland lost radio contact with the plane about 2:02 p.m. The pilot had radioed he was having some kind of trouble with the plane.

State Patrolman James Wade said the pilot apparently tried to land in a fire line clearing about 40 yards from the crash site. The plane appeared to have nosed into the trees. There was no fire. The bodies were within 10 feet of the fuselage.

A newsman at the scene said the area was strewn with a number of brightly colored Christmas packages.

Robinson said the plane left Jackson, Miss., after a refueling stop Monday.

Employes at the nearby Champion Paper Co. plant located the wreckage about 5 p.m.

"At about 3:30 p.m., I heard a plane overhead," said Jack Smith, an employe of the paper company. "Then I heard trees popping and snapping. There was no explosion or smoke coming up, but I knew the plane went down."

Vidor is just east of Beaumont.

Nixon Pay Taxes On Coop Sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon has paid the state of New York $11,544.17 in taxes, penalties and interest owed from the 1969 sale of his Fifth Avenue co-op.

The Tax Commission said Monday that full payment of Nixon's delinquent state taxes was received Dec. 17 and that "we found no evidence of fraud or criminal negligence on the part of former President Nixon.

Last April, the Congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue asserted that Nixon was ineligible to claim a $142 192 capital gain on the sale of the apartment because he had reinvested profits from the sale in his San Clemente, Calif., estate.

San Clemente was not Nixon's principal residence at the time, the committee decided, thus making the tax deduction invalid.

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Ms. Short Takes Boffer Orders

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Joan Short takes orders for boffers.

"The letters we get from people are really amusing" she said, "like 'Send quick, before I kill my children.'

"There are really a lot of reasons that boffing appeals," she said.

Boffer swords are bulky sabers of a polyethylene foam — stronger and denser than styrofoam, but flexible and light enough that getting hit with them doesn't hurt.

Like similar instruments that are popular from kids' playrooms to adult gestalt therapy groups, they are promoted as a means of releasing agressions harmlessly.

"Psychologists have sort of picked up on it," said Ms. Short. "It's an amazing release, and we offer them as anniversary presents."

Jack Nottingham, fencing master at Reed College in Portland, developed boffers five years ago as an inexpensive practice tool for his sport.

Ms. Short, Tony Glassman and David Siegel made them at the Whole Earth Access Co. in San Francisco.

But Nottingham moved to San Francisco, and the three bought the patent on boffers and moved to Portland, where they make boffers by hand in their home.

They come in sets with two boffers and protective goggles to shield ears and eyes. Some, with fiberglass handles, are balanced for fencing and come with wrist gauntlets. Others have rubber handles.

You try to hit your opponent with them.

"Strength isn't needed," said Ms. Short. "Victory isn't as important as the exchange"

"We may be ecologically unsound, and that bothers us," said Glassman, reflecting on the fact that the foam they use is a petroleum product. "But the toys themselves are healthy."

Business is healty too, and the three business partners have sold thousands of the sets since starting to make them, he said.

Hudson Bay may be drying up. About 6,000 to 7,000 years ago it was an immense inland sea covering the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. Ice, believed a mile thick, began to melt, the weight pushed down or warped the earth beneath and the runoff water collected in a depressed basin called the Tyrell Sea. During the centuries the sea drained off to its present Hudson Bay size.

Sen. Jackson Making Progress

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., will spend Christmas at Madigan Army Medical Center where he is recovering from a kidney stone operation.

A spokesman at the center said Jackson is progressing satisfactorily following the operation last Friday.

Doctors said they had to remove part of the kidney to get to the stone.

Jackson is expected to announce formally next month that he is a candidate for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination.

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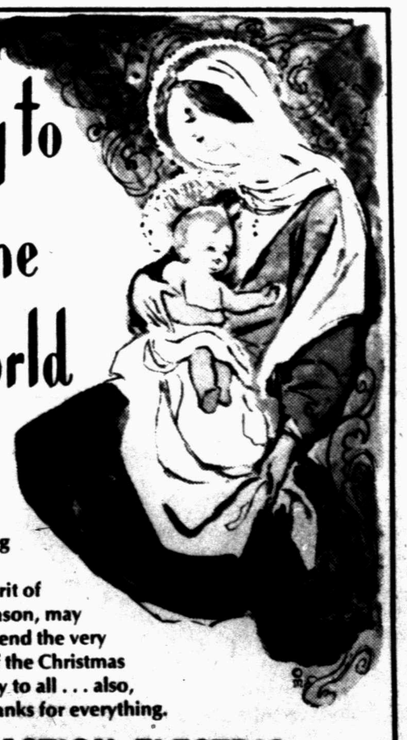
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Christmas Bonuses Few, Small

By DEIRDRE DONNELLY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In a year of recession and layoffs, Christmas bonuses for employes are fewer and generally smaller than they were a year ago.

The Bureau of National Affairs, a private business information service in Washington, says a survey of 136 firms shows that only 13 per cent are paying Christmas bonuses this year, compared with 25 per cent when the firms were last surveyed six years ago.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New York City reports that 36 companies in its annual survey of 400 New York metropolitan area companies have discontinued Christmas bonuses this year.

Among the 122 firms in the survey still giving bonuses this year, more than 60 per cent have switched since last year from giving as a bonus a percentage of annual salary to giving a lump sum bonus.

The Bureau of National affairs also reported that 58 per cent of the companies now forbid employes from accepting gifts from other firms with which they do business.

Wall Street, despite its many losses this year, is giving some of the biggest bonuses.

Dillon Read & Co. is paying bonuses of up to 100 per cent of annual salary. Two investment banking firms, Lehmann Brothers and Brothers, benefiting from a big year in bond trading, say without disclosing specifics that they upped bonuses for many employes.

Other firms hard hit by the bear market trimmed their year-end bonuses. L.F. Rothschild & Co. said it cut its giving to four weeks salary from a five-and-a-half week bonus last year. Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. said it eliminated Christmas bonuses to employes.

Companies which recorded big profits this year are mixed about bonus giving. Oil companies, which usually boost salary rather than give bonuses, are raising wages 6-8 per cent for nonunion employes for competitive reasons, they say. Amstar Corp., a sugar refiner, said it has never given a Christmas bonus and will not give one this year.

Madison Avenue advertising firms, traditional bonus givers, but among the companies usually first hit by a recession, are paying out the same bonuses as last year in spite of profit declines of 30 per cent or more this year.

NURSING HOME GIFTS—Snyder Jaycee-Ettes presented the residents of Snyder Nursing Home with individual Christmas gifts and a polaroid camera Friday. Pictured, left to right, are Mrs. John Benitez, project chairman; Juanita Strater, director of the home and Mrs. Dick Norris.

B1 Bomber Is Tested

PALMDALE, Calif. (AP) — The B1 bomber has been flown for the first time, beginning a two-year period of tests which the Air force will watch closely to determine if a fleet of B1s would be worth their soaring cost.

On its maiden flight Monday, the four-engine plane "performed and responded exactly like we have seen in simulation," said test pilot Charles C. Bock Jr. "It is up to and equal to all the predictions made for it."

After taking off from Palmdale Airport, where the Rockwell International Assembly plant is located, the B1 stayed aloft for about an hour and 15 minutes. Then it landed at nearby Edwards Air Force Base, where it will be kept for further testing.

Bock, who was accompanied by a copilot and flight engineer, said there were no problems with the 1,400-mile-per-hour plane, "except for a few minor discrepancies that you would expect on any first flight."

The B1 reached only a purposely low 210 m.p.h. during the flight. Its landing gear and flaps remained extended as the crew studied the plane's low-speed flying qualities.

The next test flight is scheduled for late January, and thereafter the plane will be taken up about three times a month.

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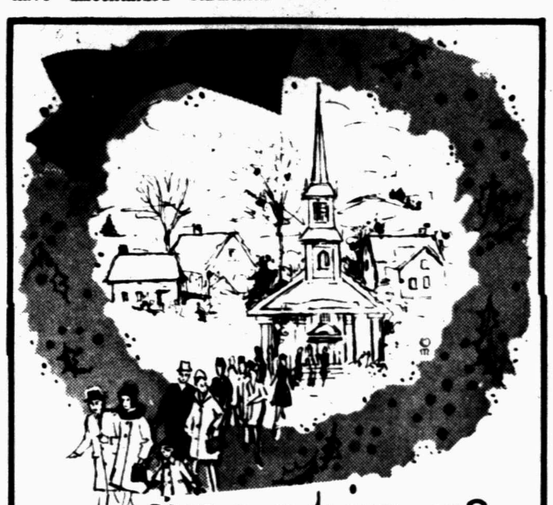

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Witness Tells About Wiretap

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — A Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. security chief in Houston helped police establish an illegal wiretap, according to district court testimony by an attorney.

Attorney Robert Tarrant, in a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus, testified that policemen "got the information from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., from Jerry Slaughter," to establish an illegal wiretap.

Slaughter was quoted by a Bell spokesman as saying "there is absolutely no truth to the allegation."

Tarrant filed the writ in an effort to overturn the conviction of Louis Gonzales, a Houston man serving 28 years on a drug charge. The attorney claimed his client was convicted on perjured testimony.

Tarrant testified that to prove the perjury he had obtained an agreement from the district attorney's office to give immunity to a former police officer who allegedly participated in the wiretap.

An assistant district attorney, Charles Cates, said, however, that no immunity was recommended.

Tony Zavala, the ex-policeman, then pled the fifth ammendment 26 times as Tarrant hammered at him with questions that spun a tale of the wiretap.

"You got the location for (telephone) bugs from Jerry Slaughter and learned how to put the taps on," Tarrant asked at one point.

"I plead the fifth," Zavala replied.

Earlier, two officers who arrested Gonzales said the arrest came as the result of information from "an informant." They claimed no knowledge of any wiretaps.

During his testmony, Tarrant claimed that if Zavala was granted immunity he could provide information on how an illegal wiretap was conducted and how information from the tap led to the arrest of Gonzales.

Zavala faces federal charges on wiretapping.

Dist. Judge Fred M. Hooey set additional testimony on the writ for Jan. 17.

The largest town in the state when Nevada was admitted to the Union was Washoe, now the site of crumbling buildings.

New Room In Famed Hall

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — There's a new contemporary room in the Baseball Hall of Fame. It includes the home uniforms of all 24 present major league teams. The floor of the room has an artificial surface.

Pictures of such present stars as Hank Aaron, Willie Stargell, Frank and Brooks Robinson, Dave McNally, Vida Blue, Billy Williams and Nate Colbert occupy prominent places in the new room.

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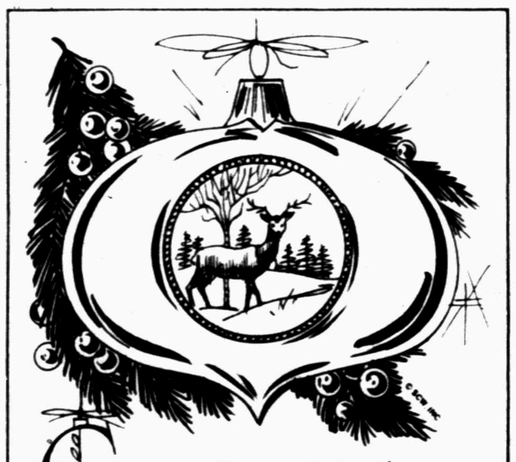

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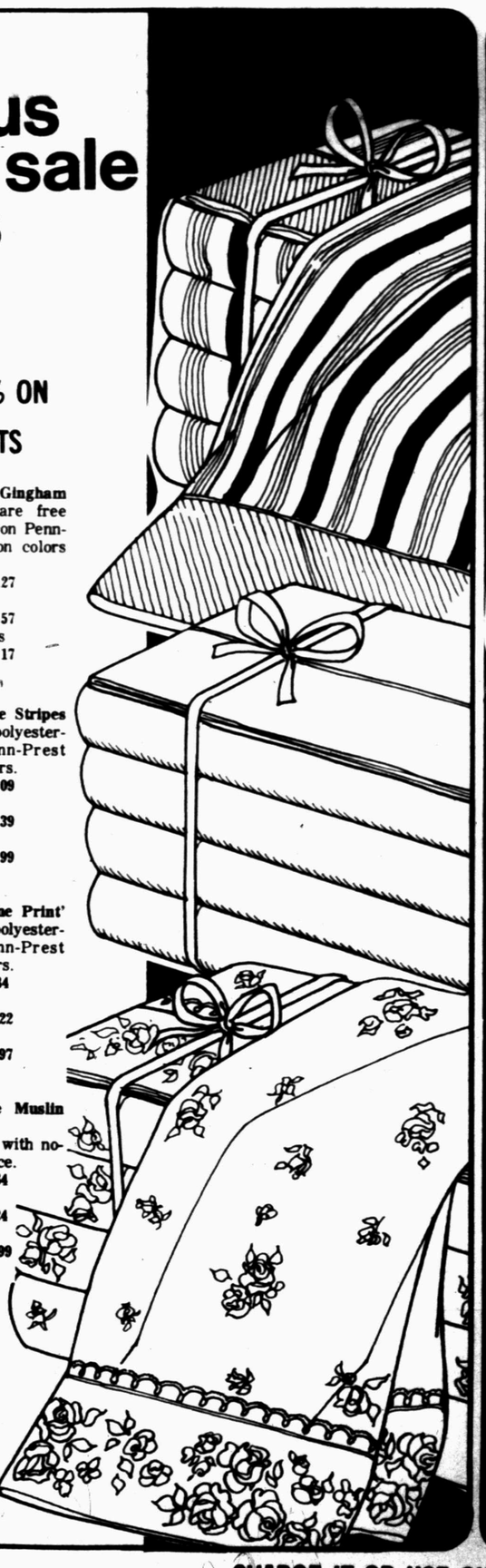

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COUNTY PARTY—Employees at the Scurry County Courthouse gave a party for six of their fellow employes who are leaving office Jan. 1. County Judge Preston Wilson (far right), on behalf of the employes, presented going away gifts. Honored at the party, held Monday at noon on the first floor of the courthouse, are, from left to right, front row, Buford Browning, and Jimmie Billingsley; top row, Bill Hairston, Zada Drum Chapman, Mary Ellen Meador and Raylene Isaacs. They have a total of 81½ years of employment for the county. Billingsley is the oldest in length of service with 28 years as a district clerk, county clerk, county auditor and Justice of the Peace.

