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Non-Union Mines Shut

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) - Non-union coal mines are shutting down in the second day of a nationwide United Mine Workers strike, either in sympathy with the union or in reaction to determined union pickets.

UMW President Arnold Miller called the strike at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, when the union's wage contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association expired after 60 days of fruitless bargaining.

The union has demanded restoration of full health benefits, a limited right to strike over local grievances and a wage increase from the current $60 a day to $114.36 over a proposed three-year contract span.

Inventor Dies

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) - Peter Carl Goldmark, inventor of the long-playing phonograph record and former head of research for the Columbia Broadcasting System, was killed today in an automobile accident, police reported.

Goldmark, who turned 71 five days ago, was killed when his car struck another automobile on the Hutchinson River Parkway near an exit in Rye.

Briscoe To Speak

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. Dolph Briscoe "will deliver a major address" on the Texas economy to bond specialists at a noon luncheon Friday in New York, press secretary Bob Bain said Wednesday.

A capacity crowd of 400 is expected to attend the luncheon of the Municipal Forum of New York at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Pearl Harbor Marked

HONOLULU (AP) - The blast of a shipyard whistle at 7:55 a.m. today was to signal a one-minute halt to work and a moment of silent reflection at the Pearl Harbor naval base.

The SDN Column

Lest we forget, this is the 36th anniversary of that "day of infamy," when Pearl Harbor was attacked during World War II. Due to negotiations at the diplomatic level and other factors, there was virtually no response by U.S. forces when the Japanese bombers laid waste to our military installations in Hawaii.

This is one of the reasons that some of us who remember still are skeptical when anyone suggests that our country ease up on its defenses.

We also remember one of the greatest examples of the importance of a single vote. It was only weeks prior to Pearl Harbor that Sam Rayburn, the legendary Texan who was Speaker of the House of Representatives climbed down from the rostrum and voted off a tie on the floor of Congress. Otherwise, this nation would have disbanded is selective service system just before the sneak attack.

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For several weeks we have suspected that this season's television programs are several cuts below some of the old stand-bys in the past. Now, a rash of "reunion" shows has confirmed it. Specials like the Honeymooners Reunion, the Partridge Family and My Three Sons reunions tend to confirm that those shows were more entertaining than today's offerings. This may be the reason for some of these reunion shows, which reassemble casts of those earlier shows for some new segments as well as flashbacks from yesteryear. Anyway, we hear there are more to come.

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The Rev. David Robertson reports that Tuesday morning's hard freeze probably did his petunias in. We had been puzzled earlier about the apparent good health of the flowers on the front porch of the First United Methodist Church parsonage. Rev. Robertson said they had no special care and in fact the Robertsons had not even planted these petunias. They just came up on their own. They had survived 24-degree weather earlier and several other good frosts, without even being nipped. By mid-day Tuesday, however, they were beginning to droop. It had been a long season.

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The cactus patch philosopher says the world is changing so fast nowadays that you couldn't stay wrong all the time, even if you tried.--WACIL McNAIR.

GOODFELLOWS HELPER--Mrs. Boss Baize, above, is one of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program members who will be assisting Snyder Goodfellows by accepting donations in West Texas State and Snyder National Bank through Dec. 21. RSVP members help with the fund drive each year and also dress and repair dolls and stuffed toys donated for distribution by the Goodfellows.

FBI Releases Files On Kennedy's Murder

WASHINGTON (AP)- Opening its files on the murder of John F. Kennedy, the FBI today released 40,001 pages that describe in rich detail the search for the man who slew a president and the motive that led him to it.

The material ranged from urgent Teletype messages among FBI bureaus across the nation to citizens' letters suggesting leads for the FBI to pursue.

The material may produce more questions than answers about what happened in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and the mysteries still lingering from it.

The FBI will release another 40,000 pages next month. In the two batches, officials say, will be all the paperwork generated in the bureau as it probed the case.

No files are being withheld, officials say, although many words and paragraphs have been deleted because they are classified as secret or are otherwise exempt from disclosure.

The agency is releasing the material to comply with requests under the Freedom of Information Act. Agents have spent about 18 months screening the files to delete the classified and exempt portions.

When the screening process was complete, agency employees began making copies and packing them in cartons. Each set comes in 15 cartons that weigh about 60 pounds apiece.

By dawn, sets were stacked at the loading dock of the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover Building for delivery to the news organizations receiving them. Several organizations, including the Associated Press, are paying the 10-cents-a-page copying fee the FBI charges for the material - a total of $4,000.10.

But the law allows an agency to waive the fee if the disclosure of the material is considered to be of great public importance.

So the fees may yet be appealed by the news organizations to the Justice Department, which has authority to overrule the FBI if it finds that the disclosure is sufficiently important to the public.

The FBI also is placing sets of the files in two rooms: one for reporters and one for scholars, researchers and other interested people. The material may be examined there without charge.

The Warren Commission concluded after its investigation that Lee Harvey Oswald killed Kennedy and that he acted alone. Oswald was shot and killed in a Dallas police station before he faced trial and his killer, Jack Ruby, was convicted of murder. He died of cancer in Dallas' Parkland Hospital, having been moved there from Dallas County Jail, where he had spent more than three years after shooting Oswald.

Despite the Warren Commission's conclusion that no conspiracy was involved, some who have followed the case have suggested a variety of conspiracy theories, attempting to link Oswald and Ruby to each other.

Cotton Men Meet Friday

The Scurry County Producers Association, Inc., has scheduled a meeting for 8:30 a.m. Friday in the conference room at the Chamber of Commerce-BCD building.

Officers and directors of the organization will review the diapause program to control boll weevils this fall, the second year for the program here.

Also, the members will elect board members during the session.

The Scurry County Producers Association, Inc., is an organization of farmers in the county who joined together to develop the boll weevel control program in area cotton fields.

Ira Youth Winner In VOD Contest

Fred Kesner, a senior at Ira High School placed first in the Voice of Democracy script writing contest this year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Kesner.

Jeanne McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. McCormick Jr. and a senior at Snyder High School, placed second.

The Voice of Democracy script writing contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8231 and its Ladies Auxiliary, with cooperation of National and State Association of Broadcasters. Mrs. Nick Timora and Mrs. Joe Dupuy were co-chairmen this year. Judges were Dr. James Palmer and Jeanne Kobuszewski of WTC and Larry Genuchi of KSNY radio.

Kesner's tape will be entered in district competition in Abilene on Dec. 18. He will also receive a $100 savings bond upon graduation.

WINDY WEATHER

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Tuesday, 43 degrees; low, 20 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 30 degrees; precipitation, none; total precipitation for 1977 to date, 22.68.

West Texas-Windy southeast with southwesterly winds 20 to 30 mph and gusty, fair elsewhere today warmer most sections. Fair tonight. Fair Thursday, colder north and turning cooler south. Highs near 60 Panhandle and mountains to middle 70s southwest. Lows upper 20s mountains and northwest to near 40 extreme south. Highs Thursday middle 50s Panhandle to near 80 extreme south.

Egypt Shuts Soviet Consulates, Centers

By SAMI RIZKALLAH
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Egypt ordered the closure today of all consulates and cultural centers of the Soviet Union and four other East European nations located outside Cairo, charging they sabotaged Egypt's peace initiative with Israel.

Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem told the People's Assembly the decision was made at a meeting of the cabinet.

The move followed a warning from President Anwar Sadat over the weekend that the Soviets "can be punished" for instigating radical Arab states to hold an anti-Sadat summit in Tripoli, Libya.

The prime minister said the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland and East Germany had, through their cultural centers and their consulates, "contacted their agents in Egypt to foment opposition against Sadat's initiative."

Meanwhile, King Hussein of Jordan flew unexpectedly to Damascus, Syria, launching an attempt to heal the split between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Sadat. Diplomats in the Syrian capital said Hussein was expected to fly on to Cariro for talks with Sadat.

Officials in Amman said Hussein would also visit Saudi Arabia, the oil rich kingdom which was reported to mend the split in Arab ranks.

Salem said the cabinet decided to close the cultural centers of the Soveit Union, East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia and the consulates of the Soviet Union in Alexandria, Port Said and Aswan. The consulates of Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Poland in Alexandria, Egypt's second city, would also be shut down, he said.

Vance Off To Mideast

WASHINGTON (AP) Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance left today for the Middle East, saying he will strive to help feuding leaders in that region overcome differences standing in the way of peace.

Vance also adopted a new hard-line toward Moscow and downplayed the need for a Geneva Peace Conference as he flew from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland to Belgium, where he will attend a two-day meeting before heading on to the Mideast.

"Steps in the last two weeks have been a major step forward in the search for peace," Vance said in pre-dawn remarks to reporters at the airport.

Denies Bell Stay

Court Upholds PUC Formula

AUSTIN (AP)-The 3rd Court of Civil Appeals today upheld the key feature of the Texas Public Utility Commission's telephone rate-making formula.

It also denied Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s request for a stay of rates set by the commission last December but said Bell has a right to present witnesses who would testify the rates are confiscatory.

The utility commission granted Bell a $57.8 million per year revenue increase, $173 million less than the telephone company wanted.

In seeking the stay, Bell sought to put into effect the rates it originally had sought, pending trial of its full appeal of the utility commission order.

Bell contended the commission acted unlawfully in calculating the telephone company's rate base. The utility commission used original cost of property and equipment, minus depreciation. Bell said it should have used adjusted value of invested capital - a much higher figure than would have produced much higher revenue.

The appeals court, however, examined the 1975 Public Utility Regulatory Act and ruled that the legislature gave the commission authority to consider both original cost and adjusted value of invested capital.

The court, however, said the commission erred when it excluded from Bell's rate base land held by the company for future use. It said the district court may determine how much money - if any - that should add to the rate base.

Finally, the court said the trial judge must hear witnesses on Bell's contention that the rates set by the utility commission are so low they confiscate the company's funds.

Effective Jan. 31

County Extension Agent Ruby Butts Is Retiring

The Scurry County Extension agent for home economics, Miss Ruby Butts, will retire Jan. 31.

Miss Butts' retirement was announced today by Mrs. Catherine B. Crawford, District Extension Agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Scurry County Judge Preston Wilson.

Miss Butts will conclude more than 30 years of Extension service in three counties, the last 24 of which have been in Scurry County. She will continue to reside in Snyder.

"Miss Butts has been a highly dedicated worker," Mrs. Crawford said. "She has a missionary spirit about her."

The veteran Scurry County agent has a deep concern for youths, and is assuring that they have every opportunity to learn and grow, the district agent said. She said Miss Butts has been influential over the years in securing financial help for youngsters who are college material.

"She has been one of the most successful agents in the district in reaching people who have special needs," Mrs. Crawford said.

Miss Butts has been very helpful to less-experienced agents and has shared her experience in such skills as food preservation and bread making.

RUBY BUTTS
...retiring in January

An experienced judge, she is frequently called on by other counties to judge fairs and home making events the District agent noted.

Her eyes twinkling, Miss Butts readily confessed that the thing she has most enjoyed in her three decades of Extension service has been her work with youths through the 4-H program.

"And everybody knows it," she admitted laughing happily.

"I am working with my 'grandchildren' now," she said. "I have a girl in 4-H who's mother was in 4-H, her grandmother is still in a Home Demonstration Club, and her late great-grandmother was in one of my Home Demonstration Clubs," she said.

"I have mothers come in and say, 'I want my child to be in 4-H because I remember what I got out of 4-H and I want my child to have that.' That is a satisfying thing," she said.

"Among the first kids I worked with was a family with three girls," she reflected. All three of the girls earned the 4-H Gold Star award, the highest county recognition offered in the 4-H program, and one now teaches home making. "That was my first all-Gold-Star family," she said.

She ticked off a host of names of other 4-H members over the years, and other subsequent achievements.

And she praised the adults of Scurry County for giving leadership and

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hindsight prevails

James Earl Carter Jr. (it doesn't seem right to use an undignified nickname in referring to the President of the United States) was inaugurated about the time this country was experiencing the first stages of what proved to be the worst blizzard in history. Shortly after key administrative posts were filled and other details of organizing the executive machinery had been attended to the President discussed the energy crisis in an address to joint session of Congress.

He described the energy situation, resulting from a combination of a hard Winter and an overloaded fuel supply system, as the moral equivalent of war, and outlined a detailed program designed both to conserve fuel and develop new sources of energy. Subsequent events indicate that the program was too detailed.

In any event we are now at the beginning of another Winter season and appear little nearer agreement on ways to deal with the problem than we were when the President addressed the nation on the subject. He seemed certain of the Administration position then. Now uncertainty is everywhere.

The House of Representatives complied with Administration recommendations with only slight modifications. House actions was taken within a short time following the President's address. Senate leaders decided to take a closer look, read the fine print and obtain views of people with more experience with different facets of the energy problem than the average White House consultant.

As a result the Senate bill takes an entirely different approach to the problem than either the House bill or the President's original recommendations. Issues involved are basic. A House-Senate conference committee has been trying to reach agreement on some questions that are pretty hard to compromise.

The principal hangup is over the President's plan to mix taxes and his populistic social ideas with efforts to achieve the number one objective of solving the nation's long range energy problem.

It was at this point people began to doubt claims of urgency in getting Congressional action. One example is a question which is more important, redistribute wealth or make the country's security a little more certain than it is now?

It is unfortunate that compromises now being considered were not worked out before the original measure was drafted and sent to Congress.

community vitality

Response to the labor survey conducted the past week confirms that Snyder has not lost its vitality.

A major manufacturing firm was a bit skeptical of our ability to provide enough labor to operate a plant. However, other advantages here (such as a huge building ready for immediate occupancy) got Snyder a prolonged look and finally a pledge that if a labor survey turned out favorably, we could expect a manufacturing plant. Nearly 700 responded here in Snyder, 54 others signed up at Roby and 89 signed at Colorado City. There was an over-all total of 823.