Carols First Sung In Italy

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Christmas carols were first sung in 13th-century Italy, then taken to Spain, France, Germany and finally to England by wandering musicians who sang between the acts of miracle plays, according to Hallmark researcher Sally Hopkins.

One of the earliest English carols is "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," which dates back to the 1500s. "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" was written in 1703 and set to a tune from a Handel opera. One of the world's best-known carols, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was written by Pastor Joseph Mohr of Oberndorf, Austria, on Christmas Eve 1818. The melody was composed that same evening by Franz Gruber, an organist and schoolmaster. Carols written in the United States, reports Miss Hopkins, include "O Little Town of Bethlehem (1868), "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (1863) and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

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Was Marx Wrong On Inflation?

LONDON—(LENS)—Alexander Solzhenitsyn says that inflation is a moral issue. It has been the Communists claim that this particular problem afflicts them less than it does the West. Week after week Moscow radio cites the raging inflation in the West as proof of the failure of the mixed economy; steady prices in Communist shops, it says, are a clear indication of Karl Marx.

Marx aside, the claim is fair enough - up to a point. The Soviet retail price index has remained unchanged for seven years (fares on the Moscow subway are still the same as they were in 1935 when it was built) and in China officially recorded local prices have risen hardly at all over two decades.

But is this the same as licking inflation?

Not quite. One thing the Russians leave out of their index (and the Chinese would leave out if they had an index) are the prices in the relatively free markets where peasants from collective farms sell the produce of their private plots. The Russians explain that the free market contributes only 2½ per cent of their total retail turnover, so that its fluctuations do not matter very much.

But the official index also ignores numerous hidden price increases. The standard method of disguising price rises is to label a product "New" or "improved." When the GAZ-21 model of the Volga car was replaced by its not very different successor, GAZ-24, for example, the price jumped by two-thirds from $7,353 to $12,369.

Even allowing for these unrecorded price rises, the inflation rate in Communist countries has been much lower than in the West. (Only Yugoslavia, which is not a member of the east European economic grouping, Comecon, has a Western-style inflation, now running at over 20 per cent.)

But what all Communist countries do suffer from is a peculiar phenomenon known as "Repressed inflation," which is one form of what happens when too much money chases too few goods.

Russia says it has raised real wages by two thirds between 1960 and 1972. But because of the scarcity of attractive consumer goods, an over-large portion of this increase has gone into savings. The number of rubles held in savings accounts nearly tripled between 1965 nand 1970 and rose by another 45 per cent by 1973.

At last count, banked savings totalled some $20 billion - a purchasing power equivalent to over a third of the retail turnover in 1973.

The authorities are now trying to channel this extra purchasing power into expensive luxuries such as jewelry and imported consumer goods, having failed to rid themselves of accumulated stocks of local products which consumers rejected because of their poor quality. When goods that Russian buyers really want appear on the market they are sold out within hours. So a feature of this Soviet-style inflation is an unevenly supplied market with many bottlenecks and frequent shortages.

Unlike China, Russia and its East European allies share another source of inflationary pressure - a free labor market within towns, if not between different parts of the country. With labor in increasingly short supply, there is a good deal of competition among managers to twist the rules in order to attract the labor they need. These workers are often given unofficial rises in salary, as well as fringe benefits which do not come into any official statistics.

What will probably determine the future rate of inflation in Comminest countries more than anything else is the degree of their involvement in trade with the West. China, with only $5 per capita income from foreign trade (compared with Japan's $369), is not yet very vulnerable to imported inflation.

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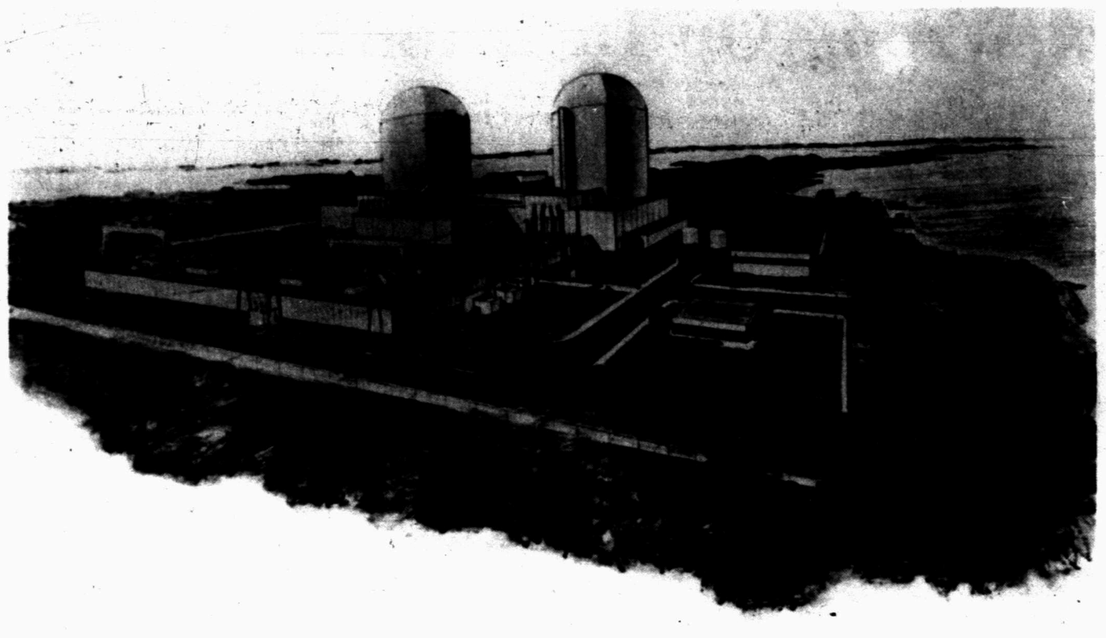
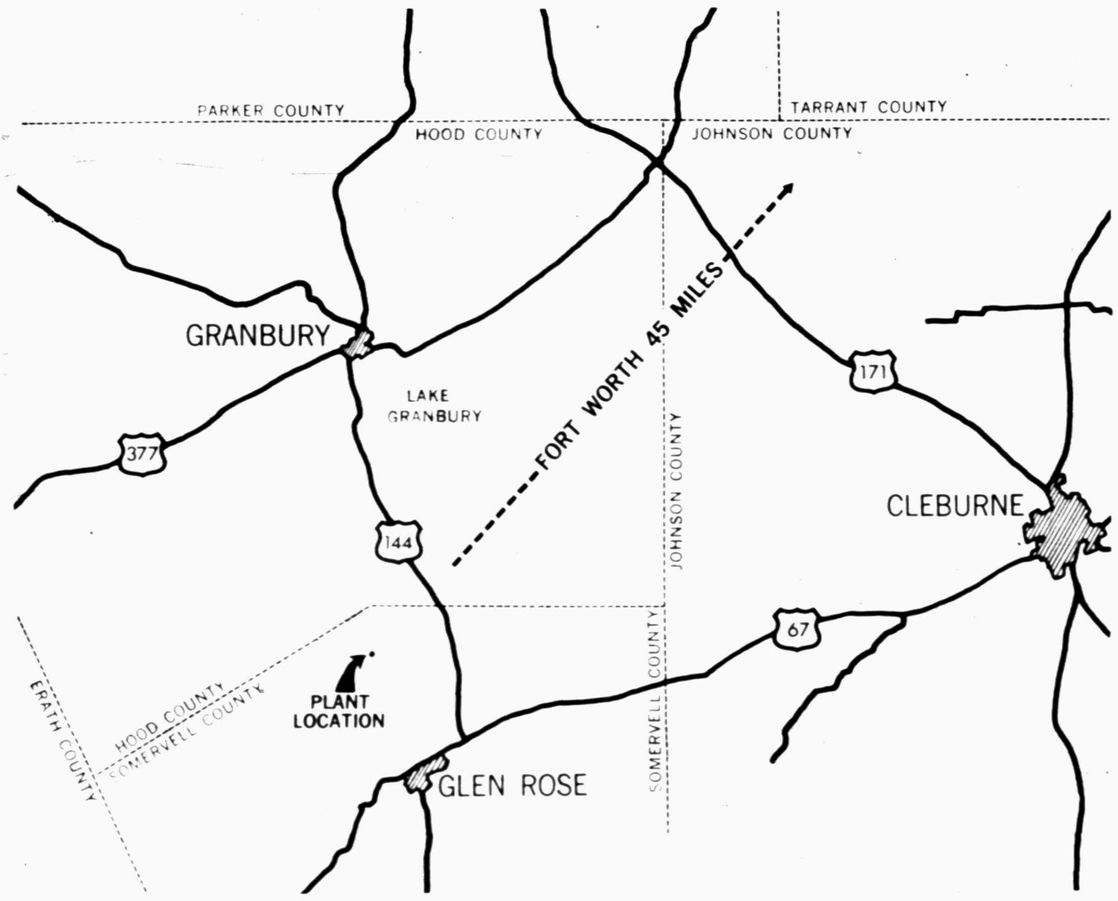


WORK TO START IN MARCH—Work is expected to begin in March on a nuclear power plant near Glen Rose. The drawing above shows how the plant will look, while the map below shows its geograpic location. Three electric utilities firms—Texas Electric Service Co., Dallas Power & Light and Texas Power & Light——will own the two 1.15 million kilowatt generating units.



Permit Is Granted For Nuclear Electric Plant

The Atomic Energy Commission has issued a construction permit for the first nuclear power plant to be built in Texas. The plant, to be called the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, will be built 45 miles southwest of Fort Worth near Glen Rose.

The permit comes after more than four years of planning and studies by the three utilities that will own the two 1,150,000 kilowatt generating units -- Texas Electric Service Company, Dallas Power & Light and Texas Power & Light. The companies formally applied to the AEC for a construction permit July 20, 1973.

Burl Hulsey, TESCO president, said, "The issuance of the construction permit will help keep us on a schedule leading to the operation of the first unit in early 1980. The use of nuclear fuel is essential to meet our customers' needs for electriciity in the future and is also a vital part of our fuel diversification program to reduce our dependence on natural gas."

Plans for the plant have been under continuing study and review by state and federal agencies since it was announced in 1972. In June 1973, the construction of the Squaw Creek Reservoir, which will provide the plant with cooling water, was approved by the Texas Water Rights Commission.

In December 1973, the three-man Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, appointed by the AEC to carry out the licensing procedure for the plant, held its first prehearing conference.

In February of this year, after a public hearing in Austin, the plant received a permit from the Texas Water Quality Board. The AEC staff issued its final environmental statement for the plant in June, after a draft version had been reviewed by some two dozen state and federal agencies and a public hearing on environmental matters was conducted by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board July 31-Aug. 1 in Glen Rose.

The AEC staff issued its safety evaluation report in Sept. Also during that month, a three-man subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) toured the site and conducted a public hearing in Bedford. The ACRS is a 14-member panel of independent experts which review the safety aspects of each nuclear facility.

In October, the full ACRS completed its review of the plant. Also that month, the companies received a limited work authorization from the AEC which allowed site preparation to begin. That work is underway, with more than 300 workers presently at the site.

In November, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board returned to Glen Rose to conduct a two-day public hearing on health and safety aspects of the plant.

Further review following the hearing completed the lengthy process required for the issuance of the permit, which will allow full construction activities to begin at the site.

According to Hulsey, it is expected that foundation work will begin in March and that employment during construction of the plant will average between 800 and 100.

Saving For Santa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Record numbers of Americans put cash into Christmas Club accounts to insure inflation wouldn't lighten the load in Santa's sack in 1974.