How could this be in a community that is notorious for its low unemployment rate?

Well, for one thing, it indicates that a substantial number of our citizens not now in the "labor market" would be interested in working if more jobs were available. It undoubtedly indicates that Snyder is a working community.

Economically, on a community-wide basis, putting a few hundred of these people to work would mean extra income to area families and perhaps some additional families moving in. It is one of the best hedges against inflation and one of the best methods of solidifying business strength that a community can achieve.

Now, we await word from the industry with the proverbial "cautious optimism."

my turn

by jo ann nunley

With each day's mail seems to come at least one envelope, sometimes more, soliciting financial support for a particular organization. At Christmas time, again at Easter, these organizations stuff their solicitations with seasonal cards, key rings, book offers, pencils and many other sundry type things as an enclosed "gift" that is yours free if you don't want to contribute, but will leave you feeling guilty if you don't. That is the primary point of the letter.

While there are many reputable organizations that use their funds wisely, there are numerous others who are nothing more than ripoffs who use the gifts for other reasons than those the giver intended.

Most people have a favorite organization or organizations to which they contribute on a regular basis. Reports show that Americans have given approximately $26 billion dollars to charitable institutions the past year. Also, reports the National Information Bureau (NIB), a reputable, non-profit agency that keeps tabs on hundreds of national charities, over $100 million dollars of that money will unfortunately be wasted.

If you are in doubt about the number of well established charities that meet standards on properly administered funds, the NIB will answer the questions for you. You can find this list in the May issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. The local library will probably have a copy in the magazine for your use. Also, you may secure a copy of NIB's latest findings by writing to National Information Bureau, Inc., 419 Park Avenue South, New York, New York.

This is the season for giving and helping others, but a check into soliciting agencies could help discourage the dishonest and help meet the needs of the truly deserving ones.

"Taking them as a gift? —— HAH!"

john cunniff

wait till next year

NEW YORK (AP)-Wait till next year.

That suggestion is implicit in yearend statements being dispatched from manufacturers, bankers and even from the Carter White House.

But with forecasters fairly well agreed that the economy in 1978 will expand less than in 1977, the location probably has no greater significance in economics than it does in sports.

Both apologetic and promising in tone, it suggests that 1977 was a year in which the economy at best was merely establishing a firm footing, but that 1978 is the year in which things get moving again.

That is when the signals flash green and the road ahead is cleared of uncertainties. That is when tax policy and energy policy and economics policy become clearer. Or so they say.

Even the president suggested that. "We will have the business community with a much clearer concept of what our economic goals are," he told the New York Times.

While the business community might not be as certain as the president that his policies will become clearer, they are basing many of their plans on the hope that they will.

Stock prices, capital spending plans, consumer attitudes and other aspects of the economy are in limbo, it is suggested, awaiting clarification.

Why is the stock market dallying?

"The basic fundamentals indicated a significant rise in stock prices, yet investors await clarification of government policies before making major commitments to equities," says the vice president of a large Chicago bank.

Why is capital spending viewed as unexceptional?

"Financial conditions are favorable and capacity utilization is rising," explains the Conference Board. "But pervasive uncertainty - over tax and energy policy, economic growth and other issues - has dampened investment."

The promise implicit in such statements is that when these uncertainties are removed the engineers of industry and finance will blow their whistles and wave the train forward.

Perhaps. It depends on at least two other factors:

—Clearing up problems that afflict certain industries rather than the economy in general.

Steel, for example, has its own special problems with imports and pollution control and furnaces that might have to be closed rather than brought up to modern standards.

—Whether the clarifications are interpreted to be good news or bad.

Albert Cox, head of Merrill Lynch Economics, observes that clarification in itself probably will not make a bit of difference. It is the nature of the clarification, he says.

In truth, many economists feel there is more apology than promise in the cry of "wait till next year." Seldom have they achieved such a neat consensus - that expansion in 1978 will be less than in 1977.

And looking back over the year, they concede there were instances in which expansion was stalled by uncertainty, but they observe also that 1977 was hardly a year of idling but instead was one of fairly strong advances.

Barbs

By PHIL PASTORET

Jogging is one of the best ways to keep your self-wind wristwatch wound up.

The main difference between organically grown foods and regular produce is the price.

They use red and green for holiday colors, because you spend all your green and operate in the red for a year.

Kids who look up to their elders are apt to get a good view of some under-sides of mustaches.

Berry's World

"How about that! I wouldn't light any matches for a while, if I were you."

in washington

martha angle and robert walters

WASHINGTON - (NEA) - His name is Matthew, and he is 17 years old. His occupation, on official records, is listed as "student."

What that really means, at this stage of his life, is that Matthew is in the test-taking business.

The high school senior from suburban Long Island, N.Y. wants to become a dentist. To achieve his ambition, he must first go to college.

And to gain admission to college - almost any college - Matthew and millions of other youngsters his age must compete for good scores on the national Scholastic Aptitude Tests, the exams which increasingly determine who shall enter the halls of higher education.

So Matthew has been taking the SATs - over and over again, aiming for scores that will please the admissions officers.

Before long, millions of Matthews throughout the country are likely to find themselves taking similar standardized achievement tests at a far younger age. And that could have enormous ramifications for public education in America.

Alarmed by a 14-year decline in SAT scores, parents, politicans and educators are currently clamoring for a renewed emphasis on the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic in the public schools.

At the same time, they are seeking reassurance - through standardized achievement tests - that the "back-to-basics" movement will pay discernible dividends.

A total of 26 states have already created "basic competency" tests to measure student achievement, while all the rest - except for Montana - are planning such programs.

The big question now looming is whether such tests should be national in scope, devised and distributed by Uncle Sam, or whether each state should develop its own.

It is tempting to opt for national exams, for uniform yardsticks that would permit parents in South Carolina to compare scores in their school system against those of students in, say, Massachusetts.

But there are some serious pitfalls to such an approach, as HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. warned in a recent speech in San Francisco.

This is a big country with an incredible diversity of cultures and lifestyles. How do you write test questions that would be equally comprehensible to a sharecropper's kid in rural South Carolina and an urban tenement dweller in Boston?

Can a test which is useful in measuring individual student progress over a period of years also help pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum in a particular school system?

And most of all, what would federally imposed national achievement tests do to our cherished local control of schools?

It seems inevitable that every school in the country would soon be gearing its curriculum to the national exams, "teaching to the tests," as the educators say, if such a uniform testing program were instituted.

"In its most extreme form," Califano was warned, "national control of curriculum is a form of national control of ideas. We should be very wary of treading in that direction..."

But unless we want Big Brother deciding what our children should study, and how they should be taught, all of us should think twice about the wisdom of national achievement tests. There are better ways of learning why Johnny can't read.

letters to editor

To The Daily News:

Three weeks ago the IWY conference was held in Houston. Our government appropriated $5 million of our tax money to implement this conference. Its purpose was to draw up resolutions which speak for the American women.

I feel the women of our nation were grossly misrepresented. Of the 25 resolutions which will be presented to President Carter, two are particularly appalling. One calls for the legalization of homosexuality and lesbianism. The second resolution calls for the federal government to not only legalize abortions, but to pay for them. This resolution was more specificially stated to mean "our children, our minor daughters, will be entitled to contraceptive counseling, be provided with birth control devices, entitled to abortion counseling and even abortion without the knowledge and consent of parents."

I urge you to write now to President Carter and the following Congressmen to express your views on these resolutions. We must not sit back and let our government spend any more of our tax money to further IWY activities which do NOT represent the majority of American women.

1. Senator Lloyd Bentsen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.
2. Senator John Tower, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.
3. Representative Omar Burleson, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.
4. President Carter, c-o Ms. Fran Boorde, Washington, D.C. 20500.

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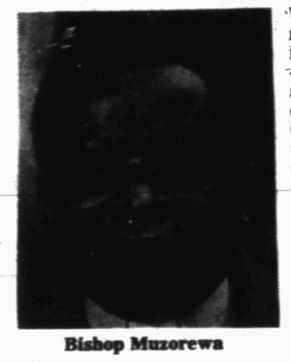
what people are saying...



Bishop Muzorewa

"In a way, Mr. Smith has capitulated and succumbed to our demand for the transfer of power on the basis of universal adult franchise. The intensity of our struggle has caused this capitulation."
— Bishop Abel Muzorewa, commenting on the impending meeting with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian D. Smith.

"Abortion is but one alternative solution to many of the 'problems'. It is an option, uniquely, which is exercised between conception and live birth. As such, the literal alternatives to it are suicide, motherhood and, some would add, madness. Consequently, there is some confusion, discomfort and cynicism greeting efforts to 'find' or 'emphasize' or 'identify' alternatives to abortion."
— Connie Downey, head of the Carter Administration's recently disbanded study group on alternatives to abortion.

"Small cars are going to mean fewer workers. There is no question about that."
— Douglas Fraser, president of the United Automobile Workers, which represents most assembly plant workers across the country.

"The terrorists, without wanting to do so at all, are speeding development toward a cashless society. Clients will have to pay more and more with credit cards, balances will be transferred electronically from account to account and you'll only need small change to buy a beer."
— Rudolf Jonas, Frankfurt bank clerk, describing the West German attempt to thwart terrorists by limiting the amount of available cash in banks.

"There is no measurable U.F.O. evidence such as a piece of metal, flesh or cloth. We don't even have any radio signals. A photograph is not a measurement."
— Dave Williamson, NASA's assistant for special projects, reacting to President Carter's request for an investigation into reports of unidentified flying objects.

"Even if the big powers sit with me, even if the whole world sits with me and insists that I give up something I don't want to give up, I shall not give it up."
— President Anwar el-Sadat, addressing the Egyptian Parliament after his return from Israel.

"The recent visit of President Sadat to Israel created a new obstacle to peace and lessened the prospects of a Geneva conference. Our position is to refuse this way and we will never cooperate with Sadat if he coninues this route."
— President Hafez Al-Assad of Syria.

"If we're going to have men and women in business on an equal basis, with men over women and women over men, we have to develop decent sex mores. We've got to stop the kind of exploitation that is usual, the young men who prey on older women, the middle-aged men and younger women, the office wife, the Christmas parties — we're going to have to get rid of this."
— Margaret Mead, anthropologist, speaking to a gathering of business executives.

Margaret Mead

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Credit, Lifetime Christmas Gift

COLLEGE STATION - Give your wife an unusual lifetime Christmas present. Help her establish an independent credit rating, suggests Mrs. Linda McCormack, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Changing circumstances may make your wife responsible for her own and your family's finances.

Death of a husband no longer means that joint accounts or accounts which the wife used will be automatically withdrawn from the widow. Creditors cannot terminate accounts because of change in a woman's marital status, unless they have evidence that her financial situation has changed for the worse.

However, if the account was based on the husband's income, the widow may be asked to reapply to prove that she is able and willing to pay for debts in the account.

"Help your wife avoid problems," suggests the specialist. "Offer protection; help her establish a credit rating in her own name."

Texas wives have less trouble establishing an independent credit rating than do women who do not live in a community property state. Wives in Texas are by law recognized as half-owners of assets in a joint checking or savings account.

Women who are employed, even part-time, have fewer problems establishing a credit rating than do women who are not employed.

Beginning June 1, 1977, any new joint accounts between husband and wife must be maintained in both names (Mary Jane Smith and John Edward Smith, not Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Smith.)

If your joint account is not already in the names of both husband and wife, re-establish separate credit references by changing the signature cards for your accounts to comply with the new law.

If your wife owned credit cards prior to your marriage, make sure that those accounts now reflect her married name. For example, Mary Jane Smith, not Mrs. John Edward Smith.

Periodically credit card companies send instructions in monthly statements to explain the company's procedure for changing the reporting status of accounts with them. Follow the procedure of the company to change the account name and the reporting status of the account to your wife's name.

After accounts have been established in your wife's name, remember that in Texas both have responsibility for credit accounts even though they may be in separate spouses' names. An unsatisfactory credit record attached to the account will apply to both individuals, even though only one may have been at fault. Likewise, Texas women share responsibility for accounts carried in the husband's name.

List the company names and card numbers for all accounts held by both husband and wife. Keep an accurate record of the balance due on all credit card accounts. Make sure that both husband and wife are aware of the balance on these accounts.

The wrapping for the package is to prepare your wife for situations that may require her to use her credit independently. Seeing that your wife acquires her own credit records, as well as a good working knowledge of personal and family finances, can be of immense benefit to both of you.

In a sense you are giving her another form of insurance, the specialist says.

LOOKING OVER BAZAAR ITEMS--Josephine Randalls, left, and June Brock look at Christmas wreaths at the Musical Coterie booth. This booth was among many participating in the annual Martha Ann Woman's Club Christmas Bazaar held recently at the club house. The bazaar was in conjunction with a tour of homes and a fiesta supper. The evening of events was open to the public.

PRE-NUPTIAL TEA--Fay Sullenger bride-elect of Brent Terry, was complimented with a bridal tea Nov. 4 in the Multi-purpose Bldg. of East Side Church of Christ. Hostesses for the event were Peggy Martin, Mary Helen Green, Lavelle Eicke, Esthalee Haney, Jewel Summers, Virginia Cox, Etna Terry, Helen Patterson, Nell Price, Glenna B. Roggenstein, Juanita Sturdivant, Barbara Tune, Sammie Jarrell, Betty Richardson, Elenor Dryden, Carol Harrington, Ann von Roeder, Shirley Head, Barbara Hopper, Sammie Scott, Barbara McCormick, Lillie Sullivan, Martha Lowe, Jethan Rainwater and Jane Scott. Standing left to right are Mrs. Bill Terry, mother of the future groom, the honoree, Mrs. G.K. Fambro, bride-elect's mother, and Mrs. Robert Warren, grandmother of the prospective bride.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY
Manager's Choice

FRIDAY
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
w-Vegetable Soup
Orange Wedges
Lazy Tom Thumb Bars
Milk

SECONDARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY
Deep Fried Turbot Filets
Tartar Sauce & Catsup
Buttered Collard Greens
Hoedown Potatoes
Orange & Coconut Salad
Cornmeal Rolls & Butter
Milk

Girl Scout Happenings

Junior Troop 203 has been very busy since school began their leaders noted.

The girls have been working on the Cyclist Badge. A trip around the park recently proved to be a lot of fun. Last week the girls shared the information they had learned with Brownie Troop 223. Some girls did a skit and others showed posters emphasizing bike safety. These posters were also shared at school.

A rededication-investure ceremony was held. This rededicated twelve scouts and two new girls who received their pins. Guests were present and refreshments were served after the ceremony.

As a special project this troop has adopted a grandmother-Stella White, for Thanksgiving the girls arranged a lovely assortment of fruits, nuts and homemade goodies. The plate was completed with a small flower arrangement. Girls shown with Mrs. White are Lisa Tucker, Holly Barkowsky, Angela Myers, Donna Anderson and Rene Kimmel.

The troop members are presently working on the toymaker badge. In the true spirit of scouting the girls are having fun, learning and making new friends. This troop is under the leadership of Judy Barkowsky and Jeannie Leach.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 203
...adopts grandmother

Girl Scouting is a participating agency of United Way.

Yeast-bread recipes often direct you to "punch down" the dough after the first rising. One way to punch down is to plunge your fist into the dough several times. The reason for the punching? To remove all air bubbles.

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CORDUROY JEANS
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NORTH
♠ 7 4
♥ J 9 4
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 7 6 5

WEST
♠ A K Q 2
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ Q 10 9 8

EAST
♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q 8 6 5 3
♦ 10 7 4 2
♣ J

SOUTH (D)
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ A K 7
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 3 2

Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 N.T.
Pass	2 N.T.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead — A ♠

By Oswald & James Jacoby

South held a minimum or really subminimum notrump so he passed at two. North really should have bid three, but it was well for his side that he didn't jump to game.

West led out four rounds of spades. South was on lead and naturally enough led a club and ducked in dummy. East was in with the jack and led the deuce of diamonds to South's king.

Now South led a second club and ducked in dummy for the second time. West held the trick with the nine but now South was home since dummy's three clubs were now good.

Usually safety plays of this type are only made in rubber bridge. This hand was played in a matchpoint game, but the safety play was just as correct or maybe even more correct in that game.

The reason is that South was sure that practically all declarers would be in three notrump and would almost surely make that contract if clubs broke 3-2. Hence, South would just play safe for the contract he was in.

Ask the Jacobys

A New Mexico reader wants to know what we bid with:

♠ A K Q J x x ♥ — ♦ A x x ♣ Q 10 x x

in response to partner's four-heart opening.

We just pass and hope that our partner will make 10 tricks.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

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

Flynt Will Try To Force Arrest

CINCINNATI (AP)-Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt says he plans to return to Cincinnati this week "to sell my magazine on the streets and force them to arrest me again."

Flynt is appealing his conviction in Cincinnati for pandering obscenity and conspiracy. He was sentenced to 7 to 25 years in prison. His magazine also has been banned from sale in Hamilton County under obscenity laws.

Flynt told a Washington, D.C., convention of the Speech Communication Association on Saturday that another Hamilton County trial would be different because a Cleveland judge earlier this fall struck down Ohio's organized crime statute under which he was convicted.

To avoid skin infections, make sure you clean powder puffs and blusher brushes, etc., often and well.

ABWA To Have Installation Of New Officers

The American Business Women's Assn. will have their Christmas party Thursday night including an exchange of gifts. Also, an election of officers will be held along with the installation ceremony.

All members are urged to attend the party at 7 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

Sparkle City Squares will meet for the second session of free lessons at the National Guard Armory at 8:30 p.m.

Altrurian Daughters Club Luncheon; Pat Falls home; Mrs. Ophelia Blackard, Mrs. Jimmy Thompson, Mrs. J.D. Scott, hostesses.

Twentieth Century Club, Martha Ann Woman's Club; Lois Bartels, Erdie Wissinger, hostesses.

THURSDAY

ABWA will meet at Martha Ann Woman's Club for Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts, 7 p.m.

Weight Watchers of West Texas will meet at Trinity Methodist Church, 7 p.m. New members welcome.

Snyder Palette Club, airport terminal; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ted Bell, Floydada, watercolor.

Christmas Cards
by
Drawing Board
Leanin' Tree
Hiss n' Hott

Why Spot can't find his spot...
Easy!
His mistress just rented the RINSENVAC Carpet Cleaning System. She combined RINSENVAC Odor Neutralizer with the RINSENVAC cleaning solution to remove dirt, grime, residues . . . and at the same time eliminate pet and other objectionable odors.
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DRESS SHOES
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Rich brown and black colors, quality neolite sole and durable rubber heel. Two classic styles.
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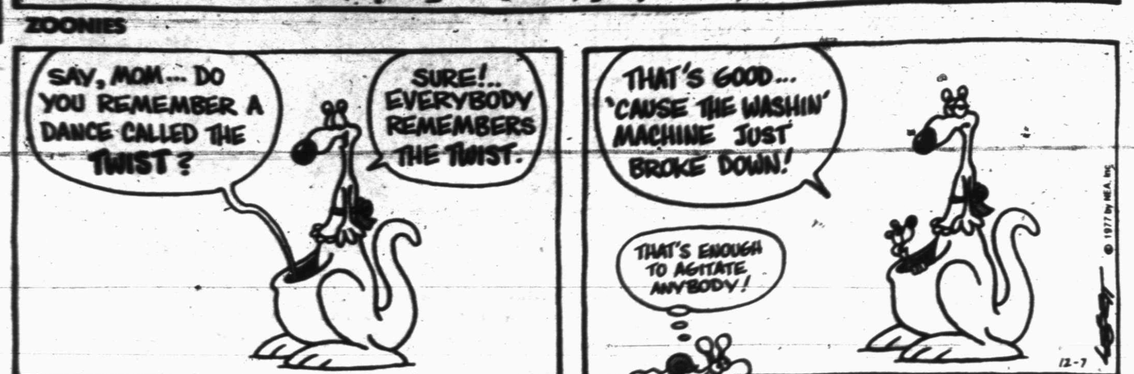

FLASH GORDON

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

SHORT RIBS

FUNNY BUSINESS

PRISCILLA'S POP

DENNIS THE MENACE

ACROSS

1 Push away
5 Wintry glaze
8 Swamps
12 Grasping
13 Hockey league (abbr.)
14 Private high school (colloq.)
15 Small coin
16 Zero
17 Actor Sharif
18 Resentment
19 Hope (Lat.)
21 One of the Gershwins
22 Perfume ingredient
24 Mel
26 Church body
28 Ventilated
29 Ostrichlike bird
30 Genetic material (abbr.)
31 Former boy
32 Code dot
33 Stops
35 Stir the fire
38 Throwing disk (pl.)
39 Actress Dunne
41 Navy ship prefix (abbr.)
42 Yells to
46 Depression initials
47 Singer Harris
49 Written avowal of a debt
50 Adams' grandson
51 Fewer
52 Insect egg
53 Distant (prefix)
54 Prepare copy
55 Mao ——— tung
56 Chicago transit lines

DOWN

1 Colored band
2 Overthrows
3 Four score and ten
4 Insecticide
5 Hostels
6 Fragment
7 She (Fr.)
8 Fleet post office (abbr.)
9 Weasel
10 Approached
11 Spindrift
19 Fragrant
20 Nose inflammation
23 Deficient
25 Gifted speaker
27 Asks for payment
28 Sums
33 Wanted
34 Animal lover
36 Dog house
37 Enlist
38 Pair
40 Ameliorates
43 Isn't (sl.)
44 Superman's girl
45 Early stringed instrument
48 Landing boat
50 Summer (Fr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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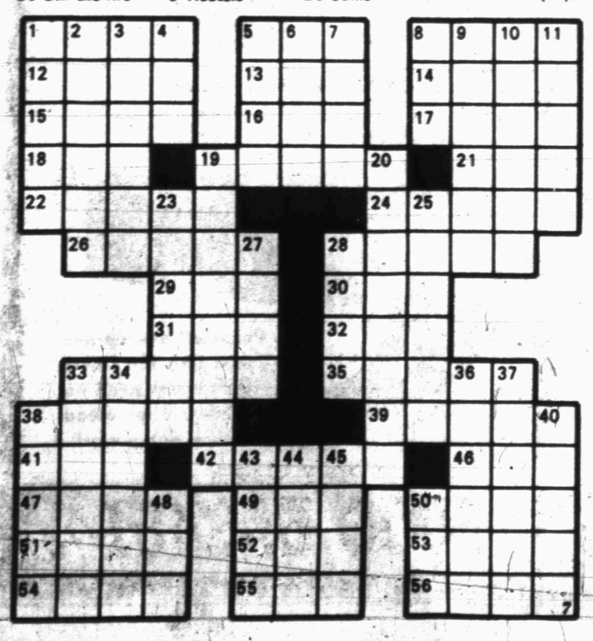

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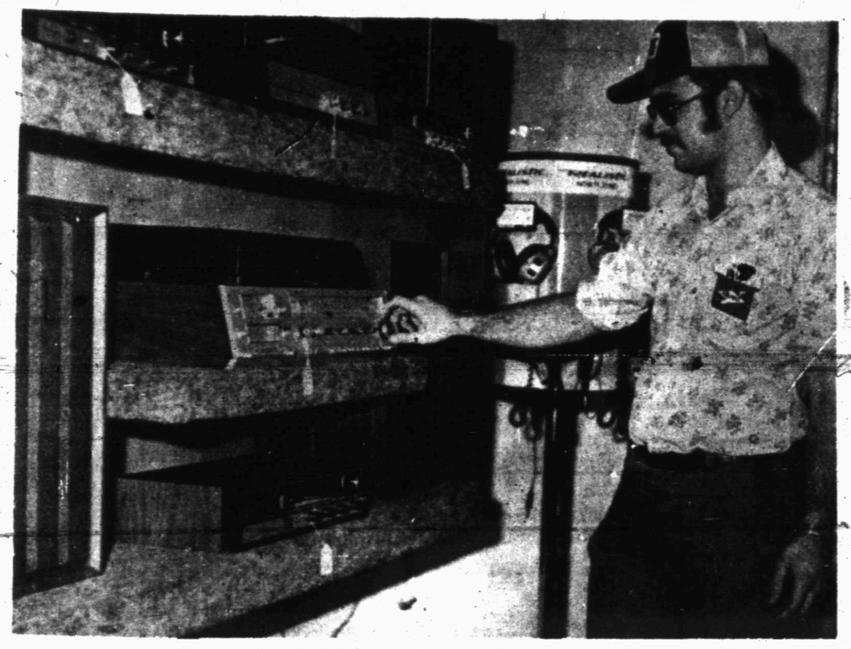

RADIO SHACK OPENING—Steve Whittenburg is shown adjusting a stereo inside the Radio Shack, Snyder's newest business. Operated by Buddy Whittenburg, the store opened this morning and adjoins Buddy's Auto Supply. Both stores are located at 3707 College Ave. (SDN Staff Photo)

New Radio Shack Is Opened Here

Buddy's Auto Supply has now relocated in newer and larger facilities and Buddy's Radio Shack opened this morning.

Owned by Buddy Whittenburg, both stores are located at 3707 College Ave. The Radio Shack is located in the structure formerly housing the auto supply store and the auto store is located in a new and larger building just recently completed.

Total floor space for the two adjoining stores is 50 by 100 feet, said Tony Whittenburg, the owner's son.

An authorized Radio Shack dealer, the store features radios, stereos, citizen band radios, tape decks, speakers, and all manner of component parts, Whittenburg said.

Both stores are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Agent Retiring

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support to the Extension program. Such people, she said, as Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stirl, Mrs. George Gibson, Mrs. Faye Hogue and Mrs. Jess Koonsman.

She noted that Mrs. Stirl had been a volunteer 4-H leader for nearly 20 years -- long after her children have grown up; that Stirl also had been a 4-H leader for many years, and that each of their children had achieved the Gold Star award.

Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Hogue and Mrs. Koonsman were members of Extension Home Demonstration Clubs in Scurry County when Miss Butts came and still are active in these clubs.

A native of Hondo, Miss Butts is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Butts. She attended high school in D'Hanis and Yancey, maintaining the highest scholastic average in her senior class. She attended Lee Junior College in Baytown, Texas Women's University in Denton, and received her B.S. degree from the University of Texas in 1946. She has taken additional courses at Texas Tech University, the University of Arkansas and Texas A&M University.

She is a member of the American Home Economics Association, Texas Home Economics Association, National Extension Home Economics Association, Texas Extension Home Economics Association. Epsilon Sigma Phi and American Association of University Women. She is listed in "Who's Who of American Women" and "Who's Who of Southern Personalities."

Miss Butts taught at Leal School near Pleasanton from 1942-1945. After receiving her degree in 1946, she joined the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as a home economics agent in Kleberg County, serving there four years. In 1950, she transferred to Bell County, and in 1953 became agent in Scurry.

When she retires in January, Miss Butts said she will do "all the things I have been wanting to do."

One of these is to put her stamp collection in order. "For the last few years, I have collected, but haven't had time to mount them," she said. "I would like to have time to just spread them out and work on them."

Travel is another thing she plans during retirement. "I am going to go places," she smiles. "Just any old day -- in the middle of the week." Her family resides in the San Antonio area so that will be one of the places she will visit often, she said.

"I will probably move down there before it becomes too much of a job," but not right away she added. "I am having too good a time here. I like Snyder."

And she will devote time to civic activities such as the Cancer Society, she said.