Nearly 19 million people — 6 per cent more than 1973 — saved more than $3.75 billion in Christmas Club accounts during 1974, the American Bankers Assn. reports. The average depositor saved an estimated $205 this year compared with $182 last year to boost Yule Club deposits 12 per cent in 1974.

Most people can tell butterflies and moths apart. You see butterflies mainly in the daytime, moths at night.

Dr. Barron Dies At Age 91

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn. (AP) — Dr. Moses Barron, 91, whose research helped in the discovery of insulin, died Sunday. He practiced medicine from 1921 to 1964 and taught at the University of Minnesota Medical School for 40 years.

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West's Fate Is An Arab Shopping List

The money left over to the oil barons of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries after they have paid for all their imports, and for the harbors, oil refineries and other baubles being built in their countries for them by foreigners, is running at about $60 billion a year. That is about $7 million an hour, or $115,000 a second.

The world now has multibillionaires who every year could buy the entire wealth of the oil-created Rockefeller family 60 times over or buy all securities on the London stock exchange every nine months. They are not spending enough of their money, and are thus causing financial havoc. When they do spend more of it, they will cause a big political problem: how to come to terms with the Arab and Persian power that their ability to buy up Western businesses will bring.

A Beirut-organized consortium of Arabs, it is said, was last spring warned off by the White House from making a partial takeover bid for Lockheed Aircraft. Lockheed is in trouble with its TriStar airliner, but it is also America's largest defense contractor. Earlier this year Washington refused to allow the Iranians to invest in Grumman Corporation, another defense and space contractor which makes the Tomcat fighter the Iranians have been buying.

Even the Iranian offer to pay for restarting production of Lockheed's giant C-5A transport airplanes has aroused little enthusiasm.

What will happen when a multinational sheikh or shah wants to buy Quaker Oats or Coca-Cola, examples cited by Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve of companies whose acquisition would raise no storm?

Answer: many Americans will dislike it as much as the rest of the world has resented takeovers of their local companies by American giants ever since the war. When the Canadian Development Corporation bought America's Texasgulf, whose main assets were in fact in Canada, there was an outraged reaction in Congress.

Some involvement by the oil producers in Western industry would be no bad thing. For Kuwait to learn at first hand the problems of a car maker in a world of escalating gasoline prices from its new 14 per cent stake in Daimler-Benz is an education that can only be to the good. Or so Herr Helmut Schmidt is arguing after the Kuwait-Daimler-Benz deal last week; but even laissez-faire Germany is now pushing forward legislation to require government approval of such deals.

While the Arabs' advisers want them to buy good, profitable companies like Daimler-Benz, the oil-consuming countries would rather sell off the cash-hungry problem corporations. Anyone want to buy British Rail? With a bit of luck, direct ownership should lead to the sort of responsibility that rich men have to learn if they want to stay securely rich.

A more brutal, though unmentionable, reason for encouraging direct Arab investment is that it will provide a small bargaining hostage to fortune.

So far, the producers have spent little on direct investments, and have been careful to avoid going for complete control. Kuwait bough St. Martins Property Corporation in Britain—a company without a noisy workforce to contend with. But however eager the spender, it takes far more time to buy a multimillion investment than it does to earn the money to pay for it. It is when they start spending that the next round of political problems will begin.

If the Middle Eastern oil moguls get the taste for exercising the power of their purse, it will not be long before they could own great chunks of the industrialized world. It is a sobering thought that two years' worth of oil money surpluses would be equal to the entire sum of direct investments made over all the years by American corporations aborad.

BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A COPEC?

How many Copec-years (one year's worth of surplus cash of the Opec countries equals $60 billion). Copec-days (one day's worth equals $164 million) or Copec-hours ($6.8 million) it takes to buy:

All companies on all the world's major stock markets 15.6 Copec-years
Britain's entire personal wealth 15.5 Copec-years
An annuity of $232 a week for all male adult Arabs 12.8 Copec-years
New York stock exchange 9.2 Copec-years
All Britain's industrial assets 6 Copec years
All central banks' gold at $170 an ounce 3.2 Copec-years
All America's direct investments outside the U.S. 1.8 Copec-years
All French and German quoted companies 0.9 Copec-years
dLondon stock exchange 0.8 Copec-years
IBM 143 Copec-days
Exxon 79 Copec-days
British Petroleum 15 Copec-days
Bank of America 10 Copec-days
The Rockefeller family's wealth 6 Copec-days
14 per cent of Daimler-Benz 2 Copec-days
British Leyland Motor Corporation 18.4 Copec-hours
One Lockheed C-5A 8 Copec-hours

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Place Looks Like Museum

HOUSTON (AP) — When people tell Alan Bies that his place looks like a museum, he is delighted. This means he has reached his goal — collecting enough antique musical instruments to fill a museum.

Bies, 25, owns about 70 coin-operated pianos and other automated instruments, including a Wurlitzer 180 Concert Band Organ, circa 1930, one of the world's largest music machines. Bies paid $31,000 for it last summer at the auction of an antique car and musical instrument collection.

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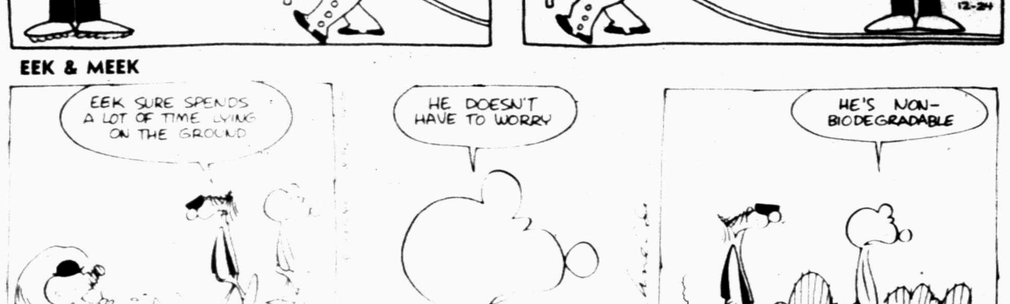

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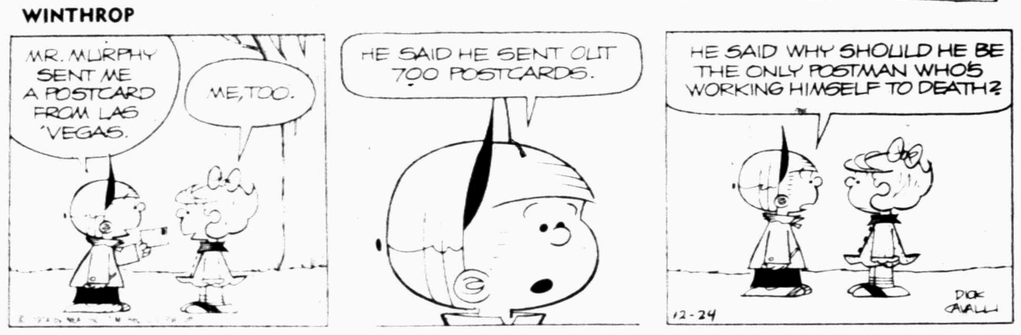

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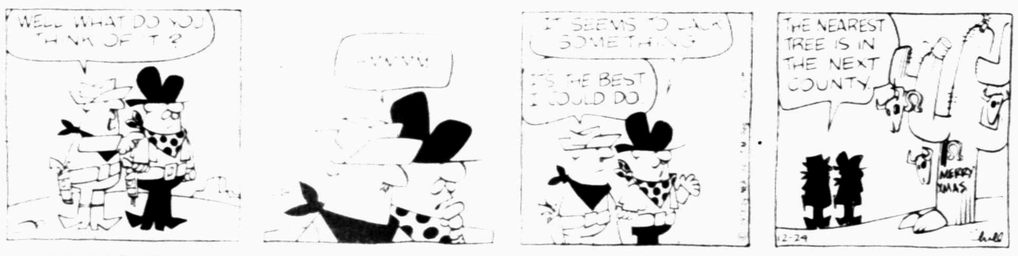

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Scrambler

ACROSS
1 Capital of Peru
7 Forbid
13 Mortgagee
14 Epic poem
15 Saturn, for instance
16 Emulates
17 Glutted
18 Prison rooms
19 Wisest
23 Hebrew month
27 Epoch
28 Strongbox
32 Makes mistake
33 Ethiopian bigwig
34 Jellify
35 Cereal grass
36 Interest liab.
37 Repast
38 Larissan mountain
40 Lifetime

DOWN
1 Sacred ark
2 Dried fruits
3 Dusted
4 Fabric finish
5 Mortgagor
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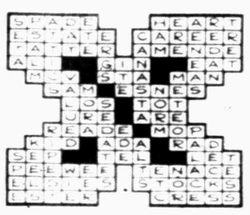

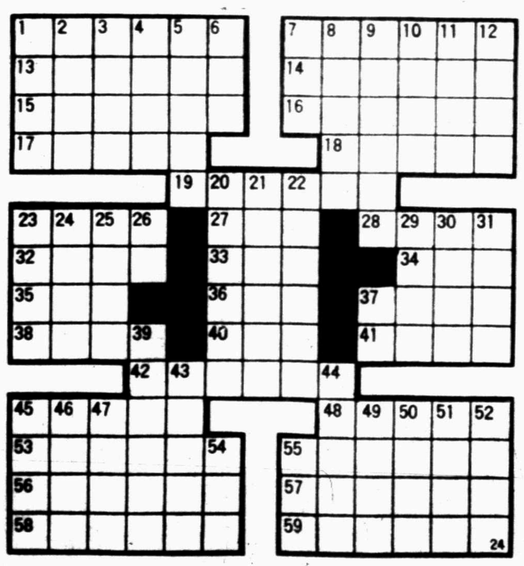

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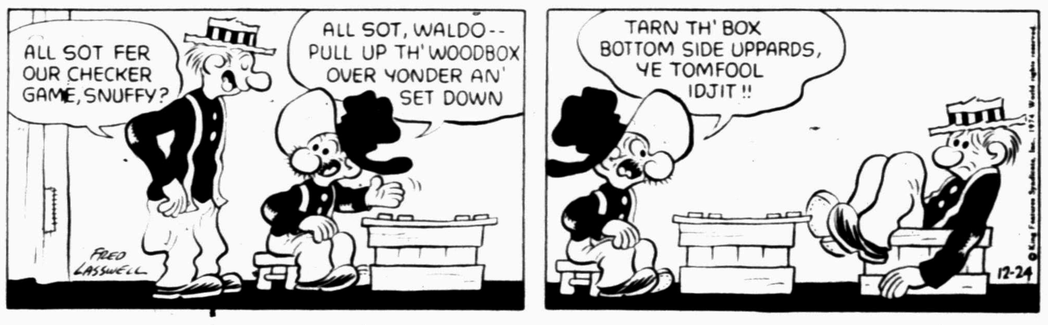

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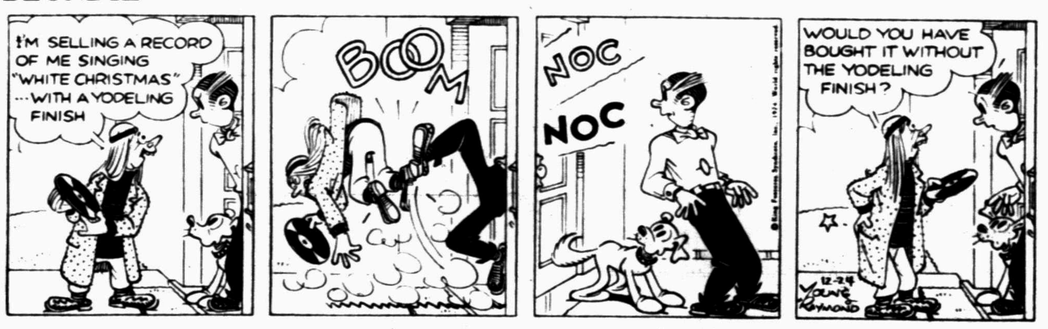

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Animal Sounds

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Sound made by lambs
4 Contented cat sound
7 Crow cry
10 Propels a boat
12 Noun suffix (pl.)
14 Timetable abbreviation
15 Celebes ox
16 Grasp
17 Pigpen
18 Yapping dog
20 Places to sit
22 Responded
24 Ready (Sp.)
26 Slightly wet
30 Masculine nickname
31 Out of (prefix)
32 Dove call
33 Beverage
34 Boxing defeat
36 1,051 (Roman)
37 Agile
39 Had slip of memory
42 Spread false rumors
45 Desert animal
47 Wicked
51 Upper limb
52 Group of players
54 Farm building
55 Female deer
56 Ancient Arabian kingdom
57 Italian volcano
58 Wheat beard
59 Lion's home
60 Diminutive of Samuel

DOWN

1 Donkey cry
2 First rank (2 wds.)
3 What a deserter is (ab.)
4 Move to another place
5 Ever (poet.)
6 Arm joint
7 Fling
8 Talents
9 Distorted
11 Dead (comb form)
13 German warship: Graf
19 Evening (poet.)
21 Put to
23 Poultry sound
24 Small chicken cry
25 King of beasts warning
27 Highest point
28 Shape
29 Hawaiian foodstuff
30 Army officers (ab.)
35 Rower
38 Sweet potato
40 Greek letter
41 Meaning
43 Places
44 Supplicate
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51 Feminine name
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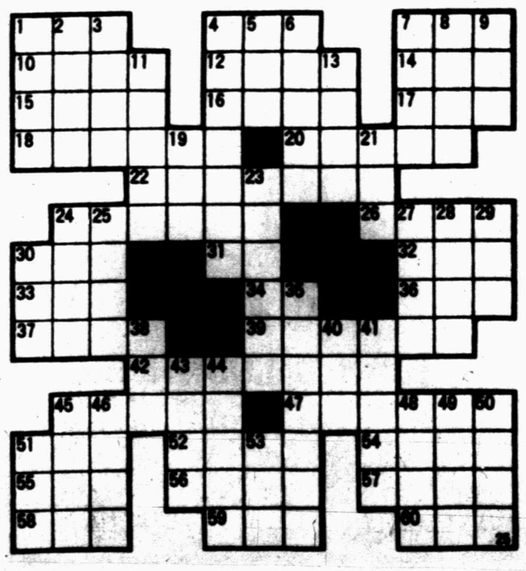

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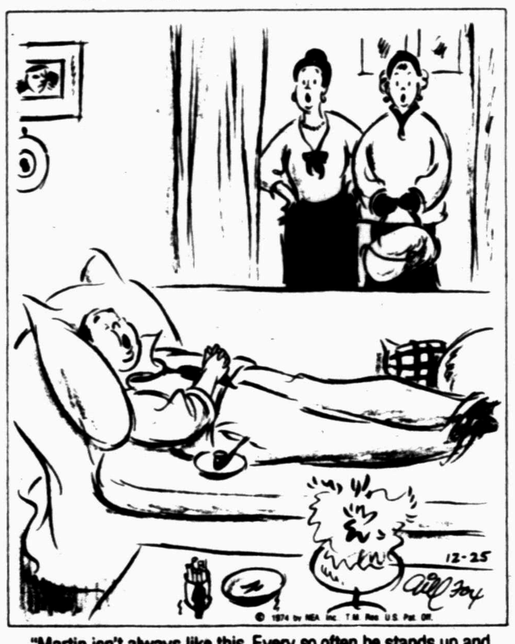

"Martin isn't always like this. Every so often he stands up and dabbles in living!"

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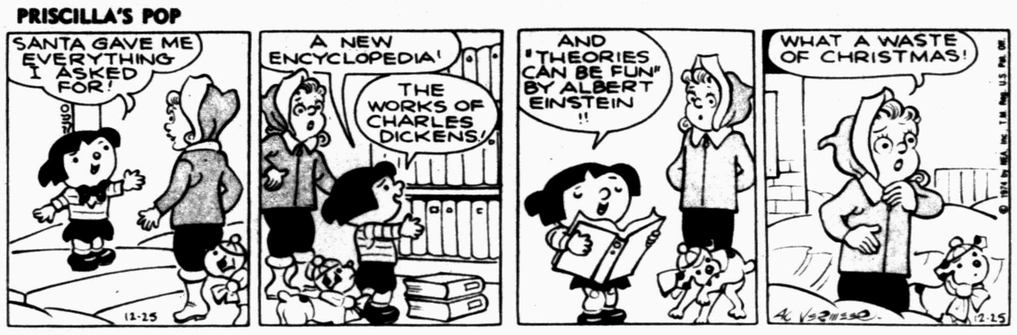

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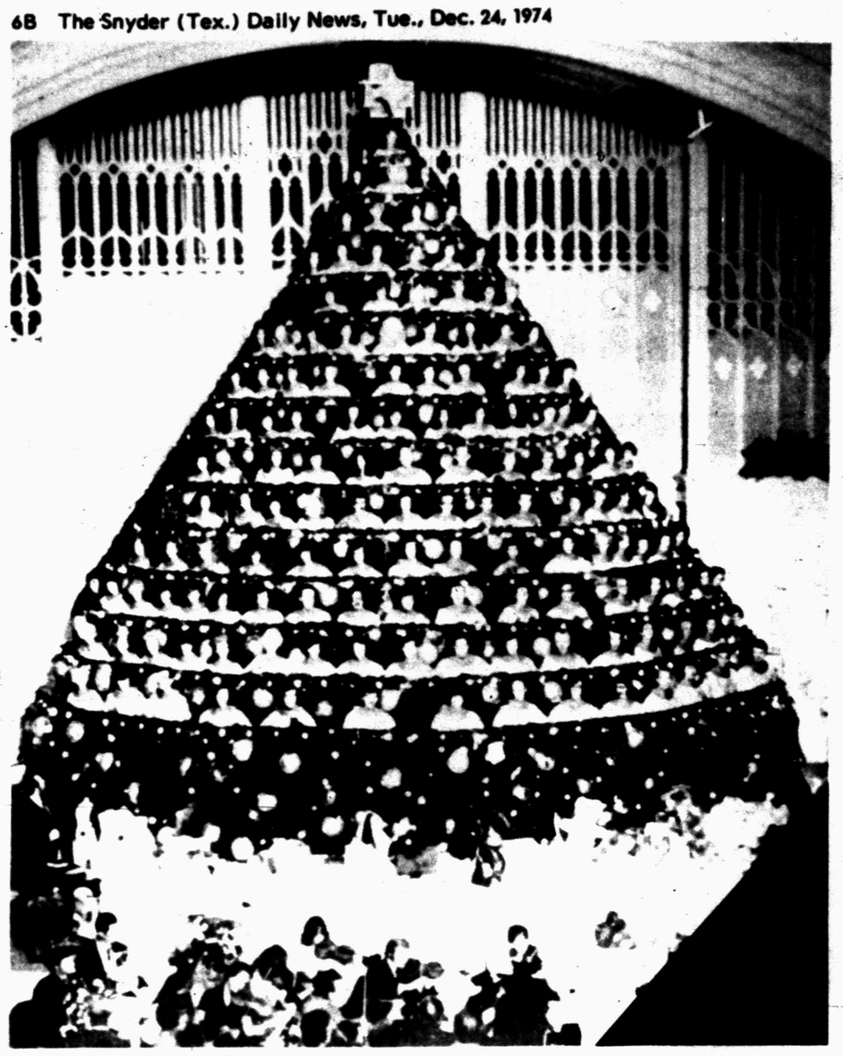

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE—The sanctuary choir of The First Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., presented their Christmas music in the form of a Christmas tree. The 180 member choir stood on 60,000 pounds of steel scaffolding reaching to a height of 60 feet in the church auditorium. The one hour 15 minute program was presented to a full house for five nights. (AP Wirephoto)

Oil Refinery Workers Are Pondering Strike

By MAX B. SKELTON
AP Oil Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The first major strikes by oil refinery workers since 1969 may be developing.

Contracts covering about 60,000 workers who handle from 60 to 70 per cent of the nation's refinery runs expire Jan. 7.

So far, the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union is unhappy with company offers for new contracts.

The union responded to the offers with a strongly worded fullpage advertisement published last week in selected newspapers across the nation. Never before has the union taken its contract disputes directly to the public in such a manner.

The advertisement made no direct reference to contract negotiations or possible strikes but its heading read in part "How the oil industry causes the inflation that robs our paychecks."

"We may be paying more for foreign crude, but we're also paying a lot more for industry profits," the ad said.

"The oil industry has reaped windfall profits while pursuing policies that can only be called irresponsible and contrary to the national interest."

It added that oil companies can and should lower products prices and that even a large wage increase could be absorbed now by current high profits.

Since 1961, it continued, the price of a barrel of refined products has increased from $3.85 to $10.10 but, during the same period, refinery labor costs per barrel dropped from 7.1 per cent to 3.3 per cent as productivity increased 71 per cent.

The ad's readers then were told: "We hope we've helped you understand who's responsible for inflation, who's benefitting from it, who's suffering .... We're not profiting at your expense; the industry is."

Morris Akin, director of the union's Gulf Coast district that includes nearly one-third of the nation's 14 million barrels a day refining capacity, says only token offers have been received from refiners.

"There's been no change since the offers were received and strikes are a good possibility," Akin said.

Negotiations are handled locally but any agreements must be approved by the union's international headquarters at Denver, Colo., where a national oil bargaining policy committee set the 1975 contract guidelines in August.

The average hourly wage now is $5.85. The union is seeking an hourly increase of $1.50 for each of the next three years, a cost of living escalator provision, and a 50-cent hourly "catch-up" raise for mid-1975.

When announcing the objectives in August, A. F. Grospiron, the union president, said January strikes were virtually inevitable.

There is indication the companies want no part of a three-year contract. Mobil offered a 10.5 per cent increase the first year but wants to negotiate 1976 later. Texaco offered a 10.5 per cent raise for 1975 and 7 per cent for 1976.

By contrast, the 1969 strikes involved a union demand for a 72-cent hourly increase spread over two years.

"Things have changed a lot since then," Akin said.

The 1969 strikes quickly dropped refinery runs from 10,563,000 barrels a day to 9,735,000 a day but it was estimated supervisory personnel kept many affected plants operating at 80 per cent or more of normal levels.

A similar but less widespread strike in 1971 cut daily runs from 11,255,000 to 10,783,000 barrels.

Supervisors might be turning valves again in January, but with the approach of year-end, inventories of crude oil and practically all products except kerosine and diesel fuel were well above the comparable 1973 and 1972 levels.

Many Epileptics Resist Drugs

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Thirty-five per cent of the nation's epilepsy victims are "resistant" to treatment, says D. Richard Schmidt of New York who spoke recently at a Portland epilepsy seminar.

Chimney Sweeps Unbelievable

By MARC WILSON
Associated Press Writer

DENVER, Colo. (AP) — "People don't believe it sometimes when we come to their door with our soot-covered faces, long hair, black capes and top hat."

Greg Marklin is a chimney sweep. He and his partner, dressed like characters from a Charles Dickens' novel, knock the soot from the inside of chimneys using chains, brushes and lots of climbing and squeezing — the method used for centuries of chimney cleaning.

They charge $30 for cleaning a family's fireplace and chimney.

"We really enjoy wearing the capes and hats — the traditional chimney sweeps' outfit," Marklin says. "We do it to turn ourselves on, and we turn on lots of our customers too."

Marklin's partner, John Graham, says they're chimney sweeps "so we can just have lots of laughs and a good time. People like to touch us — I guess they've seen Mary Poppins and know it's supposed to be good luck."

"But sometimes people think we're just a comedy act," Marklin says. "Sure, we try to have fun and make other people have a good time, and sometimes we tell little kids we're Santa's elves coming to clean out the chimney before he comes on Christmas.

"But really we're very serious. We work hard and do a good job and have pride in our work."

Graham says that being a sweep is a dangerous job:

"We work in all kinds of weather, and you should see some of the roofs we have to climb. There are 101 diseases sweeps die of, and in the Old World sweeps had the shortest life spans of any profession.

"In the Old World, people had jobs where they took pride in their work, and did a job from beginning to end. I liked that, and I want a profession with pride and tradition."

About a year ago Graham convinced Marklin, 21, that the energy crisis made it an ideal time to become sweeps.

"I thought he was crazy for suggesting it," Marklin says.

"And I thought he was crazy for accepting it," Graham, 21, says.

THE MIXER

Select words meaning the opposite of the words above the squares, arranging the letters in the two words to form a new word which means:

joyful; merry

EMPTY ☐☐☐☐ HAW ☐☐☐

The MIXER word is: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Previous Mixer Answer
Opposite words: SENSE and DIP.
Mixer word: DISPENSE.

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Santa's Problem Pup

By Bob Boyle

CHAPTER 12

The elves couldn't believe it.

"Are you joking, Miss Kay Nihn?" Juniperperper asked.

"Do you mean it?" Jody asked.

She smiled and replied, "Of course I mean it. It's not that I want to be nice and kind, but I checked the computer and all my records and it appears that Peako would be best suited as a pet of Santa and that Santa would find Peako as his best pet."

"That's the nicest thing you ever did," Juniperperper said, and he ran to the front of the room and gave Miss Kay Nihn a big kiss.

The other elves started to cheer.

Miss Kay Nihn began to blush.

"Oh now please," she said. "Come on now."

"I can't understand her," Jinkersnipes replied. "I always thought she was a mean fuddyduddy."

"I guess you can't judge a book by its cover," said Juniperperper.

"How will we keep it from Santa?" asked Juniperperper.

"I've thought about that," Miss Kay Nihn said. "We will pretend that we're putting Peako aboard the sleigh. But once Santa gets on it we will take Peako off the back end. Then when Santa returns we will have his surprise waiting for him."