Topping her list of retirement projects is one that will be a new role to Ruby Butts.

"I would like to be a 4-H leader," she said, her face beaming. "I have not ever been a volunteer 4-H leader."

An ice sheet reached a thickness of one mile over northern Wisconsin when it was at its greatest extent 15,000 years ago, says the National Geographic Society.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Halfmann

Mrs. Paul Halfmann, 75, of Ballinger died at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

She was the mother of Lucille Beuerlein of Snyder.

Funeral rites have been set for 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Rowena. Burial will be in St. Boniface Cemetery at Olfen, under direction of Davis-Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Beuerlein include three other daughters, two sons, a sister, two brothers and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Halfmann and by two sons.

Surratt Rites

Funeral service has been set for 10 a.m. Thursday at the Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel for C.H. Surratt, formerly of Snyder, who died there Tuesday morning.

Howard Shifflett and the Rev. Pat Cummings of Brownfield will officiate.

Following the service in Brownfield, the body will be brought to Snyder for graveside rites and burial at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Homer Adams

Word has been received here of the death of Homer Adams in Charleston, Mo.

He was a brother-in-law of Evelyn Walker Horn of Snyder.

Parish Council Sets Meeting

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Council has set a meeting for 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Chapel of Roses.

All parishioners have been urged to attend the meeting.

NAACP Chapter Meets Tonight

The local chapter of the NAACP has scheduled a meeting for 6:45 p.m. tonight in the fellowship hall of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

All members have been urged to attend.

Water Demand Has Decrease

Water deliveries dropped substantially in November and virtually erased the possibility of a 20-billion-gallon year in 1977 for the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Total November deliveries amounted to 1,163,208,000 gallons, down 175 million gallons or 13.9 percent from the same month last year. The cumulative 11-months total of 18,658,701,511 gallons was, however, up by 914 million gallons or 5.14 percent for the year. In order to reach 20 billion gallons this year, the CRMWD would have to deliver 1,342,000,000 gallons for December. In that month last year deliveries were only 1,301,000,000 gallons.

Both municipal and industrial-mining deliveries declined in November. The municipal total of 745,058,500 gallons in November was 36 million gallons less than for November 1976, or down 4.62 percent. This resulted from Midland's 79-million gallon drop, or 32.6 percent, which did not reflect a reduction in Midland's total consumption but merely that portion from the district as a conservation measure. The municipal total for the year stood at 12,701,003,200 gallons, up 1,126,000,000 gallons or 9.82 percent.

Mining and industrial use in November was 418,209,525 gallons, down 134 million gallons or 24.37 percent from November last year. SACROC, a major user, took only 133,000,000 gallons for the month, down 114 million gallons or 37 percent. Sharon Ridge was off 34 million gallons, or 61.2 percent; Walsh and Watts off 9 million, or 30 percent. Total mining and industrial deliveries for the year amounted to 5,957,703,311 or down 223 million gallons, or 3.60 percent for the 11-month period.

Municipal deliveries in November were: Odessa 312,217,000, up 8.41 percent; Big Spring 193,669,000, up 1.59 percent; Snyder 67,895,000 gallons, up 26.38 percent; Stanton 7,891,000 gallons, up 25.8 percent; Midland 163,275,000 gallons, down 32.67 percent (which, as mentioned, did not reflect a decline in Midland's total demand, merely the part of the demand taken from the district for the month).

Call Firemen Three Times

A truck fire, a grass fire, and a refrigerator fire were extinguished Tuesday by Snyder firefighters.

The truck fire occurred in the motor of a city-owned garbage truck yesterday at 10:50 a.m. in the 4100 block of Jacksboro.

The grass fire was reported at 1:20 p.m. and took place about five miles north of the city off U.S. Highway 84.

The final fire Tuesday was reported at 2:05 p.m. and occurred in the 3802 Galveston St. home of Don Dollins. Reports indicate that a refrigerator received minor damages when it caught on fire.

Fugitive Little Is Arrested

NEW YORK (AP)-Fugitive Joan Little was arrested here early today following a high-speed automobile chase through Brooklyn, a Police Department spokesman said. She had escaped from a jail in Raleigh, N.C., nearly two months ago.

Miss Little, 23, and a male companion identified as George McRae, 29, of Brooklyn, were captured about 2 a.m. near the Brooklyn waterfront, police said. During the 1½-mile chase, the patrol car collided with the fleeing vehicle, and one policeman suffered minor injuries.

Miss Little, whose 1975 trial and acquittal on charges of killing her jailer made international headlines, was booked on several charges, including reckless endangerment, police said.

Police Probe Thefts And Accidents

Dual reports of thefts and traffic accidents were investigated Tuesday by city police.

Bob Stanfield told police that two hubcaps were taken off a vehicle at the lot of the Thomas-Stanfield Motor Co. Collective value of the hubcaps was set at $50.

About $49 worth of food stamps were reportedly taken from the 1711 13th St. home of Delores Allen, police reports indicate. The report of the theft was entered at 3:42 p.m. yesterday.

This morning, two cars collided in the 500 block of the East Highway.

Involved in the mishap were a 1972 Chevrolet driven by Judy Warner of Hamlin and a 1976 Dodge pickup driven by Chester Banta of Snyder. The collision occurred at 7:45 a.m. and resulted in minor to moderate damages to each vehicle.

Police were also belatedly informed of another mishap. The accident occurred Monday at Western Texas College.

The mishap involved a 1966 Ford driven by Maria Socorro Deltoro of Hermleigh and a parked 1974 Mazda owned by Billy Ray Barnes of Colorado City.

ONE MAN INJURED—The 1977 Ford pickup shown above was in collision this morning with a 1974 Pontiac. The mishap occurred east of the city and one man was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for treatment of a laceration. (SDN Staff Photo)

One Hurt In Two-Vehicle Road Mishap

A head-on collision was averted this morning but a sideswipe proved inescapable for two vehicles in a mishap that occurred about three miles east of Snyder on U.S. 180.

Involved in the collision were a 1977 Ford pickup driven by Sam Houston of Snyder and a 1974 Pontiac driven by Paul Jones, also of Snyder.

Investigating highway patrolmen reported that the Houston vehicle was eastbound when it collided with the westbound Jones car. Heavy damages were reported to each vehicle.

Jones was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for treatment of what was thought to be a minor head laceration.

The mishap occurred about 9:30 a.m. today.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Patricia Halford, 203 23rd; Meta Head, Rt. 1; Monica Miralez, 2308 Ave. N; Teresa Loper, 2711 Ave. U; Nancy Roemisch, 2105 29th; James Ainsworth, 3211 Ave. A; Mettie Trevey, Rt. 1; Pearl Guinn, Rt. 2, Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Mrs. Michael Landrum and baby boy, Denby Mathis, Chris Tovar, Raul Villanueva, Ted Cave, Harvey Waller, Dyer Smith, Eulalia Ramirez.

Defensive Driving Course Scheduled

A defensive driving course will again be offered through the Community Services Office at WTC.

The classes will be held Thursday, Dec. 8, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Christian Student Center. Guy Sullivan will be the instructor.

Anyone interested in this course is asked to call 573-8711, Ext. 240.

MARKETS

Midday Stocks

By The Associated Press

	High	Low	Last
Alcoa	42⅛	41⅝	42⅛
Am Airlin	10	9⅞	9⅞
Am Motors	4	4	4
AmTT	58⅞	58⅝	58⅞
Armco Stl	26⅞	26½	26¾
AtlRichfl	49⅜	48⅞	49¼
Beth Steel	20¾	20⅝	20¾
Boeing	27¾	27½	27¾
Borden	30¾	30½	30⅝
Brit Pet	15⅝	15½	15½
Burl Ind	20⅝	20½	20½
CaterpTr	52¾	52⅜	52¾
Celanese	40¾	40⅝	40⅝
Chrysler	13⅝	13⅜	13½
Cities Svc	47⅞	47⅜	47⅞
CocaCola	36⅞	36⅝	36¾
Cont Oil	27⅞	27¾	27¾
Dow Ch	26½	26	26⅜
duPont	114¾	114⅛	114¾
EG&G Inc	16⅞	16¾	16⅞
EastnAirL	6¼	6	6¼
East Kodak	49¾	48⅞	49¾
ElPaso Co	16¼	16⅛	16¼
Exxon	45½	45	45⅜
Fairch Cam	22¾	22⅝	22½
FordMot	43⅝	43⅛	43½
Gannett Co	36¾	36⅝	36⅝
Gen Elec	48⅞	48⅜	48⅝
Gen Food	32½	32⅜	32⅜
Gen Motors	62¾	62⅜	62¾
GenTel&El	31⅜	31⅛	31¼
Gen Tire	22⅞	22¾	22⅜
Goodrich	21½	21⅛	21⅜
Goodyear	17⅛	17	17
GtAtlPac	9⅝	9½	9½
Gulf Oil	26⅜	26⅛	26¼
Gulf StaUt	14	13⅞	13⅞
HarteHnks	32	32	32
Honeywell	45	44⅛	45
HoustInd	31¾	31⅜	31½
IBM	261⅛	259¾	261⅛
Int Paper	41¾	41¼	41¾
Johns Manv	30¾	30½	30¾
Johnsn John	72¾	72¼	72¾
K mart	27⅞	27¾	27⅞
Kennecott	19	18¾	19
Litton Ind	12⅝	12½	12½
Marathn Oil	47	47	47
Martin M	24¾	24⅝	24⅝
Mobil	63¾	63⅛	63¾
Monsanto	54¼	53¾	54
Penney JC	35¼	34⅞	35⅛
PhillpsPet	31	30⅞	30⅞
Polaroid	26⅛	25⅝	26
Proct Gamb	83¾	83¼	83½
PubS NwMx	21⅝	21½	21½
RCA	27½	27⅜	27⅜
Safeway Str	42¾	42⅝	42¾
SantaFe Ind	37	36¾	36⅞
SearsRb	28½	28	28½
Sony Corp	7⅛	7	7
Sou Pac	32⅞	32⅝	32⅝
South UnCo	34	34	34
StdOil Cal	39⅜	39⅛	39⅜
StdOil Ind	45⅞	45¾	45⅞
SunComp	43⅝	43½	43½
Texaco Inc	27	26⅝	26⅞
Texas Inst	69⅛	68⅞	69
Texasgulf	17½	17⅜	17½
TimeInc	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝
TransW Air	8¾	8¾	8¾
UAL Inc	19	18¾	19
Un Carbide	40¾	40½	40⅝
Un Nuclear	29⅝	28⅝	29⅝
US Steel	30¼	29⅞	30¼
Westgh El	17½	17⅜	17½
Woolworth	19⅜	19⅛	19¼
Xerox Cp	46	45⅝	46

Livestock

FORT WORTH (AP) - Cattle and calves 250. Not enough cattle and calves on hand to fully test trends. Few represented classes steady.

Slaugher cows: cutter and utility 1-3 22.00-25.00.

Feeder steers: good and low choice 300-500 lbs. 40.00-44.00.

Feeder heifers: good and choice 300-500 lbs. 31.00-35.00.

Hogs 200. Barows and gilts 1.00 higher; US 1-2 200-230 lbs. 41.50-42.00; US 1-3 190-250 lbs. 41.00-41.50; US 2-3 200-270 lbs. 40.50-41.00.

Sows steady: US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 33.00-34.00.

Boars 300-650 lbs. 26.00-27.00; 150-250 lbs. 27.00-28.00.

Grain

CHICAGO (AP) - Wheat No 2 hard red winter 2.73¾n Wednesday; No 2 soft red winter 2.63¾n. Corn No 2 yellow 2.23¼n hopper 2.14¼n box. Oats No 2 heavy 1.38½n. Soybeans No 1 yellow 5.77n.

No 2 yellow corn Tuesday sold at 2.22¾ hopper and was quoted at 2.15¾n box.

Cotton

NEW YORK (AP) - Cotton futures No 2 were higher in midday dealings today.

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Trotters Note Interesting History In Sneaker Sport

As the Harlem Globetrotters begin their fifty-second consecutive season, it is easy to see them as showmen, and forget their legacy to the sport of basketball.

Through the years, the Trotters, who will play here Dec. 14 at 7:30 in the coliseum met all challengers and won consistently, earning the title of the winningest team in sports history.

In 1950, the Trotters were marking their 23rd anniversary. For nearly one-quarter of a century they had barnstormed their way into the record books. Ten years earlier they had won the World Professional Championship before 22,000 fans in Chicago.

They defeated the professional champion Minneapolis Lakers in 1948 and again in 1949, but in 1950 undertook the boldest challenge in the history of the team. Heralding the Golden Age of Basketball, the Trotters issued a challenge to the cream of the graduating college crop.

Three legendary college coaches, Ray Meyer, Hank Iba and Clair Bee were selected to coach the all-stars in a series that would cover 18 cities. The Trotters won all but seven of those games against the top college players of the time, a list that included future Hall of Famers Bob Cousy, Paul Arizin and Kevin O'Shea.

From 1950 through 1962 the Globetrotters met the top college players in the "World Series of Basketball." Overall the Trotter record was 144-66, an incredible winning percentage of better than 70 percent. And in 1962, the final year of the series, the Trotters won fifteen of the sixteen games played.

But the greatness of that record is only seen when one looks at the ranks of the All-Stars who played against the Trotters. Those teams that challenged the Globetrotters boasted such all-time cage greats as Cliff Hagen, Frank Selvy, Bob Leonard, Frank Ramsey, Gene Shue, Larry Costello, Bill Bridges, Bill Sharman, Tommy Heinsohn, Guy Rodgers, Tom Meschery, Don Kojis and Larry Siegfried.

There was nothing like the "World Series of Basketball" before or since. In 1950 basketball was not televised nationally, and the fledgling NBA did not exist west of the Mississippi. The series presented the finest basketball of the time, and brought the sport to thousands of people who had never been exposed to basketball.

In the same manner, the Trotters have carried the sport of basketball around the world. Today basketball is the world's second largest spectator sport, and a large measure of credit goes to the Globetrotters.

Were it not for the influence of the Globetrotters, many countries, including Australia, New Zealand and Israel, never would have fielded basbasketball teams in the olympic games.

The Harlem Globetrotters have spread the gospel of basketball in 94 countries in a manner which has never been equalled.

Tickets for the show, which includes several half time attractions, are $5 for adults and $4 for children and may be purchased at Tape Town and Hastings Books and Records.

1977-78 HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS INTERNATIONA UNIT

NO.	NAME	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
35	Hubert Ausbie	6-5	190
18	James Blacklock	6-2	180
25	Tom Brown	6-0	170
19	Mel Davis	6-5	217
20	Marques Haynes	6-0	172
28	Vincent Humphrey	6-7	205
33	Steven Jones	6-7	198
34	Theodis Lee	6-8	225
44	Gerald Smith	7-0	205
24	John Smith	6-8	215

Player Coach: Marques Haynes
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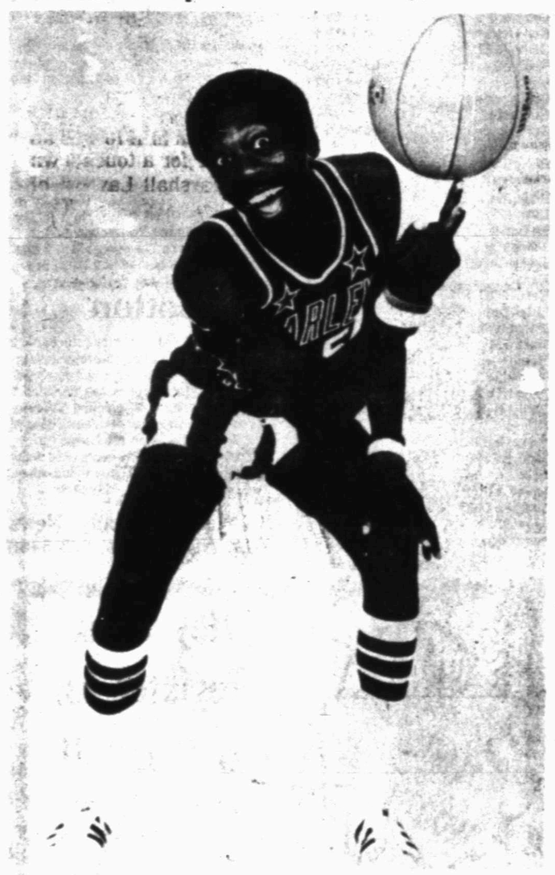
Tickets Ready For Semifinal

Tickets for Friday night's semi-final football playoff game at Tiger Stadium between Seagraves and Wall are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office and are priced at $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for children.

Both Class A teams sport identical 13-0 records and won impressively in separate quarterfinal contests last weekend. Seagraves, which defeated Haskell here two weeks ago, ripped Sunray 33-7 to gain the semi-final berth and Wall drubbed Pottsboro 28-6 to advance in the playoff picture.

Kickoff time for the game is scheduled for 8 p.m.



TROTTER CLOWN--Geese Ausbie, known as the clown of the Harlem Globetrotters, is a favorite among fans of the team which will be in Snyder Dec. 14 at Scurry County Coliseum. Adding new faces all the time, the Trotters go back farther in history than many of today's fans realize. See article above.

'Sox Sale Near Says Sullivan

BOSTON (AP)-The moment of truth possibly was near today for Boston Red Sox General Manager Haywood Sullivan and Vice President Buddy LeRoux, who want to buy the baseball team for $15 million.

After weeks of financial and legal maneuvering, Sullivan predicts the American League will approve the sale at the winter baseball meetings in Honolulu.

"We have a very good feeling and we've talked to each and every club," he said in a telephone interview.

Ten of the 14 AL teams, including Boston, must ratify the purchase from the estate of the late owner, Thomas Yawkey.

LeRoux said he thought the vote would come today, or at least by Thursday.

A Suffolk County probate judge smoothed the way Tuesday, dismissing a suit by ATO Inc. of Willoughby, Ohio. The firm bid $18.75 million for the team and claimed the Yawkey estate was legally bound to accept the best offer.

Ira Beaten In Tourney

FORSAN--Ira met some stiff opposition in the Forsan Tournament here recently and bowed out after two games.

The Ira boys dropped a first round game to Forsan, 78-43. Jimmy Byars noted 9 points for the 'Dogs while Forsan's D. Baggett had 15.

In later action, Grady edged the Ira squad 70-68. David Mosley paced the Bulldogs with 22 points. Teammate Joe Hall had 16.

Ira girls dropped their opener to Forsan also, 83-36. Donna Layne guided the Bulldogs with 23 points. In second-round play Grady whipped the 'Dogs, 57-42. Kim Layne noted 16 points for Ira.

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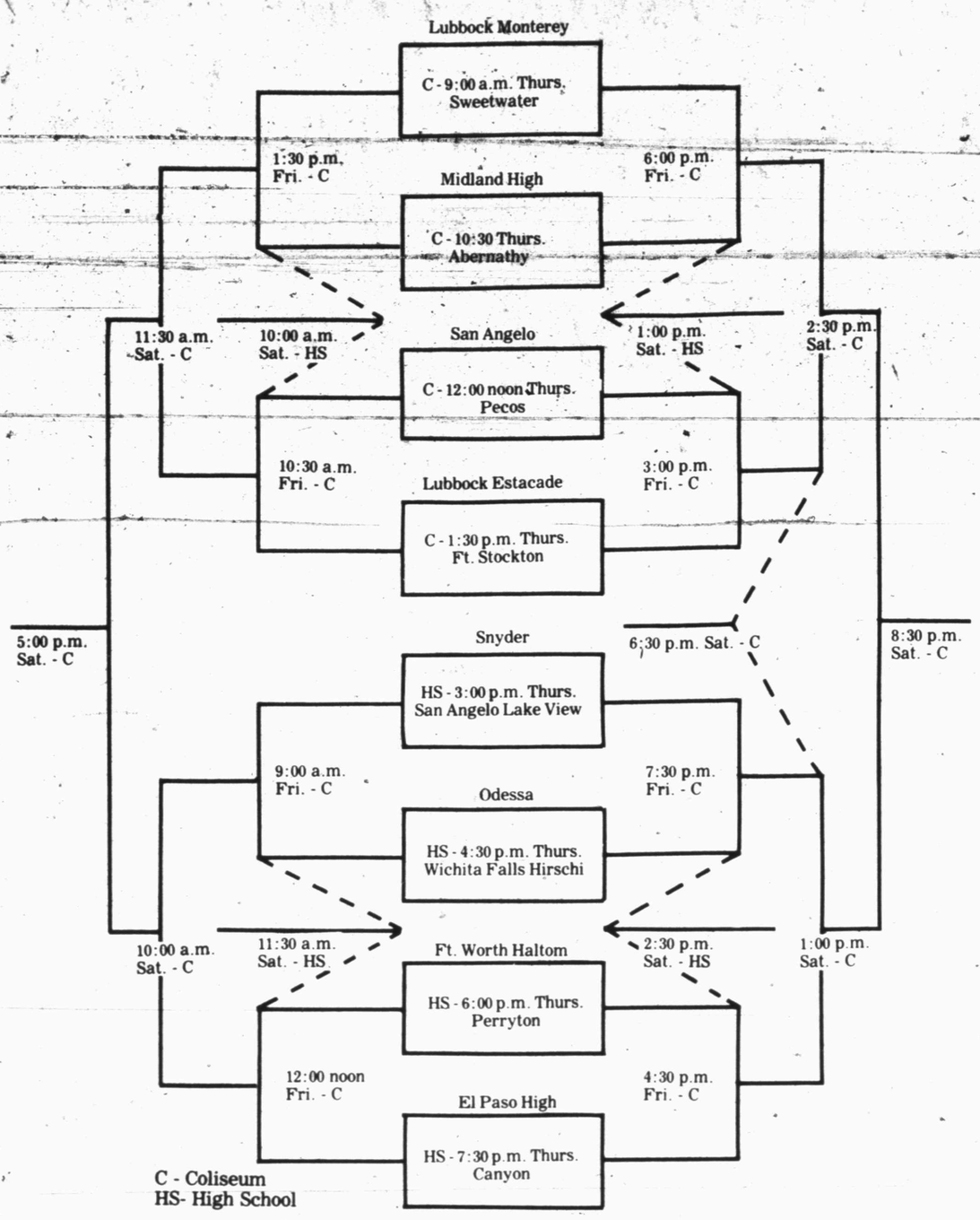
Ray Narleski of the Detroit Tigers was touched for four grand slams during the 1959 season.

23rd Annual Canyon Reef Basketball Tournament



For 16-Team Canyon Reef Event...

Tournament Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the three-day Canyon Reef Basketball Tournament are on sale at West Texas State Bank.

The tournament, in its 23rd year, will offer some of the best basketball teams in West Texas among 16 teams.

Heading up this year's meet, sponsored by the local chamber of commerce, are Mal Donelson, tournament chairman; Bobby Beard, ticket sales; Bill Dryden, ad sales; and Milton Ham, hospitality room and trophies.

Teams included in the tournament are Sweetwater, Midland High, Abernathy, San Angelo and San Angelo Lake View, Fort Stockton, Odessa, Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock Estacado, Fort Worth Haltom, Canyon, El Paso High, Pecos, Wichita Falls Hirschi, Perryton and Snyder.

The meet begins at 9 a.m. Thursday as Sweetwater and Monterey square off in the Scurry Coliseum.

adults and $4 for students. Session tickets, which include three games, are $3 and $1.50.

Tickets for the 25-game tournament are $7.50 for

WTC Plays Host Thursday

College basketball returns home tomorrow night as WTC hosts two opponents in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The Dusters, 5-3 in season play, will welcome Weatherford College in a non-conference tilt at 6 p.m. the Girls, who lost their first three outings, have roared back for four straight wins - including three conference victories.

At 8 o'clock, the Westerners are to host league opponent New Mexico Junior College. WTC's men are 10-3.

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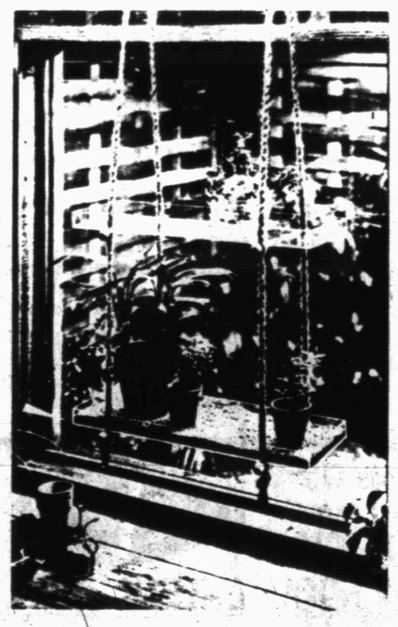

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Tech's Surprise Choice Over Tom Wilson...

Dockery Named As Sloan Replacement

LUBBOCK (AP) - New Texas Tech head football Coach Rex Dockery, who spent part of his high school career blocking for close friend Steve Sloan, says recruiting - not his coaching contract - is his immediate concern.

"I'm calling some kids tonight," Dockery, 35, said Tuesday night after being named to succeed Sloan. "We're behind in recruiting, especially with Steve's resignation.

"We haven't even had a chance to talk about a contract. We'll do that tomorrow morning. I've got to go to work now."

Dockery, who served as Sloan's offensive coordinator in 1973 and 1974 at Vanderbilt and for the past three years at Texas Tech, was the surprise choice for the job.

Sloan resigned from the head coaching position last week to accept a similar job at the University of Mississippi and it was believed that former Texas Tech quarterback Tom Wilson, now offensive coordinator at Texas A&M, had the inside track.

Dockery said he and Sloan have given the Tech assistant coaches a choice of following Sloan to Ole Miss or staying with Dockery at Texas Tech.

"Steve and I visited about this. We'll give each coach an opportunity of going to Ole Miss or staying here," he said.

The staff, with Sloan as head coach, will remain together through the Tangerine Bowl against Florida State on Dec. 23.

Dockery, who played offensive guard while Sloan quarterbacked at Bradley County High School in Cleveland, Tenn., graduated from Tennessee in 1965 after playing there four years.

He was a graduate assistant at Tennessee, but moved into high school coaching at Harriman Tennessee High School and later to Morristown East Tennessee High.

Dockery's four-year record in the high school ranks was 34-8-2. In 1970, he returned to Tennessee under Bill Battle and coached the receivers on the 1971 Liberty Bowl team.

Dockery became offensive line coach at Georgia Tech - and the Yellow Jackets also went to the Liberty Bowl.

In his first season at Tech, Dockery's offense averaged more than 400 yards per game, set a school total offense record and led the Southwest Conference in total offense. In 1976, the Raiders averaged nearly 380 yards per game and won a share of the Southwest Conference title.

The Red Raiders averaged more than 310 yards per game this year despite a rash of injuries.

"It was extremely fortunate that Tech had a person of Rex Dockery's ability and integrity on its staff who was available for appointment at this particular time," said Tech President Dr. Cecil Mackey.

Seminole Falls To Varsity Girls

SEMINOLE—Carrie Taylor basketed 18 points and teammate Geneane Martin added 16 as Snyder's girls varsity team ripped Seminole here yesterday, 48-34.

Miss Martin, who was 6 of 9 from the free throw line, scored all of her points in the second half.

Snyder broke open the closely contested game in the third quarter, putting up 13 points to Seminole's 6. The Tigers were behind after the first period, 7-6, but managed a one-point lead at half time, 18-17. Snyder took the fourth period, 17-11.

Heading the Seminole drive was Freda Morris with 20 points.