The elves all clapped.

"Now return to Santa's house," Miss Kay Nihn said. "But remember one thing. Don't tell Santa and don't let on that I'm anything but a meanie. Juniperperper, you tell Santa I am a fuddyduddy. You've done that before. And Jinkersnipes, you tell him I am mean. You other elves go along with them so as not to give the secret away."

"Now boys," Santa said. "She is only doing her job. Errr, did she say who was getting Peako?"

"She wouldn't tell us," Jody said. "But she did say he would have a good home. But I don't believe her."

Peako nudged against Santa.

"I'll miss this old pup," Santa said.

It was the day before Christmas which always is the busiest day at the North Pole.

After breakfast the elves went to their workshops and began carrying out toys and gifts to Santa's sled.

The elf, Jody, supervised the loading.

The pups and the kittens would be the last things put on the sled. They all would have a meal before they began their long journey to the homes across the world.

After lunch Miss Kay Nihn came into the dining room.

"Santa," she said. "I've come for Peako. It is time to get him ready for tonight's trip."

"Well, I knew this would come," Santa said. "But I will miss this old puppy."

He bent down and petted Peako. "Be a good dog now, and be nice to your new owners. Who will get Peako, Miss Kay Nihn?"

"Oh, I don't know. I don't have the name with me," she replied.

She put a leash on Peako and led him away.

The last one on was Peako. "Here's Peako," Jody said. "Be careful with him."

"All ready," Santa calleed.

"All ready," the elves said.

Peako jumped out.

"Up, up and away," he said as the team of reindeer began the long journey.

Throughout the long night Santa visited the homes of all children throughout the world.

When he got back to the North Pole he was exhausted.

Mrs. Claus fixed him some warm broth and said, "Before you go to bed, Santa, drink this. It will relax you."

"You know, I miss Peako," Santa said. "I hope he is happy."

The elves came in. "Welcome back," they said. "Santa, we have a surprise gift for you."

"For me?" Santa said. "I don't know what in the world you can get me."

"Here it is," Juniperperper said, as he handed Santa a Christmas stocking.

"Why it is wiggling," Santa said.

He opened it.

Peako jumped out, leaped to Santa's lap and licked his face.

"Happy Christmas, Santa," the elves called. "Peako is your dog forever."

"This is the best Christmas ever," Santa beamed.

And Miss Kay Nihn stood in the back of the room watching.

She was smiling.

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Davis Among Greatest Heros

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Herman Davis of Manila (Mississippi County), one of Arkansas' World War I heroes, was listed by Gen. John J. Pershing among the 100 greatest heroes of the war.

Davis, a 30-year-old private who never got past the fourth grade, received the Distinguished Service Cross for singlehandedly knocking out a German machine gun nest near Verdun during the Allied Meuse-Argonne offensive Oct. 10, 1918.

He died in a Memphis hospital in 1923 of pulmonary tuberculosis resulting in part from a breath of poison gas in France during the war. A state park at Manila was named after him.

Oysters funnel up to 100 gallons of water a day through their rather shapeless, headless, slippery bodies.

Lions Aid Blind

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Each Friday the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club members take turns selling little white plastic canes to help finance research and treatment of eye problems.

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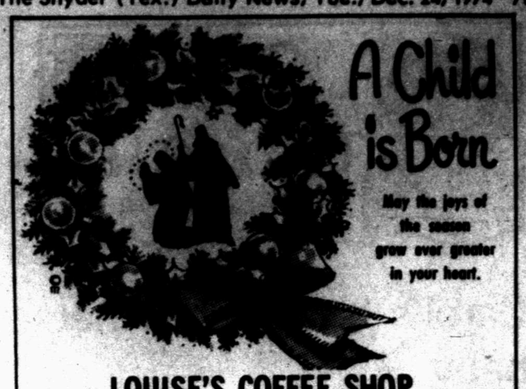

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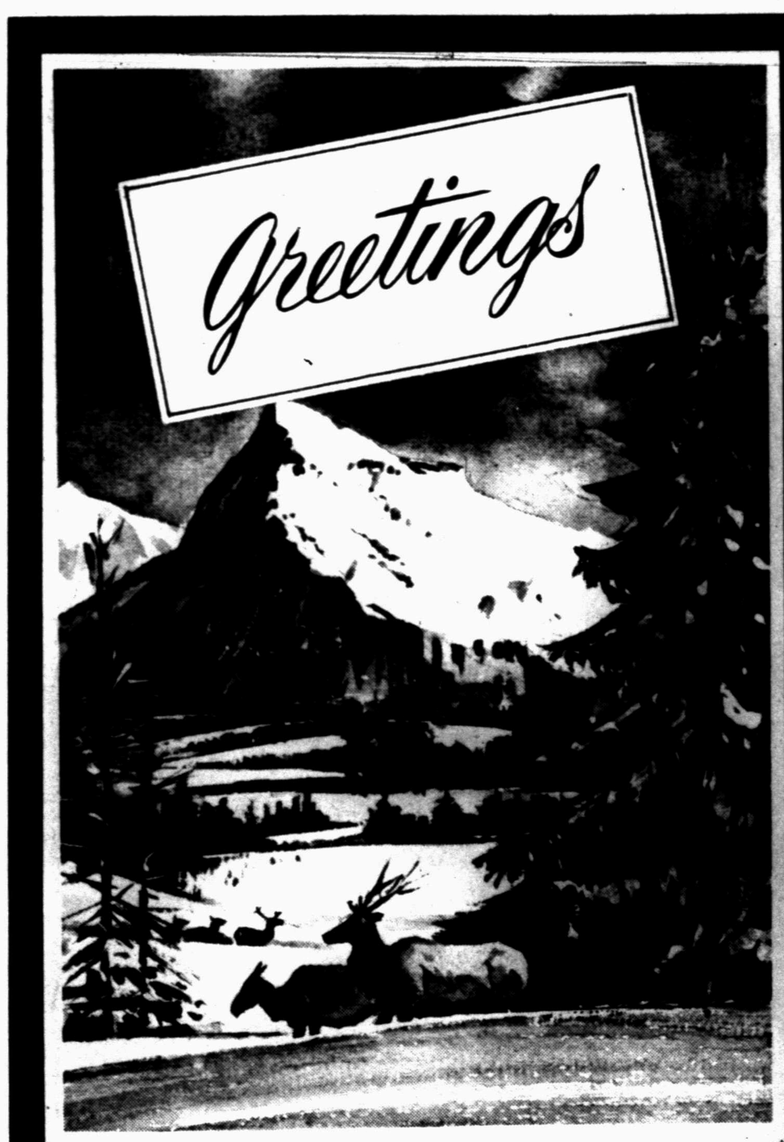

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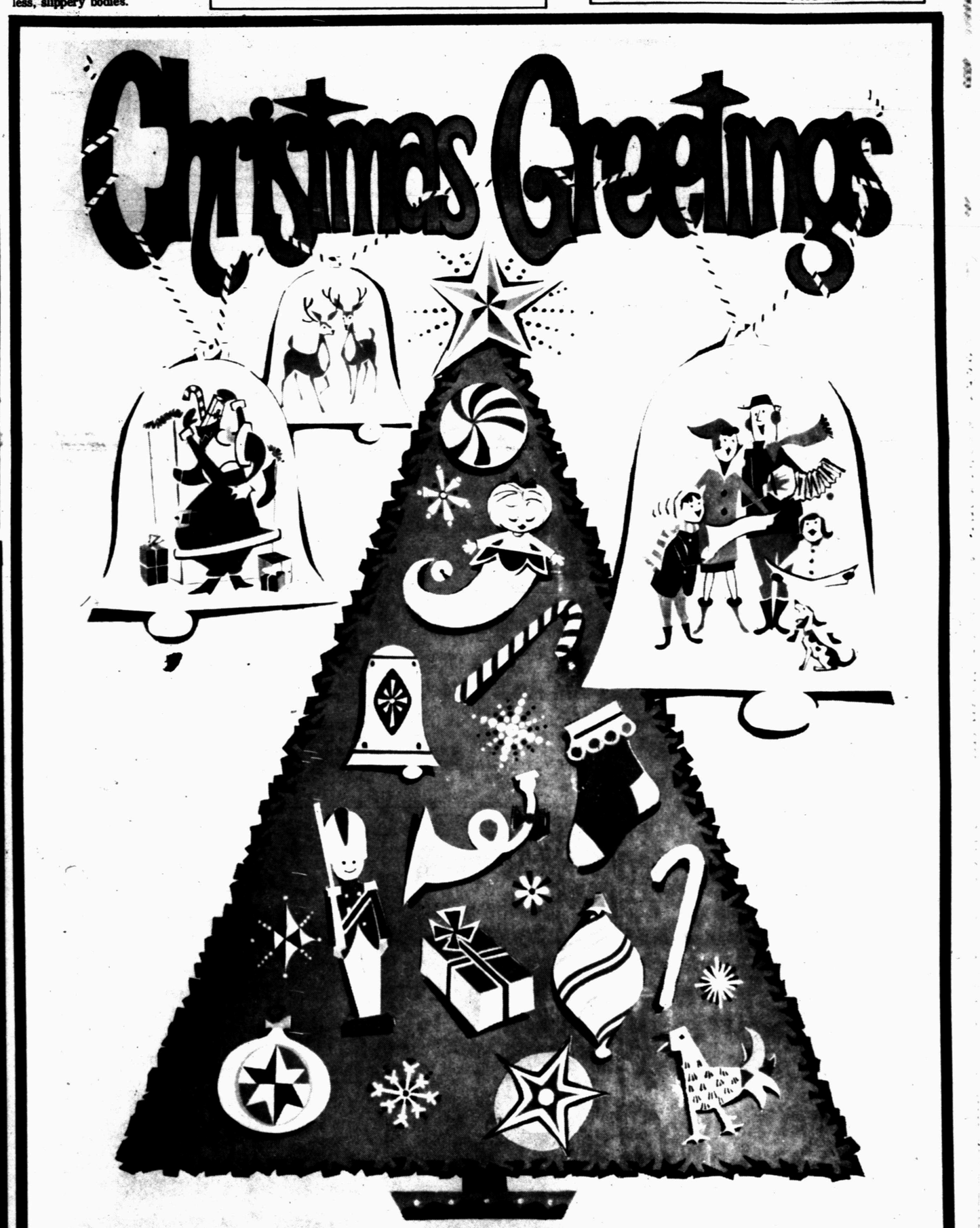

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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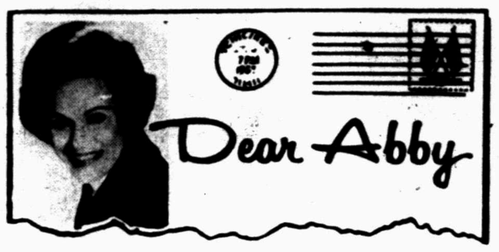

Carol's brother has her baby

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, our 19-year-old daughter (I'll call her "Carol") became pregnant by a young man who walked out on her, but she wanted to keep the baby anyway.

My eldest son and his wife were childless. They desperately wanted a baby, and seemed unable to have one, so I talked Carol into letting her brother legally adopt her newborn son. (Few people know this.)

About a year later, Carol married a fine young man and they moved 300 miles from here. Twelve months later Carol gave birth to another son.

Since Carol's marriage she has been very cold towards me. I would write her long, newsy letters which she would answer with short, formal notes. She never telephones me. I always call her. And there is no sign of real affection—just politeness on her part.

When my husband and I drove down for Carol's baby's christening, she put us up at a nearby motel. I know she has a guest room.

I am sure the reason for her coolness is because she now regrets giving up her firstborn, and she holds me responsible. I admit, the idea of my son adopting Carol's baby was mine, but I honestly thought it would be better for Carol, too.

What should I do, Abby? Stay in the background and wait until she comes to me? Or continue writing and calling and sending little gifts as I have? SHUT OUT

DEAR SHUT: Continue as you have been. At least there is some communication between you and Carol. Don't take all the blame, Mother. Even though you say you "talked your daughter into giving up her firstborn," the ultimate decision was hers.

DEAR ABBY: I've heard of golf widows, fishing widows and baseball widows, but would you believe a dog widow? I've been married eight months and every Saturday and Sunday morning, my Harold grabs the morning papers and goes right for the lost and found section looking for lost pets.

He checks off those that offer big rewards, then he jumps into his pickup truck and goes out hunting for the lost pets.

So far he has located four lost dogs and collected $300 in rewards. That's an average of $37.50 a month. We both work, and I would rather have Harold home for some good old-fashioned sleeping in on weekends than scouting for lost dogs.

Any suggestions? DOG-GONED

DEAR D.G.: Offer Harold $35.00 a month to stay home.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a military man and has been for 17 years. He recently got orders to go overseas. He can take his family—all expenses paid—but he refuses to take us.

We've been married for only three years. We were separated once for three weeks and that was terribly hard on me. This tour would be between 18 and 24 months.

My husband says he can't afford to take us, but other Army men in the same circumstances manage. We have three kids. (We each had one when we got married and we had one together.)

Please, Abby, how can I make him take us with him? I love him so much I don't think I could live without him. ARMY WIFE

DEAR WIFE: You can't force him to, but when a husband and wife come to an impasse, they should seek counseling together. If he refuses to go, go alone. The Army chaplain can advise you. Good luck, dear.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Is your Christmas tree fireproof? Are you sure you haven't overloaded your circuit with all those lights? Have a merry Christmas!

Love,
ABBY

His first wife haunts her house

DEAR ABBY: I am in a desperate state of mind and am ready to throw in the towel.

I married a widower 14 months ago. He doesn't drink or smoke and is a strict church-goer. (This is my first marriage. I was a schoolteacher.) He has three children from 12 to 19. The older one is at college, and the two at home are really good kids and I love them.

My problem is my husband. He promised me that after we were married, I could do the house over any way I liked it. Now he says we can't afford it. I know we can. He has $44,000 in the bank. (He showed me his bankbook before we were married.)

He still has all his wife's hospital equipment in the house, and there is a lot of it because she was an invalid for many years. It is so depressing for me to have to see it and dust it every day. I had to cry and plead before he gave his first wife's clothes away. He still has pictures of her all over the house, but I don't say anything. After all, she is the children's mother.

How long should I give him to get rid of the old reminders of her and let me buy a new bedroom set? He promised. LIVING WITH MEMORIES

DEAR LIVING: Give him until the 4th of July. And if he doesn't make good his promise—fireworks!

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is married and has two pre-school children. She is college-educated, but she's cuckoo.

She is raising her children to "express themselves." This means they are encouraged not to hold anything back. If they feel anger, hostility or fury, they are encouraged to express it and get it out of their systems.

For example, they have a "screaming room." If one of the children starts to get ugly and have a tantrum, my daughter calmly says, "Go to the screaming room, dear."

The child goes to the screaming room, screams for a while, and when he's finished he comes back.

My children were raised to know that they had to control themselves, and if something didn't please them they had to act like civilized people—they weren't sent to any "screaming room" to howl like coyotes.

What do you think of this new idea? OLD-FASHIONED

DEAR OLD: I think it's great. Every home should have one. And every office should have TWO. (His and Hers!)

DEAR ABBY: I am sitting here with a broken heart. Two months ago my cousin came to us begging us to adopt her two-year-old illegitimate child. She knew we couldn't have our own and couldn't find one to adopt. It was like God had answered our prayers so we jumped at the chance. We even signed some papers to be sure everything was done legally.

We took this child into our home and learned to love him, then two months later this cousin shows up with a lawyer saying she wants the boy back. Her lawyer said she signed the first papers in front of a notary public instead of a judge, so it wasn't legal, and the deal is off.

Now we don't know what to do. That mother doesn't deserve to have a child. She got mixed up with a married man and when he ditched her she came running to us to take the boy off her hands. Now she wants him back, and we're told we have no right to keep him. What should we do? BROKENHEARTED

DEAR BROKEN: Do YOU have a lawyer? If not, you should have. However, consider this: If by some miracle the court awards you the child, since his mother is your cousin and apparently determined to have her son back, she could make life for you and the boy very uncomfortable. Think it over. Perhaps everything does work out for the best.

CONFIDENTIAL TO THOSE WHO SMOKE AND WISH THEY DIDN'T: Give yourself (and those who love you) a priceless Christmas present, and quit smoking—cold turkey! Some of my best friends have done it, and so can you. God love you, and have a merry Christmas. ABBY

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.

For Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," send $1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

Women Trying For CHP Duty

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The California Highway Patrol has disclosed that 176 women have started taking the grueling patrol tests which, if they pass, would make them eligible for CHP duty.

The group is part of a two-year experiment to determine if women can handle highway patrol work. They are not being given the same physical performance test used on men.

With the help of a University of California physical education specialist, new tests considered suitable for women were devised.

Some of the CHP female candidates dropped out due to physical exhaustion. Another 29 flunked out.

Those who pass the preliminary tests must then go through 16 weeks of intensive training at the CHP Academy, an experience likened to army boot camp. Only about 50 per cent of the men who attend the academy pass.

The nuclear powered submarine Seadragon, USN, made the first east-west underwater transit through the Northwest Passage during August 1960.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HE WAS DECKIN' THE HALL WITH A BOUGH OF HOLLY, AND HE HIT HIS THUMB!"

Ballet Team For Nutcracker

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Civic Ballet teamed with the Houston Ballet Friday night for the first of four performances of the Nutcracker.

The show will be repeated twice on Sunday and on Monday evening.

The ballet, a Christmas favorite, by Tchaikovsky, had choreography by Frederick Franklin. The sets and costumes for this production were by the English designer Peter Farmer.

Members of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra were conducted by Charles Rosekrans.

Soili Arvola and Leo Ahonen, both natives of Finland, were the Snow Queen and her escort, while Andrea Vodennel danced the Sugar Plum Fairy and Whit Haworth was her cavalier.

All are now principals with the Houston company.

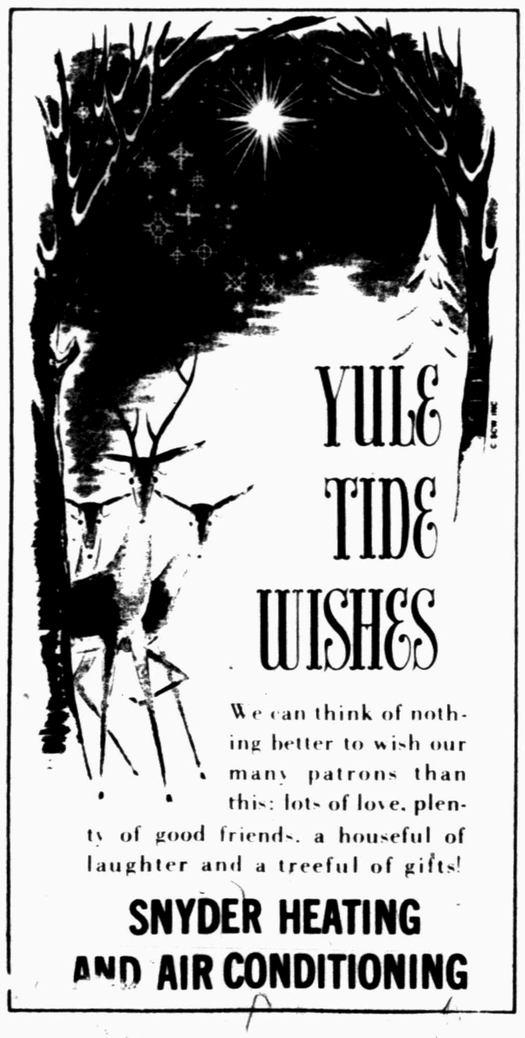
The leading roles will be shuffled among other dancers at some of the subsequent performances.

Horse Racing Big In Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Horse racing is popular in Jamaica. The best course in the country is at Caymanas Park, considered to be one of the most beautiful in the Caribbean.

It is located seven miles from Kingston and has racing most weekends through the year.

Alcohol is still the most widely used drug and is apparently replacing marijuana as the favorite trip with today's youth.



SEEING IS BELIEVING—LaVona, left, and LaVelda Rowe, 41-year-old mirror-image twins, work at their desk in Chicago on Friday. The Rowes are so identical, even in thoughts, that Christmas shopping means trying to outfox each other. (AP Wirephoto)

AP TV Writer Makes Gift List

By JAY SHARBUTT
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dear Santa: I know it is Christmas Eve and you are a mite busy, but I'd like to get in some last-minute requests for me and my fellow television viewers.

So please:

—Take away Kojak's lollipop, because nobody can understand him when he's chewing on it.

—Give Archie Bunker a lollipop so nobody can understand him when he's chewing on it.

—Give "Upstairs, Downstairs" an escalator clause.

—Make the local newscaster write a 10,000-word essay on why he should never say "we'll have more news in a moment" after a four-minute film story about the Bulgaria Day parade downtown.

—Make network correspondents write a 5,000-word essay on why they should never say, "No one here really knows," or, "No exact estimate can ever be made" or "What all this means is ..."

—Have Eric Sevareid come on one night and say, "I really don't know what to make of it."

—Make Matthew, my youngest nephew, write a 1,000-word essay on why he is late handing in his 500-word essay on why programs should be banned from all children's commercials on TV. Yes, that's right.

—Make the guys in "Movin' On" put the truck in reverse while going forward at 90 miles an hour. It might cut fuel consumption.

—Ban all pro football games from TV for a year. If you can't do that, at least get rid of the commentators for a year and just play "The Nutcracker Suite" during the action.

—Don't give Cher Bono an identical twin, because her new show would become a case of Cher and Cher alike.

—Hopefully, make interviewers ask NBC's Edwin Newman viable questions so as to get optimum input on the thrust of his new book, "Strictly Speaking: Will America Be the Death of English?"

—Give Kung Fu a new kung to hang over his door. After all, not everyone is worth a kung's transom.

The networks are taking little note of Christmas until late tonight, when CBS shows a Christmas celebration by Benedictine monks in Vermont, NBC presents a Christmas service from the Vatican and ABC airs a holiday show, taped last week at the Rockefeller Center ice-skating rink and hosted by former Fun City mayor John Lindsay.

Hernando Cortes Raised Cane

NEW YORK (AP) — Hernando Cortes, conquistador of Mexico, appears to have been a pioneer sugar planter, also. A grant in 1529 gave him "five leagues from the city of Vera Cruz," a little village named La Riconada — the Indians called it "Yzcalpan" — where he built a sugar mill, according to Sugar Assn. historians here.

Cortes built a second mill near Tetecala in the state of Morelos, using stones from the pyramid at Xochicalco. It's still there on the Rio de Cana and is called El Ingenio. A third factory at Atlacomos was still working in 1891.

The Cortes connection with sugar continued even after his death. In a will dated Aug. 8, 1548, Cortes ordered that inquiry be made about land he had given his steward to enable him to establish sugar works near Cuyocan.

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Another Christmas In Prison

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Joann McDaniel would like to be home for Christmas. She wouldn't mind having to worry about inflation or finding a job.

Joann, 30, will spend the holidays in the same dismal Turkish prison she did a year ago.

Miss McDaniel, whose parents live in Salem, and Kathryn Zenz, 29, Lancaster, Wis., were imprisoned nearly two years ago after being charged with smuggling hashish from Syria to Turkey in a rented van.

The two have maintained their innocence. A male codefendant, Robert Hubbard, 24, of San Antonio, Tex., pleaded guilty to the charge and told a Turkish court the women were unaware of the contraband hidden in the van.

Nevertheless, the court sentenced the women to death. A general amnesty reduced this to 24 years in prison. Several appeals later, the terms were cut to 16 years. Their lawyer, president of the Turkish bar association, now is planning a direct appeal for clemency to the country's president early next year.

Gary Wisser, 28, a Salem veterinarian and a friend of Miss McDaniel, has corresponded with her regularly for the past year. So has his brother Glen, a 31-year-old college student.

"They aren't allowed any visitors except a doctor and consulate officials," the veterinarian said of the women. "So letters and tapes are the only thing sustaining them."

Now a cassette tape recorder, the women's only audio link to the outside, has broken down and cannot be repaired. And that's why the Wisser brothers have decided to start a late Christmas fund to buy a new and better recorder.

"I've got about $20 to $25 so far," the younger Wisser said. "We really haven't gotten started yet. But these are hard times and no one has much money before Christmas.

"In all her letters, Joann has never asked for anything, but she appealed for help when the cassette broke. We're going to get them a new one."

Wisser isn't sure which prison the women are in but said he fears they've been returned to the one where they spent last Christmas. "It's a converted stable," he said. "It was just the most gross kind of circumstances anyone could imagine.

"They throw all of the women in together, regardless of their offenses ... nine to a dozen women all in the same cell."

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The MIXER word is:

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Opposite words: FULL and GEE.
Mixer word: GLEEFUL.