The Snyder girls take a week off before hosting back-to-back games against San Angelo Central Monday and Roscoe Tuesday.

SHS	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Hataway	1	0	0	2
Taylor	8	2	2	18
Harlin	1	1	2	3
Fisher	2	3	1	7
Featherston	0	0	1	0
Koonsman	0	0	5	0
Bilano	0	0	4	0
Martin	5	6	2	16
Sterling	1	0	5	2
Baach	0	0	3	0
TOTALS	18	12	25	48

SHS	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Morris	8	4	0	20
Winsor	3	1	3	7
Underwood	0	4	3	4
Ramirez	0	0	3	0
Graves	0	0	3	0
Vanderbilt	0	0	2	0
Cortez	0	0	2	0
Morris	1	1	2	3
TOTALS	12	10	18	34

Eight Schools Enter Annual Hermleigh Cage Tourney

By WESLEY KRUGER

HERMLEIGH – Hermleigh High School will be hosting an eight-school basketball tournament Dec. 8, 9, and 10. One boys' team and one girls' team each from Divide, Hermleigh, Highland, Hobbs, McCaulley, Paint Creek, Southland, and Trent will participate in this annual tourney.

Trent, Highland, Hobbs, and Hermleigh competed in the Trent tournament last weekend. The Trent girls won second place. The Highland boys won second place and the Hermleigh boys won third place.

Hermleigh coach Randy Peel thinks that Hobbs, the defending champion in the boys division, will again bring a strong team to the tourney. He also feels as though Hermleigh, Highland, and Southland will be strong contenders for the boys championship.

Clarence Spieker, Hermleigh girls coach, believes that in the girl's bracket Trent will field a very strong team. He feels as though Trent, the defending champion, will have a difficult time getting by Hobbs, last year's runner-up. These two teams have met twice and Hobbs edged by Trent in both games.

The tournament action will start Thursday at 12 noon with a game between the Paint Creek girls and the Hobbs girls. Thursday's action will end with a game between the Hermleigh boys and Trent boys.

Action will resume Friday at noon. At this time spectators will see the McCaulley girls battle the Divide girls. At 3 the girl's teams begin semi-final action. Friday's action will close at the conclusion of the 7:30 boys' game.

Play begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with the last semi-final game in the girls' consolation bracket. At 1:30 p.m. the concluding semi-final game in the boys' championship bracket will begin. Immediately following this game, a break in the action will take place. At this time the gym will undergo preparations for the games in the final's bracket.

Play will resume at 3 with the girls' consolation finals. The boys' consolation finals begin at 4:30. At 6 the girls' championship game will begin. The boys' championship game, which is the final game of the tourney, begins at 7:30.

After the tournament champions are determined, all-tournament awards and team trophies will be presented by the Hermleigh Superintendent, Ray Simmons.

Admission price for this tournament is 50 cents for students and $1 for adults until the break Saturday.

After the break, admission will be 75 cents for students and $1 for adults.

JV Jumps Over Seminole Squad

SEMINOLE—Snyder girls' junior varsity team smacked 19 points in the second quarter here yesterday while holding Seminole to 3, then went on to win, 53-42.

Connie Weber paced out 20 points for the visitors; 10 in the second period. Teammate Sherry Warren added 8 points.

Guiding the Seminole squad was Kirby Jameson with 20 points.

Snyder led by quarter scores 14-13, 19-3, 6-12 and 14-14.

The Tigers are scheduled to host San Angelo in Tiger Gym Monday.

SJV	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Sewell	2	0	3	4
Weber	9	2	3	20
Hill	1	0	1	2
Owens	2	1	4	5
Littlepage	0	0	4	0
Kidd	0	0	1	0
Hataway	1	0	2	2
Barrett	2	2	0	6
Cotton	1	2	1	4
Warren	4	4	0	8
Wood	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	23	7	23	53

SJV	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
King	1	0	3	2
Jameson	9	2	2	20
Blount	2	4	1	8
Browning	5	1	4	11
Woodruff	0	0	4	0
Jenkins	0	0	1	0
Graves	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	17	8	15	42

Felines Note Post Meet

Snyder 9th grade girls' basketball team is slated to meet Lorenzo 12:30 p.m. Friday in the Post FCA Tournament.

Winner of the game will play the winner of the Post-Petersburg game at 6:30 Friday. The two losers are to vie at 12:30 Saturday.

By San Angelo Bobcats...

Tigers Tripped Up

SAN ANGELO—The Bobcats clawed the visiting Snyder Tigers here last night, 53-46 in non-district basketball action.

The 'Cats now sport a 7-2 record while the Tigers are 7-4. Both teams will be participating in the Canyon Reef Tournament which gets underway tomorrow in Snyder's Scurry County Coliseum.

Lorenzo, Drew and Delson each slapped in 14 points as the Bobcats ran out to an early lead and never let loose Tuesday. Tony Cobb led the Tigers with 13 points while teammate Lucious Jeffery had 10.

San Angelo out-pointed Snyder in every quarter save the third, noting quarter-by-quarter scores of 11-8, 17-14, 10-11 and 15-15.

SHS	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Lucious	5	0	5	10
Crayton	0	0	1	0
Everton	1	0	1	2
Courtney	3	2	3	8
Hinton	1	1	0	3
Clayton	2	2	2	6
Cobb	5	3	3	13
Willis	1	2	0	4
TOTALS	18	10	15	46

SAHS	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Lorenzo	6	2	3	14
Ryan	2	0	3	4
Drew	6	2	1	14
Delson	5	4	4	14
Bell	3	1	5	2
TOTALS	22	7	16	53

Bobcats Bounce Local JV Team

SAN ANGELO—San Angelo junior varsity, edged by Snyder in a junior varsity tournament last weekend, took revenge here tonight, beating the visitors 73-55.

Evans was the night's leading scorer, dumping in 19 points against the Tigers. Teammates Smith and Rose noted 12 and 10 points.

Snyder, which will enter the Midland Junior Varsity Tournament Dec. 9-10, was paced by Kyle Short with 13 points and Morris Anderson and Henry Wood with 9 each.

San Angelo junior varsity led throughout the contest, boasting quarter-by-quarter scores of 16-11, 18-14, 19-10 and 20-20.

SJV	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Short	5	3	1	13
Sullenger	1	1	5	3
Taylor	3	1	4	7
Anderson	4	1	1	9
Forbes	2	1	4	5
Wood	4	1	1	9
Willis	0	0	1	0
Martin	1	0	0	2
Jackson	2	3	1	7
TOTALS	22	11	18	55

SAJV	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Rose	5	0	5	10
Parker	3	1	3	6
Smith	6	0	1	12
Detlof	3	0	5	6
Rossman	0	4	1	4
Deene	1	2	0	4
Clarke	1	0	0	2
Archer	1	1	0	3
Gray	3	0	2	6
Evans	7	5	2	19
Cranford	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	30	13	21	73

9th Black Nets Steers

Snyder boys' 9th grade Black basketball team defeated Big Spring yesterday, 70-56.

Tony Degrate paced the Tiger effort with 27 points, while Robert Rodriquez added 17 and Jerry Don Greene had 16.

"It was a real good effort all the way," noted Coach Mackey Greene, whose Tigers are now 2-0.

Snyder led 16-8, 24-12, 12-9 and 18-27.

The Tiger club wil host Jayton Dec. 15.

The longest pass play in the Big Ten in 1976 was an 82-yarder for a touchdown from Marshall Lawson of Michigan State to Kirk Gibson. It was against Ohio State.

Sophs Sear Bobcats

SAN ANGELO - Snyder sophomores, bound for the Lubbock Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament Dec. 8-10, defeated San Angelo here last night, 51-40.

The well-balanced Tigers, who rely on team play with little individual standouts, note a 7-3 record.

Mark Preston led the Tigers with 10 points. Eric Arnold had 9 and Kenny Tate and Barry Blackman each posted 6. Davis led the host team with 12 points.

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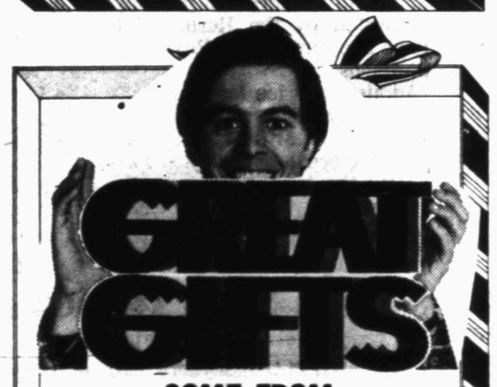

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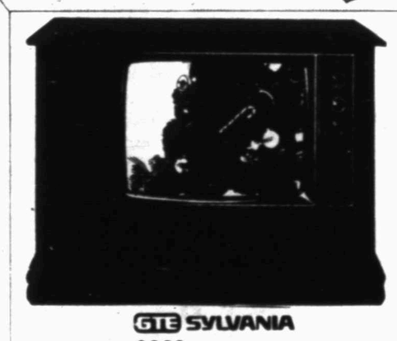

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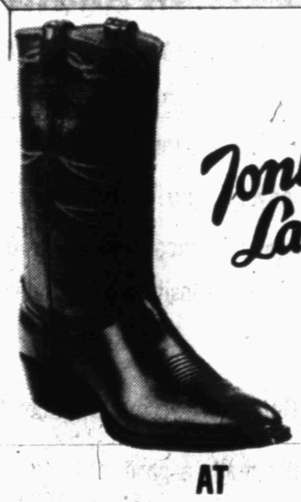

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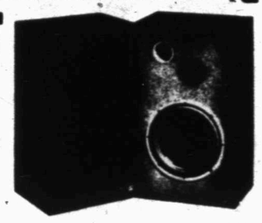

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VISIT MUSEUM--These Cub Scouts of Den 1, Pack 61, visited the Scurry County Museum recently. From left, front row, are Darren Pylant, Sha King, Eddie Pylant and Stacy Browning; back row, Jeff Clawson, Shane Gann, Casey Hale and Don Tucker.

Georgia Is Studying Its Coyote Population

By BILL SCHULZ
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP)-There is an established and growing coyote population in Georgia, and the Department of Natural Resources is trying to find out how many of the wily predator-scavengers are loose here.

Coyotes, who have a black-bandana reputation as sheep killers out West, are not native to Georgia, but were brought here perhaps 70 years ago.

"There is the potential for a problem or we wouldn't have started this study," department biologist Thagard Colvin said from his Fitzgerald office.

"There is, definitely, a coyote population in this state," said Colvin, who is heading the study. "Coyotes have been collected and their skulls have been identified by the Smithsonian Institution as pure strain coyotes."

Information collected since the study began in July has found that coyotes are raiding some livestock, particularly sheep and goats. And they feed on some crops.

"I'm finding in my survey that goats are the most vulnerable right now," Colvin said. "Probably the farmers who have goats are the ones receiving the most extensive damage. I've talked with one man who has a tremendous problem with his sheep - but there aren't that many sheep in south Georgia."

"We don't have a firm grasp on the problem yet," he said, "but I'm convinced ... that it was coyotes who did the damage."

Some of the damage probably can be blamed on packs of dogs which are a problem in parts of Georgia, Colvin said.

The coyote is one of the most intelligent animals in the wild. Despite intensive efforts to kill them off in the West, they have survived and according to some reports their populations are increasing.

"The most popular theory I've heard is that fox hunters in south central Georgia brought them in and released them to run with their dogs, but that's just a theory," Colvin said.

Also, he said, there are reports of coyotes being brought in as pets, then escaping or being released when they got too troublesome.

In addition to killing off some livestock, coyotes could disturb the natural balance of Georgia's animal population.

"I feel they are competing with the native predators, the fox and the bobcat are the major two," Colvin said. "I don't think he (the coyote) has found a major unoccupied niche in the natural food chain."

The coyote is a scavenger, but his natural prey includes rabbits, rodents, some snakes and ground-nesting birds, including game birds. Rabbits and rodents also are the major food items of the fox and bobcat.

The coyote has no protection as a game animal in Georgia, so hunters can take them any time in any way that complies with general firearms, bow and trapping regulations.

Panel Meets Thursday

AUSTIN (AP)-Chairman Mack Wallace of the railroad commission has called the first meeting of the Emergency Energy Preparedness Committee for Thursday.

The committee - with Wallace as chairman - was formed last Friday by the state Energy Advisory Council to prepare a Texas plan to cope with energy shortages this winter.

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Most Employees Overpay Taxes

By EDMOND LE BRETON

WASHINGTON (AP)-Nine out of 10 American workers subject to withholding taxes are letting the government take too much of their weekly paychecks, the General Accounting Office says in a new report.

The GAO, Congress' investigative agency, also said most employees apparently prefer to have too much withheld and get a refund than not to have enough withheld and have to pay more.

But the agency said a better job could be done of matching withholding with tax liability. Meanwhile, it said, millions of earners are, in effect, constantly lending money to the government without receiving interest.

The report said the average amount overwithheld in 1973, the latest year for which full statistics were available, was $380.

"Since overpayments are normally refunded in March or April of the following year, taxpayers are denied the use of some of their income for more than a year," the report said. "By the time they receive their refunds, their current taxes are already being withheld."

GAO said the system imposes "a particularly great hardship on low income wage earners. About 97 percent of taxpayers earning under $5,000 had too much money withheld."

The report said there are various ways in which employers and employees can legally adjust withholding to minimize the discrepancy with the amount of tax owed, but that these are not generally well publicized.

It suggested that the Treasury Department provide better information and survey withholding practices to see whether they could be modernized. Revising revenue codes to allow quick refunds to the unemployed might be considered, it added.

Other options the GAO said Congress might consider include simplifying the income tax, paying interest on the refunds and allowing taxpayers still more latitude in setting their exemptions.