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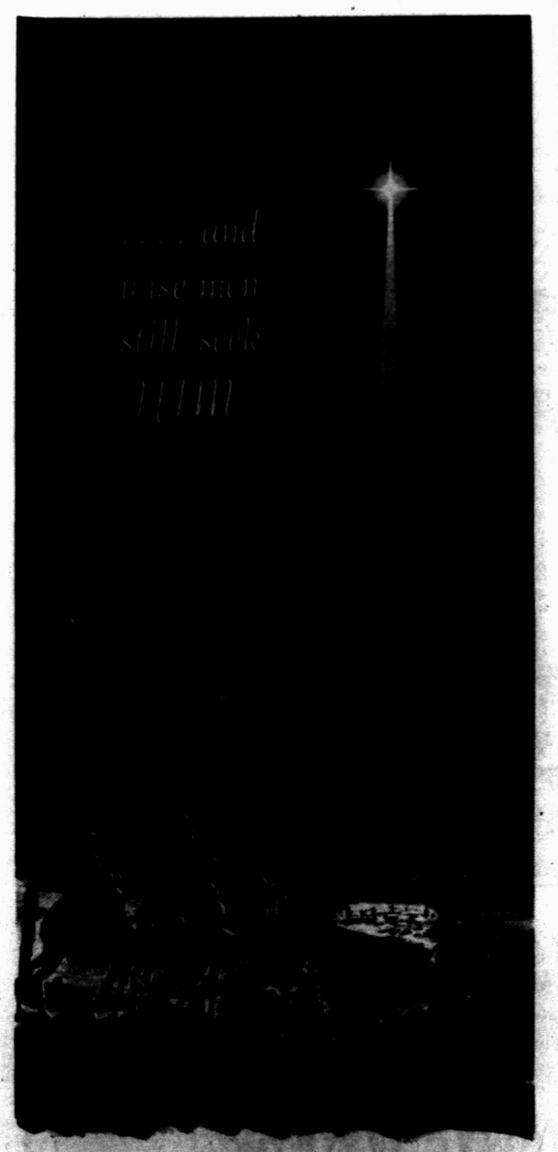

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Astrograph

Wednesday—Dec. 25, 1974

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone older has been very helpful to you over this past year. Be sure this individual is not overlooked today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not get through to one you want to reach right away. Keep trying, you'll make contact later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't forget to be charitable now to persons less fortunate than yourself, particularly those who are aged or infirm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be meeting someone at a gathering you'll be quite taken with. A pleasant and lasting relationship will result.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your popularity is at a high point. Yet, you don't feel one you're fond of thinks as much of you as she should. She does, but she can't express it.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) Today's events will sweep you up in their wake. You may forget to call an old friend.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23) Try to arrange your day so that outside influences aren't too demanding. You can spend all the time you should with your family.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) You're likely to be on the phone a lot today, either making calls or receiving them. Things get quieter this evening, however.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) A gift you'll be getting may be a little late arriving, but don't despair, it's on the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) Friends you know under different circumstances will be revolving around you because you're the catalyst that will bring them together.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19) You can help make this a happy holiday for someone you know who doesn't have a family to share it with.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) You're apt to be on the go most of the day. There are quite a few people who'd like to have you drop in if you have the time.

your birthday

Your Birthday—Dec. 25, 1974

A major relationship will be established this coming year that will be of a lasting nature. It will be based upon an important interest which you'll share for each other's mutual good.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll say some things today in front of others you'll wish you could retract, unless you think carefully before criticizing anyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be sure you're not just kidding yourself regarding something you're convinced is a bargain while you're out shopping.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you stick your nose in someone else's business where it doesn't belong, it will cost you something out of your own pocket.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're much too sensitive now regarding the real or imagined slights by another. You're likely to withdraw and cause a cold war.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Be selective who you tell your new plans to at this time. One of your friends has a way of putting a damper on your enthusiasm.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) You're drifting slightly off course from the goal you've set for yourself. Your aims are too scattered to be effective.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23) Use your judgment now to fathom out how much real support you have for your plans. If it's not enough, wait until you have it.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) Be careful in any type of commercial dealings you have, because you're not quite as sharp as you think you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) Realism is important in your decisions today. Be especially cognizant of what it means to you in a material way.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) You're better off working on your own than to team up with one who grumbles about everything she is asked to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19) You're going to find several good reasons to shove aside responsibilities you should attend to right now.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) If you're entertaining at home this evening you will find it necessary to drop a few hints to your guest about the lateness of the hour.

your birthday

Your Birthday—Dec. 26, 1974

You will begin something this coming year primarily as a hobby or sideline for your own pleasure. Once you get into it you'll find it can provide an additional source of income or profit.

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Not a Creature Was Stirring . . .

Immunizing US AgainstGoldBug

WASHINGTON— (LENS)— World gold markets were thrown into a flurry, with significant distress selling, by the recent announcement by Secretary of the Treasury William Simon, that 2 million ounces of the 272 million ounces of gold in Fort Knox are to be sold by public action on January 6th - six days after the Americans are to be allowed, for the first time in 40 years, to hold gold privately in any form they choose.

Simon may consider it a minor triumph that he sliced nearly $10 an ounce off the market price. On gold, as on some other matters, he has turned a half-circle these past two months. After having lulled himself into a belief that his compatriots would not rush to purchase gold bars on December 31, he has worked himself into a neurosis that they will.

Simon's public explanation of the auction is that he wants to protect America's balance of payments from having to meet the gold rush by large new imports from South Africa. He said that the decision is in line with the American government's wish to demonetize gold.

The real question is whether, in this new world of oil power, the gold in central bank vaults, can be put to some sensible use. Italy, starved of foreign exchange, would like to find a way of selling some of its large store without unduly depressing the world price.

On one perspective, the overhang of official gold holdings looks huge, equivalent to 26 years of new supply. On the other hand, the Arabs, out of their surpluses, could buy the lot (at $170 an ounce) in three years and the contents of Fort Knox in a mere eight months. If they got the gold bug, they could indulge it.

The Bank of Italy's Signor Rinaldo Ossola, who is also chairman of the deputies of the Group of Ten, the think-tank on world money matters, is flying his own kite. This is that the International Monetary Fund should sell its gold, not directly as the Americans have suggested, but by issuing medium-term bonds denominated in ounces of gold. The bond's selling price would be determined by the current gold price.

On maturity, in, say, five or seven years, the IMF would have to cough up gold at the going price.

Signor Ossola's proposal might override France's objection that IMF sales would depress the world price of gold, but the French still object that the gold in the IMF's vaults belongs to its members rather than to the IMF. Moreover, the IMF would be taking as much of a gamble as the bond-buyers. (News paper Enterprise Assn.)

Heinz Halts Shipments Of Baby Cereals

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (AP) — The H. J. Heinz Co. says it has temporarily stopped shipment of all instant baby cereals while it investigates how twisted metal slivers reportedly got into two boxes of instant rice cereal.

A Heinz spokesman, Harry Caroll, said Monday in Pittsburgh that Heinz cereals already on the shelves will not be taken off except in Charlotte.

Two families have reported they found the slivers in eight-ounce boxes they purchased at the same supermarket in Charlotte. They said the boxes were marked as from Lot BP144.

Caroll said more than 6,000 boxes with that lot number were produced during a two-hour period in May, but he said the two complaints from Charlotte were the only complaints received. A Heinz representative picked up the slivers from the first family which reported them and flew the slivers to Pittsburgh for analysis.

Separated Twins To Return Home

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Clara and Altagracia Rodriguez, the 16-month-old separated Siamese twins from the Dominican Republic, are scheduled to return home Jan. 3 after spending Christmas with the family who brought them here for the successful surgery.

The twins left the hospital last week after recovering from an intestinal virus. They are staying with Diana Zimnock of suburban Warrington who arranged for the surgery and paid the air fare to bring the twins to Philadelphia.

Farida Rodriguez, mother of the twins, went home earlier this month to be with her husband and five other children for Christmas.

Priest Doubles As Dealer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — From the chapel to the classroom to the blackjack table, Father Thomas Higgins, a Jesuit priest, carries his message to the people.

Higgins, 42, is assistant chaplain and professor at Loyola Marymount University in suburban Westchester. During the summer months he works as a blackjack dealer in Las Vegas.

In a recent interview at the university, Higgins said: "You can't preach Christ if your experience is entirely different from that of other people.

"If priests were cab drivers or bus drivers or if they took different jobs, they would be much more all kinds of people."

He has lived in hotels where rooms rent for $3 for two nights and where, he says: "It seemed like I was the only guy without a tattoo."

"I learned a lot about myself," the priest said. "I want to expand my horizons. I never want to stop growing."

Higgins worked the graveyard shift at the Royal Inn Casino. His customers sometimes would get his good counsel, although they seldom found out that the man behind the red satin tie was a priest.

"Sometimes I tell people: 'You're drunk. Why don't you go home. You're going to drop your whole load,'" Higgins said.

Higgins says that he does not fit the popular image of a Jesuit priest. But that does not seem to bother him.

"The image of priests and nuns are that they are detached and aloof," he said. "If you're detached and aloof, what good are you?"

Peaceful Park Near Prison

LARKSPUR, Calif. (AP) — The Larkspur Park and Recreation Commission has approved preliminary plans for a small park for peaceful viewing of San Francisco. It would be located near San Quentin Prison.

A bicycle path and landscaping leading to the park are planned. The city has received a grant of $48,000 for the three-acre site. Construction is not contemplated for at least a year.

Fosco Giachetti Dies At 70

ROME (AP) — Fosco Giachetti, 70, a popular Italian stage and screen actor who appeared in many films in the late 1930s and early 1940s, died Sunday of a heart ailment.

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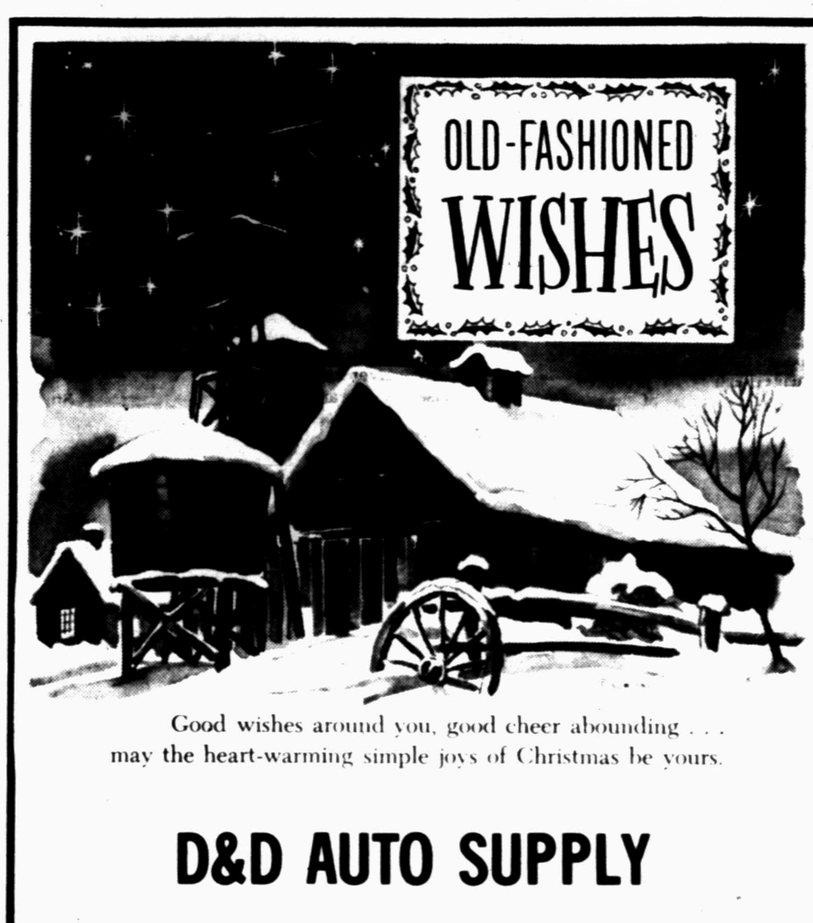

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Dr. Lamb

Ulcer patient needs advice

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—I have had a long history of duodenal ulcer, starting after prohibition in 1929 when the Sippy diet was in vogue. Since then I have hemorrhaged three times on my own and once on an aspirin containing prescription, but have always recovered quickly enough to avoid surgery. Now I am 67, semiretired and active, don't drink or smoke, and contending with what to eat when I eat out.

I have trouble maintaining proper nourishment. I'm now 150 pounds and am 5-foot-11.

Recently on a checkup an ulcer was spotted. Taking the bull by the horns I plunged into a cabbage juice diet on my own. My doctor approved. Going all out, I started shoveling down Brewer's yeast plus, and then the clincher came when I decided I was really well and started eating cooked wheat. In spite of the lift I got from the wheat, I stopped it at once, and the yeast too, when terrific gas pains showed up in the chest, back and upper or lower abdomen, including a mild temperature for a day or so. The chest pains are conceded to be from gas and muscles but create a question of a heart problem because my blood pressure has been 175 and I have just about always had an irregular heart beat. I'm on Diazide, quinidine, Probanthine and Sorbitrate.

This latest attack has been quite persistent, and I have been trying to diet on thick chicken rice soup mostly, with peaches - and low-fat milk in between meals, but the loss in weight is making me feel I am undernourished. So, I will add some avocados and stop trying to give my stomach a rest.

My main goal is to control the ulcer and to build up resistance enough that I won't have three or four attacks of flu or bronchitis during the winter months. Please answer as I can write to you but never can put on a sustained conversation with a doctor to find out much because of my inadequacy at asking intelligent questions.