In comments appended to the report, the Treasury Department said "withholding has been designed to work best for the large group of taxpayers who have one job and a steady, constant income ... and for such taxpayers, withholding does work very well."

Family Awaits Son's Release

LUBBOCK (AP)-Eddie Mize is only one of 126, but he's the one his family cares about.

Mize has spent the last four Christmases behind bars in a Mexican jail for something his mother says was "stupid." He'll be released this week along with another 125 American prisoners in Mexico as part of a new prisoner exchange treaty.

He was caught smuggling "a few ounces" of cocaine from Mexico into the United States.

"My son doesn't use drugs," Mrs. Pearl Mize said Tuesday. "The cocaine was for a friend - and it was a very small amount. Admittedly he shouldn't have done it. He knows that."

Mize may know that, but in a recent letter to his parents in nearby Crosbyton, he wrote that he was confused and doubtful about his life after his release.

"Truthfully, I don't know how to face up to anything after all the depression here," Mize wrote. "I guess I'll just have to get out and see how I feel then. Living in such a down place as this, one has to really be strong to think positively about the future. It just doesn't seem to exist when you're so low and you can't see out.

"Although I know it will end some day, I can't imagine it or what I'll be like. I feel I've lost the ability to communicate with people, and that limits what I'll be able to do when I get out.

"This place is really taking a toll on our bodies and minds."

Mize wrote of beatings suffered at the hands of guards and of the general "disgusting" nature of the jail.

Mrs. Mize said her family spent more than $30,000 in fruitless attempts to free their son and to provide money for food and bribes.

"He's taken some beatings because he didn't have any money to give the guards when they demanded it," Mrs. Mize said.

Mize, in his 40s, was sentenced to 6½-years in prison.

His parents were en route to San Diego to meet their son and escort him home for the holidays.

"This is going to be some Christmas reunion," his brother, Jackie, said.

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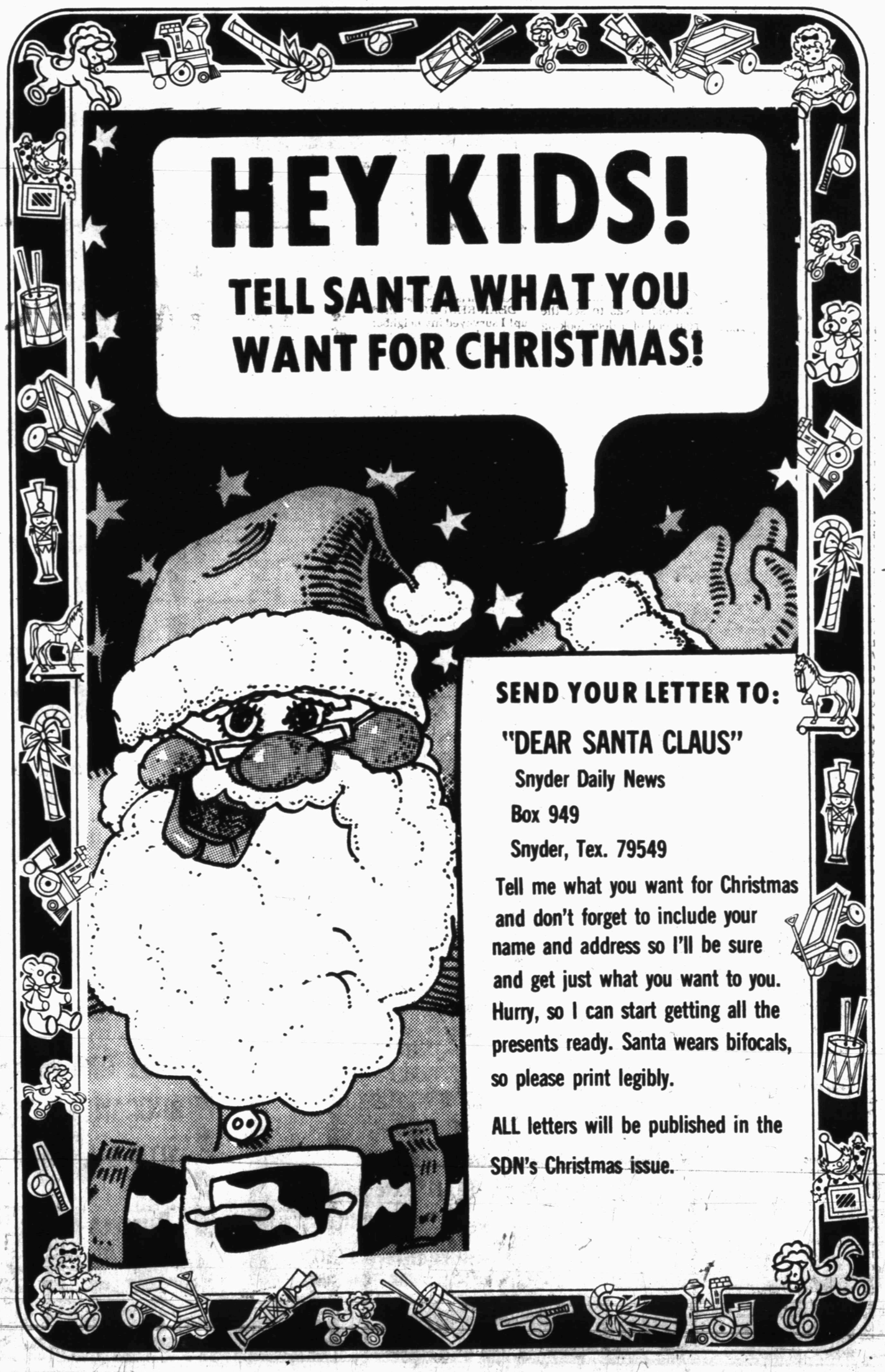

Required Job Data Changed

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Wrtier

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government will soon require information on sex, race and ethnic background from federal job applicants, after strongly opposing any reference to that information since the early 1960s.

The federal government says such data, once criticized by civil rights groups as contributing to discrimination against minorities, are needed to determine whether federal agencies are complying with affirmative action goals.

The change reportedly has the approval of President Carter and the same civil rights organizations that previously opposed the inclusion of such information on applications.

"The pendulum has now turned," said a Civil Service Commission spokesman. "The objective of this change is positive - to make sure the affirmative action programs are working."

The spokesman Joseph Oglesby, said the change will initially apply to only five or six job titles under Civil Service jurisdiction, but will be gradually expanded to encompass all applicants for federal jobs sometime next year.

And he said the Carter administration is "on the verge of reaching agreement" among federal agencies on guidelines to make it government policy that such information be required from applicants seeking jobs in government or with companies having federal contracts.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, according to a government source who asked not to be identified, is not yet ready to agree to the revised guidelines. But the source said the EEOS's reservations deal with proposed changes in testing methods and not the requirement of sex, race and ethnic background information from applicants.

The EEOC was established to enforce the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in hiring. If the commission adopts the new guidelines, the commission presumably could push for the requirement in the private sector.

LAFF - A - DAY

"Some guy called, but I forget his name. He said it was urgent that you call him...he left his number, but I forgot to write it down."

CHOICES
Karen Blaker Ph.D.

Christmas cheer

By Karen Blaker, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLAKER — Last year our family sent a mimeographed Christmas letter to 30 of our closest friends. We had fun writing the letter — reminiscing about the year and deciding what to include about each family member. We even decorated it together. We felt great — until we received an anonymous complaint from one of our "friends" who had received our letter. In the letter (typed neatly in an unmarked envelope) the person accused us of "having some nerve flaunting our happiness like that," and said that mimeographed letters were phony and impersonal. Needless to say we were shocked. If most people feel like our anonymous writer, we wouldn't ever want to send them again. What do you think? Maybe there is a better way to spread Christmas cheer.

DEAR READER — Cheer up! I surveyed my neighborhood and it was unanimous — Christmas letters are fun to send and receive — especially if certain trouble spots are avoided. Look over your last year's letter (before you write one for this year) keeping in mind the following guidelines:

Personalize your letter by adding a few hand-written lines expressing your feelings about that particular person. A statement such as "Each one of you is terribly dear to us and we miss you so much ..." sounds insincere when mimeographed for many people.

Encourage each family member to write and sign his or her own section. Otherwise the letter may read as if it were ghost written. For instance: "Mary and John celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary, Sara won top honors at graduation, and Eric got his first part-time job."

Avoid an excessively optimistic — or pessimistic — summary of the past year's events.

Limit the letter to a couple of pages. If you find that you are filling many pages with details, make a New Year's resolution to write your friends more often — or to start a diary!

Avoid the lofty tone of a preacher's sermon (unless you are a preacher). A Christmas eve church service could end appropriately with something like: "May all of you experience the peace and joy of the universe in which we all live — especially at this Christmas time." However, this would be rather pompous in a newsletter to friends.

After looking over your previous letter, do you think your anonymous Scrooge was really off base — or was his response justified by the way your letter was written? He might actually have done you a favor — in a rather harsh manner to be sure — if he motivated you to rethink the format of your Christmas newsletter. You know old Ebeneezer turned out to be a good guy in the end.

Write to Dr. Blaker in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Volume of mail prohibits personal replies, but questions of general interest will be discussed in future columns.

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The Louvre, originally a keep erected in the 13th century by Philip Augustus, was enlarged as a fortress by Charles V and transformed into a palace by Francis I, before Napoleon first opened it to public in 1793.

Secret Exposed

FALMOUTH, Ky. (AP)- Pendleton County Court Judge David Pribble's secret reason for hanging the mounted derriere of a deer in his courthouse office has been exposed.

His friend, psychologist Dr. Robert "Skip" Noelker, revealed the practical joke.

Last October, Pribble bagged a 10-point buck while hunting with Noelker in Ballard County. Pribble traded the deer to Noelker, who agreed to have the antlers mounted and send along a few venison steaks.

"You can imagine how shocked I was to see the rear end of a deer looking up at me," said Mrs. Pribble in hindsight. She was home alone when it arrived from the taxidermist.

Howard Junk, the Florence taxidermist, at the request of Noelker, attached a note: "I worked diligently to restore the antlers, but this is the best I could do."

Noelker said Pribble feigned white-hot anger. "You better stay out of Pendleton County. I've got a warrant out for you charging fraud and I don't know what else," Noelker quoted Pribble.

Days later, the mounted antlers and steaks arrived.

HHH Getting Letters On Laetrile Cure

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, who is suffering from inoperable cancer, is receiving up to 20 letters a week touting Laetrile as a cure for the disease, his office says.

A spokesman said on Tuesday that Humphrey's staff is replying with form letters saying the senator is pleased that the National Cancer Institute has agreed to study the substance.

The form letters also state that Humphrey is under a doctor's care and suggest that the correspondent, if he or she has cancer, also seek good medical help.

Humphrey has not used Laetrile, a trademark for a substance derived from bitter almonds and the pits of apricot and peaches.

For Thursday, Dec. 8, 1977

ASTRO-GRAPH
Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 8, 1977

Pleasant surprises are in store for you this coming year. Several people hidden in the wings will be arranging good things for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your impulsive generosity is your finest attribute today. You'll help those less fortunate, and you will insist on doing it secretly. Having trouble selecting a career? Send for your copy of Astro-Graph Letter by mailing 50 cents for each and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 489, RAdio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify your birth sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Have no qualms about meeting someone new today. You'll make an excellent first impression on both the high and mighty and the lowly and humble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It may take a bit of competition to bring forth your full potential today. When you hear the pack on your heels, you'll really come on.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Bargains can be found among goods of foreign origin today. If you have a little time, duck into an import shop and browse.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Business situations are flexible today. Take advantage of your opportunities and you could move ahead. If you daydream, the parade will pass you by.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can no longer afford the luxury of more deliberation regarding decisions you should have made. You may be squeezed into doing it today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today it behooves you to use updated equipment or methods in your job. Don't fear a little experimentation — it will probably work out well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Bypass your usual haunts today. Look for some place different for lunch or coffee. You stand a good chance of meeting someone very interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) While you give the outward appearance of being self-assured today, you may be very uncertain inside. Guard against a foolish decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Bright ideas from out of the blue may flash through your mind today. Write them all down for the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a possibility you can profit today from some unusual happenstance. You could discover a forgotten article among your possessions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you wait for approval of your ideas today, you could be the loser. Trust your own genius for improvisation.

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Postal Deficit Signals Curbs In Mail Service

By JEFFREY MILLS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Elimination of Saturday mail deliveries and closing of small post offices appear more likely because of continuing large postal deficits.

The Postal Service announced Tuesday a deficit of $652 million in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. Three months ago, the Postal Service predicted that the deficit would be $400 million.

The Postal Service also increased the predicted deficit for the current fiscal year from $554 million to $1.3 billion. And a predicted surplus of $282 million for fiscal 1979, which would have been the first profit since the postal reorganization of 1971, was changed to an anticipated deficit of $784 million.

"Obviously, this kind of loss is unacceptable to management and inconsistent with our legislative mandate," said Francis X. Biglin, the agency's top financial officer. "We cannot allow such deficits to happen."

The Postal Service did not elaborate on how they could be prevented, but Biglin noted that possible service reductions such as eliminating Saturday deliveries, closing small post offices and reducing mail sorting at night when workers must be paid a premium are "under continuous review."

Biglin said the main reason for the changes from the report he gave to the Postal Service's governing board in September is unexpectedly high costs for injury compensation.

The Postal Service has for years been urging Congress and the Labor Department to do something about the sharply escalating costs of this program. In the past, the mail agency has estimated that Americans this year will pay 1 cent for injury compensation every time they buy a 13-cent stamp.

The payments to injured workers cost the Postal Service $639 million in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. The price is expected to jump to $820 million in the current fiscal year and $1.2 billion next year. These costs compare with $94 million in fiscal 1974.

The Labor Department, which administers the program and sends the bills to the various government agencies, recently assigned 20 investigators to look into claims of on-the-job injuries that may be fraudulent.