DEAR READER—You probably have an overactive digestive tract and undigested carbohydrate with yeast was propelled into the colon where it fermented and really produced enormous amounts of gas. Yeast and carbohydrates will do that. It will tend to give you a lift all right, like a floating ballon.

I would suggest you worry less about cabbage juice and other juices and soups and concentrate on a more usual diet, with frequent feedings. If you need to gain weight add a little fat to your diet. The avocados may help you there. If you tolerate meats use them. The foods you mentioned are all low calorie foods. Your Probanthine is fine, but you may need some antacids if you are not taking any. Managing ulcers is complicated. For more details about what you can do, write me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019 and ask for the booklet on ulcers. Send 50 cents to cover costs.

And I hope you have gotten your flu shots. Older people and those with health problems should have them. It can be lifesaving if gotten soon enough for some of these people.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Chronically ill and aging patients often have one or both knees bent in a fixed position. What are the causes of this? How can it be prevented and what can be done to relieve the condition? Apparently straightening the knees out causes pain and discomfort.

DEAR READER—In general, the body has opposing muscle groups. The knee is a good example. One set of muscles over the front of the thigh straightens the knee, another group over the back of the thigh causes it to bend.

When a person is inactive, particularly at bed rest, the muscles that cause the bending shorten, and so do the tendons attached to these muscles. The same thing happens as you get older if you don't watch it. I sometimes say we begin to lose the war against gravity and are gradually bent and beaten down from the upright position.

You have seen many older persons, I'm sure, who have slightly bent knees, the ankle tendon to the heel shortens and the toe is displaced down, the hip joint also bends forward. The elbows also become bent. To stand upright, these people must place the feet wide apart. The posture of the older person walking slightly on tiptoes, feet apart and in a half-crouched position, is a result of generalized shortening of muscles and tendons.

You can help to prevent this problem. The way is by making sure that joints of the body are moved through their full range of motion every day in sufficient amount to stretch to the fullest of all the muscles. Stretching exercises. This is the way you keep your body limber, flexible and youthful. Many people leading apparently normal lives are actually having changes they could prevent if they would use regular stretching exercises. Stretch that ankle tendon by raising the toes up toward the shin as far as possible, straighten the knees, move the hip joints through the full range of motions.

These measures are very important in bed patients to prevent disabling contractures you are describing. Daily exercises should be a part of every patient's routine unless the patent is really so sick that is impossible. Even then passive exercises by a trained physical therapist often help a great deal.

Contraction deformities can often be corrected by progressive stretching exercises over a period of weeks and months. These must be done before changes in the cartilage and bony structure in the joint are affected, sometimes called a "frozen joint."

Incidentally, stretch exerciese are also important for the trunk muscles. The muscles over the front of the chest can become overcontracted too, contributing to rounded shoulders and decreased chest wall function which can compromise how well the lungs work. So, don't forget to stretch - it will stretch your youthful appearance over more years as well as help your health.

Send your questions to Dr. Lamb, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. For a copy of Dr. Lamb's booklet on balanced diet, send 50 cents to the same address and ask for the "Balanced Diet" booklet.

Bethlehem Christmas Different

BETHLEHEM, Occupied Jordan (AP) — Bethlehem's Christmas tree has been decorated, and carpenters are building the stage for choirs to carol the Yuletide message of joy in the town where Christ was born.

Behind the scenes, Israeli security men are preparing stringent measures to protect Bethlehem against Arab guerrillas.

Bethlehem lies in the Judean hills, in the territory Israel seized from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war. No hostilities have marred any of the seven Christmases since then. But "this year is different," said an Israeli military official, referring to the recent increase in Palestinian terrorist attacks.

Heavy army and police detachments will guard the hilltop town throughout the holiday festivities.

The Tourism Ministry asked pilgrims to bring a minimum of luggage since it may be searched for bombs.

Officials expect 15,000 pilgrims, 5,000 more than last year, when there was still heavy shelling on the Israeli-Syrian front.

Most of the pilgrims will stay in nearby Jerusalem and make brief visits by bus to Bethlehem, three miles away. The road will be decorated with colored lights, and choirs from Bethlehem, Israel, the United States and Britain will sing on Christmas Eve in Manger Square.

The square, outside the Church of the Nativity, will be cleared of the cars and trucks that park there the rest of the year. A large closed-circuit TV screen in the square will bring the midnight mass to those who can't crowd into the church, and Israeli television is offering foreign stations a film of the Mass via satellite.

Despite tough fiscal measures that have cut Israel's living standards, there will be no scrimping on Christmas expenses in Bethlehem, said Zvi Nevo, the Israeli tourist officer in the town.

"In spite of everything, we haven't cut the Christmas budget, especially since 1975 has been declared a Holy Year by the Pope," he said.

Tough Furniture

NEW YORK (AP) — Sturdy and damage-proof, fiber-glass furniture is fast becoming basic decor in high-traffic, high-use public places.

At Kennedy Airport, more than 5,000 fiber-glass chairs in the International Arrivals and Departures Building are retaining their appearance and soundness despite extensive use.

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"All he wants to do is stack up the batteries!"

Julia Has Home This Christmas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — For the first Christmas in five years, Julia Antonita Sais-Martinez has a home, a family and a Christmas tree.

The Mexican-born Miss Sais-Martinez landed in Nashville's juvenile detention center Nov. 6 when police found her hitchhiking along a highway.

But this week, with the help of a juvenile judge and the tacit approval of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miss Sais-Martinez happily helped Myra and Reinaldo Alea and their children decorate their Christmas tree and talked of returning to school.

Miss Sais-Martinez was four weeks short of her 18th birthday when she was picked up by police.

She told the court that she left home at the age of 13 and has spent the past five years wandering. She attended a Roman Catholic boarding school in Sonora, Mexico, briefly. For the past three years, she said, she has been hitchhiking around the United States, supporting herself by working as a waitress or caring for children.

"I learned to speak English from listening to people and reading," she said. "I learn fast."

Julia admitted that she was in this country illegally.

But David A. Cole, officer in charge of the Immigration Service's Memphis office, said other cases had higher priority.

"If she were charged with a felony," he said, "we would have interviewed her by now . . . We are greatly restricted with the funds available."

Juvenile probation officer Gaylon Smith said authorities wanted to release Miss Sais-Martinez, but needed someone to act as her guardian until her 18th birthday Dec. 10.

Mrs. Alea read of Miss Sais-Martinez' plight and visited her at the detention center.

"If you need a friend, call me," she said.

Julia was released from custody after another Nashville couple offered her shelter.

10% Dimming Would Save

NEW YORK (AP) — A recent article for "Lighting Design and Application," the journal of the Society of Illuminating Engineers, estimated that if all America were equipped with dimmers, and dimmed down only 10 per cent, it would save 100 million barrels of oil per year.

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Christmas Offers Contrasts For Industry

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — As it seems so often to happen in industrial society, Christmas this year brings together in extreme contrast the stories of rich and poor, peace and conflict, security and human tragedy.

For 6 million jobless workers Santa's bag will hang limp as an empty sack. Most of them are blue-collar workers, a good many possessing meager skills. White-collar jobs are beginning to be affected, but most executives are still immune.

The economy is pitching downward. Buying power is 6.2 per cent below a year ago, the steepest one-year decline on record. Economic activity is sluggish, consumers unresponsive.

Inflation continues, with the increases in food prices especially sharp — an annual rate of more than 16 per cent. One item, sugar, suddenly has become a luxury. Consumer prices in general are more than 12 per cent higher than a year ago.

It doesn't take a set of government statistics to prove this. Experienced pollsters long have noticed that ordinary people sense the news far in advance of government reports. The statistics are mere verification.

Meanwhile, another characteristic of Americans provides strength for times such as these, and that is a sense of expectancy, which is more than hope. It is a feeling that things can be overcome, that the valley leads to the mountain.

Looking across the valley there can be seen the possibility of an improving economy by midyear, with more jobs, relatively stable prices, greater buying power. Housing also should improve as mortgage money becomes plentiful.

In a sense the current recession is a correction of an earlier peak, one that blew its top in an explosion of excesses, public and private. When the debris is cleared, even before, the rebuilding can begin.

Americans have a right to expect, however, that the next ascent doesn't lead to the precipitous calamity that now surrounds them, in some respects the worst recession since the 1930s.

Perhaps the peaks and valleys cannot be eliminated, but certainly they can be blunted by firm leadership and wise economic policies. Few economists will deny that.

It is something to hope for on Christmas or any other day; something to be delivered by responsible leaders, not a gift but a right.

A vintner predicts the size of a future crop by a "bunch count." By this method the vintner hopes he is making an accurate estimate of his future crop and makes plans accordingly.

Crashing Victory

LARGO, Fla. (AP) — An Eagle Scout's train-ing drove him into a rear-end collision that helped save a life.

William B. Davis was driving his 10-year-old car when the vehicle ahead of him stalled on the railroad tracks at an unguarded crossing near here. He saw the young woman driver desperately trying to restart her automobile as a freight train bore down on her. The 17-year-old Scout quickly rammed the car ahead of him, forcing it forward. The locomotive hit the rear of the first car and the front end of the Scout's auto, damaging both extensively, but both Mrs. Deborah Roberson and Davis escaped serious injury.

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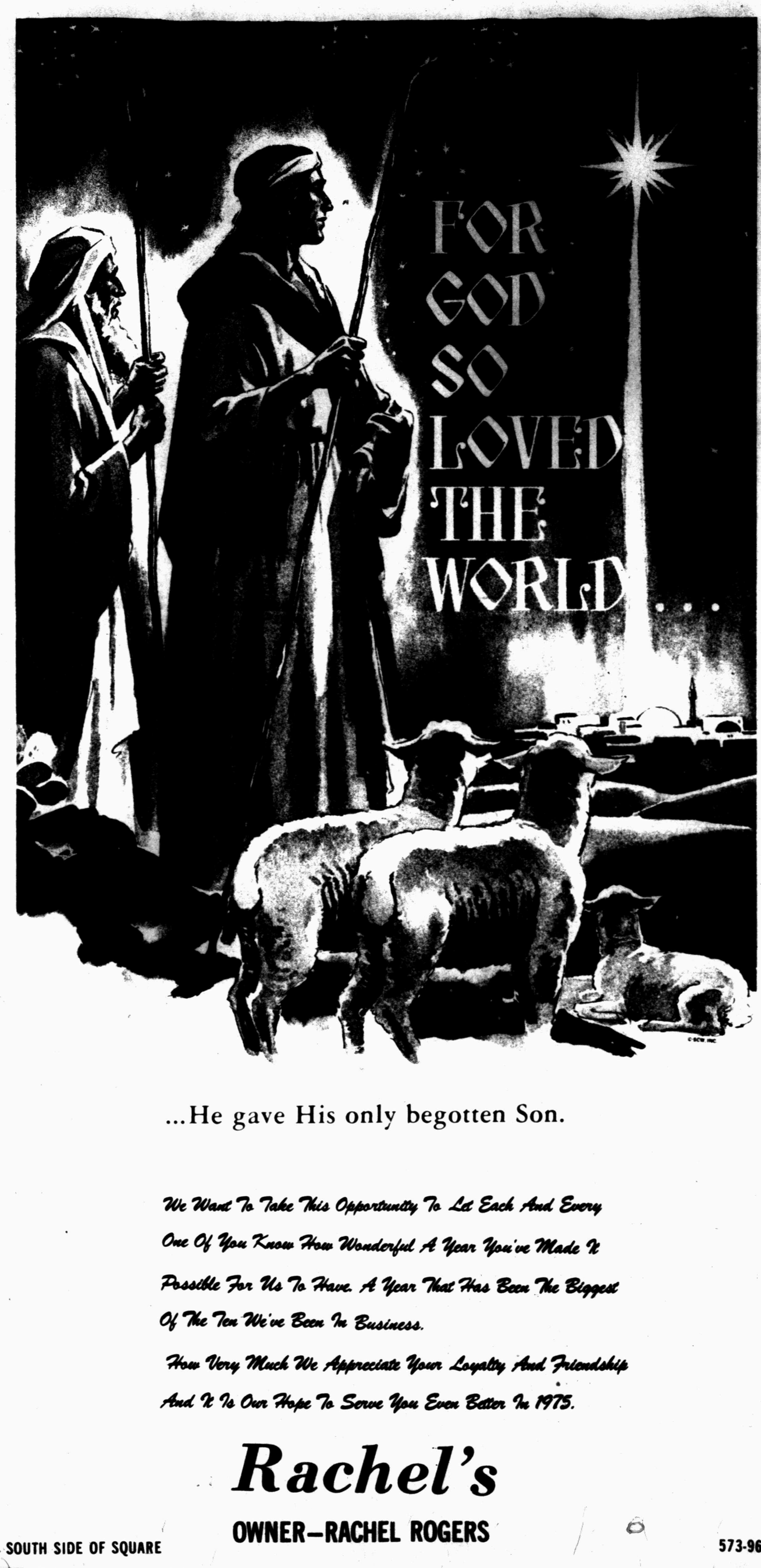

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