Biglin said the Postal Service would not seek another rate increase on top of the one expected to take effect next spring, nor would it ask for higher congressional appropriations. He said these steps would be "too burdensome" to mailers and taxpayers.

The increase next spring would keep 13-cent first class mail for private citizens, but increase the cost for businesses and other organizations to 16 cents.

Reagan Sees Demo Candidate

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Ronald Reagan says he thinks President Carter will be challenged by another Democrat for the presidency in 1980.

Reagan - a Republican who in 1976 mounted a challenge to his own party's incumbent, Gerald Ford - said Tuesday that he thought Carter's opponent might be California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

He said Brown is "kind of taking the '78 governor's election in California for granted and he's shooting for the moon."

Sir W.S. Gilbert, English poet and playwright of Gilbert and Sullivan operetta fame, was born on Nov. 18, 1836.

Liz Didn't Attend To 'Be Weighed'

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - Actress Elizabeth Taylor, accepting a "Great Lady Award" from Variety Club International, told a crowd of 800 that she came here to help the club - not to sign autographs, give interviews or "be weighed."

Commentators here have noted Miss Taylor's plump figure and criticized her failure to grant interviews since she arrived Sunday with her husband, former Navy Secretary John Warner.

Miss Taylor was one of eight women to receive the award, established in 1957 to honor distinguished women. Miss Taylor was cited for her dedication "to the noble causes with which she dignifies her existence."

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WHEREAS, the hereinafter described tracts of land are contiguous and adjacent on two or more sides to the present corporate limit; and

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TRACT I

Being out of and part of Sections 123 and 126, Block 3, H & GN RR Survey, Scurry County, Texas, and more specifically described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of Section 126, Block 3, H & GN RR Survey, Scurry County, Texas;

THENCE South along and with the West line Section 126 for a distance of 272.5 feet;

THENCE East 322.2 feet to an iron rod, point being the Southeast corner of a 1.55 acre tract conveyed to E.L. Jones recorded in Volume 216, Page 488, Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas;

THENCE South 0 degree 13' 05" West along and with a fence for 171.8 feet to an iron pipe at fence corner, said point being the Southwest corner of a 6.88 acre tract conveyed to Gary Don Parks et al in Volume 297, Page 707, Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas;

THENCE south 89 degree 45' East for 925.65 feet to ¾" iron pipe, point being the Southeast corner of tract conveyed to the Faith Baptist Church in Volume 276, Page 303, Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas;

THENCE East 261.037 feet to a point in the West line of the Snyder Oaks Addition to the City of Snyder;

THENCE South 12.18 feet to the Southwest corner of the Snyder Oaks Addition;

THENCE East 711.0 feet to the Southeast corner at the Snyder Oaks Addition;

THENCE North 21.01 feet to the Southwest corner of the Pitner-Fuller tract;

THENCE East 237 feet to the Southeast corner of Pitner-Fuller tract, point being in the West line of a tract conveyed to Rogers & Rogers Investments, Company, Volume 300, Page 521, Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas;

THENCE South 0 degree 02' East 102.04 feet to the Southwest corner of the Rogers & Rogers Investments, Company, tract;

THENCE South 89 degree 45' East for a distance of 182.5 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE South 0 degree 02' East for a distance of 33 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE South 89 degree 45' East for a distance of 2,641.04 feet to a point in the East line of Section 126;

THENCE North along and with the East line of Sections 123 and 126 for a distance of 594.96 feet to a point, said point being the intersection of the East line of Section 123, Block 3, H & GN RR Survey, Scurry County, Texas, and the North ROW line of FM 1605;

THENCE in a Westerly direction along and with the North ROW line of FM 1605 to the West line of Section 123;

THENCE South along and with the West line of Section 123 for a distance of 53.71 feet to the place of beginning.

TRACT II

Being out of and a part of Section 124, Block 3, H & GN RR Survey, Scurry County, Texas, and more specifically described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point, said point being 660 feet east of the Southwest corner of Section 124, Block 3, H & GN RR Survey, Scurry County, Texas;

THENCE North 220 feet to a point;

THENCE East 640 feet to a point;

THENCE South 220 feet to a point in the South line of Section 124;

THENCE West 640 feet to the point of beginning;

Said tract contains all of Lots 1 thru 7 in the J.F. Lammert Addition, Scurry County, Texas;

be, and the same is hereby, annexed to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas and that the boundary limits of the City of Snyder, Texas, be, and the same are hereby, extended to include the above described territory within the City limits of the City of Snyder, Texas, and the same shall hereafter be included within the territorial limits of the said City, and said lands and the future habitants hereof shall hereafter be entitled to all rights and privileges of other citizens of the City of Snyder, Texas, and shall be bound by the acts and ordinances of said City.

II

Section 2. That the City Secretary is hereby authorized and required to publish said ordinance one (1) time in the official newspaper of the City of Snyder, the Snyder Daily News. Upon completion of said publication, the City Secretary shall make due return of said publication and report such publication to the City Council so that it can be made a part of the record of this proceeding. After thirty (30) days following the publication have elapsed, the City of Snyder shall then be authorized to further consider this ordinance.

III

The City Secretary is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas, an original or a certified copy of this ordinance.

IV

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage on second reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 5 day of December, 1977.

PASSED ON SECOND READING this day of 1977.

Mayor

ATTEST:
City Secretary

CARD OF THANKS A-3

WE WOULD like to express our thanks and love to each one who sent flowers, food, or helped in anyway during the loss of our Mother and Grandmother. A special thank you to neighbors, Bell-Seale Funeral Home, and Roscoe Nursing Home.

Our love and prayers,
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brumley
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Young
Chuck Lear Family

LOST AND FOUND A-4

LOST MEDIUM size black & white dog with white tip on tail. Lost 6 miles east on Roby Hwy. 573-8355.

PERSONAL A-5

IF YOU drink, that's your problem, if you want to stop, that's our problem, Alcoholics Anonymous, 573-5337 or 573-5117.

Ages 12-20. Do you have a drinking or drug problem in your family? If so and you need or want help-call us, the Alteens-573-9774 or 573-8180, night or day!

LIFT A FINGER. Report child abuse. 1-800-295-5400 toll free statewide child abuse hotline.

SNYDER COUNCIL on drugs and alcoholism. Information Education & referral Agency. Open 8 to 5 Mon. thru Fri. 1712 25th. St. -24 hr. Service. Call 573-3233. (a United Way Agency)

CONTROL HUNGER and lose weight with New Shape Diet Plan and Hydrex Water Pills. At Munden Pharmacy

FOR MERRY Christmas give her this large 5 leaf design gold ring with 9 diamonds. 3.17 karat total, below 1974 appraisal of $3800.00. Call 573-7763.

VEHICLES B

FOR SALE 1973 Cutlass Supreme, rally wheels, good condition. $2100.00 573-6385 or after 5:00-573-8128.

1974 MALIBU CLASSIC, $1,000, take over payments, extra nice. 573-0367-6 am-2 pm.

1951 CHEVROLET PICKUP, in good original condition, $695.00 or best offer. See at Youngs Texaco. 3701 College.

1977 CUTLASS. CALL 573-3750 after 5:00.

1971 Bonneville, 4 door, loaded and clean. Call 573-3218.

FOR SALE 1973 Honda 450, 1977 Honda 750, 200 watt Fender baseman amplifier. Call 573-0968 after 6 p.m.

MUST SELL Yamaha SC500 Fox Shox and air forks--Cooper 250 trials, three rail trailer, together or separate. Call 573-8760 after 3 p.m.

OLDSMOBILE 98, electric seats, tilt, cruise, and Honda mini bike and Yamaha 80. 3773 Sunset. 573-5816 after 4 p.m.

1977 MONZA SPYDER, loaded $5500.00. 1976 Kawasaki KE175, 375 miles, like new $700.00. Good selection of service station equipment. 573-3202.

1968 OPEL, reasonably priced, good gas mileage. 573-6054.

BUSINESSSERVICES D

STEAMEX FOR your carpet cleaning. Call the professionals at 573-2547.

FOR ELECTRICAL wiring call Ed Blocker, 573-7578.

TERMITE AND other PEST CONTROL Services. Joe Alexander-owner. NACHLINGER PEST CONTROL. 573-5646.

DECORATIVE CAKES: doll, Cookie Monster, Yogi Bear, lamb, rabbit, round, sheet & etc. Call 573-7581.

CARPET CLEANING
DISCOUNT TO SENIOR CITIZENS
Deep Soil Extraction
Water Removal
Free Estimates
Keenan's
AQUA-STEAM
573-6414

WATER WELL SERVICE Windmills & domestic pumps, move, repair, replace. Tommy Marricle-573-2493 before 8:00 a.m. & after 6:00 p.m.

VICENTE OLIVAREZ CONST.
BUILDING CONST.
Concrete work, remodeling & repairing.
1500 College Ave.
Office 573-8786
Home 573-9622

HOLIDAYS ARE NEARING!!
Want to spend more time shopping, cooking, or entertaining? Then let us do your cleaning, call THE CLEANING CO. 573-8715.

RALPHS CARPENTER SERVICE
For all your construction and remodeling needs.
Call 573-5810

DUMP TRUCK SERVICE
Front end loader, do yards, driveways, parking area, pads for mobile homes or whatever you need.
573-3136-Don McAnelly
Free estimates

TREE SERVICE
Pruning, Shearing, Feeding, Removing, and Hedge Trimming.
Arlie Eicke
573-8236

10 Per Cent Discount
CARPET CLEANING
SOIL EXTRACTION
Rotary scrubbing available. Free estimates-Local ownership West Texas Janitorial Service 573-2480.

ROOFING—REPAIR
GENE'S ROOFING
Ph. 573-5965 1010 26th St
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

EMPLOYMENT E

AVON
We will need sales representatives. Christmas earnings are fantastic. Territories available, Snyder, Hermleigh, Fluvanna. Call 573-3464 or 573-7560.

YOU ARE WANTED BY THE F.B.I.?
F.B.I. needs clerks, typists & stenographer at Washington, D.C. to begin on or after Jan. 1, 1978. High school graduate, minimum age 16, U.S. citizen. Males and females to include Minorities, (Hispanics, blacks, Asian American and American Indian.) Annually salary starting $7035 to $8902. Must be able to pass rigid background investigation. Write F.B.I. P. O. Box 2745 Lubbock, Texas 79408 or call collect 806-765-8571.

NEED SOMEONE experienced in doctors office-insurance. Send resume to Box 949E in care of Snyder Daily News.

FRED BARRINGTON.. CHEVROLET HAS TWO PERMANENT POSITIONS FOR A TRUCK MECHANIC AND LINE MECHANIC. NEED TO SERVICE ALL MAKES OF CARS AND TRUCKS, 5 DAY WORK WEEK, PAID VACATION, INSURANCE & EXTRAS. WE WILL RELOCATE. CONTACT RICK BIGHAM-DAYS 806-872-8337, AFTER 6 p.m. 806-872-8264

Do you need a job? See Snyder Employment Service Room 103 Brownfield bldg. 2425 College Ave. Phone 573-9472.

TWO MEN for full or part time Nursery and landscape work. One to train in sales. Apply in person to Snyder Nursery. 1306 25th.

HELP WANTED: bartenders and waitresses full or part time positions opened, apply in person at the American Motor Inn, must be at least 21 years of age.

DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED
For Lubbock Avalanche Journal in Snyder, Texas. Morning delivery, cash bond required. Needs good transportation. If interested call collect 806-762-8844, ext. 247. James Naul.

INSTRUCTION F

LEARN TO FLY
Instrument flight training
Air Taxi, Charter Flights
CALL
C. Jake Amato
Airtrax
Afternoons & Evenings
573-2465

WOMAN'S COLUMN H

REGISTERED CHILD care in my home, infants, thru 4 weekdays only. 573-9709.

STATE LICENSED and insured child care in my home. Call 573-8602.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES or shopping. New born - up. My home by hour. 573-8045. Keep this number.

WILL DO BABYSITTING in my home. Call 573-7601

RAG DOLLS FOR CHRISTMAS. CALL THELMA 573-6429.

CHILD CARE IN MY HOME. Registered. Call 573-0267.

PERSONAL LOANS $10-$100 to working men and women. Call Shirley at Timely Finance, 2409 Ave. R.
573-9335.

FARMER'S COLUMN J-1

Weaning pigs for sale $30. 573- 6670.

CHICKENS, Geese, Ducks for sale. Call 573-7288.

SHELLED AND UN-SHELLED PECANS FOR SALE. 2110 27th.

FOR SALE 5 cotton trailers, 28 ft. $1400.00 and two 22 ft. cotton trailers, $825.00. Call Bob Nichols. 915-267-2097.

SPORTING GOODS and SUPPLIES J-2

BIG ROUND TRAMPOLINES JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
$399.00
PURPLE SAGE MOTEL
E. HIWAY 573-5491

DEER HUNTING BY the day, call 728-3522 Colorado City.

MERCHANDISE K

IT ALL STARTS with you. Coors "Cash for Cans" 17 cents per pound on all aluminum cans. Purchased at Highland Park Shopping Center. Tuesdays 2-6

FOR SALE four L78-15 snow and mud tires and 4 six hold 15 in. wheels, to fit Chevy Blazer or Pickup. excellent condition $200.00 firm. 573-3387.

NEW HOME Sewing Machines, Electrolux cleaners. Sales & Repairs. H.B. & Paul Stevens at Whitfields. 573-3918, Snyder & 235-2889, Sweetwater.

FOR "A job well done feeling", clean carpets with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer $2.00 Roe's Furniture-Applicance.

KEEP CARPETS beautiful despite footsteps of a busy family. Buy Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer $2, Clark Lumber.

HOTPOINT UPRIGHT freezer, white, $50.00, brown vinyl recliner, $20.-00, green electric ice cream freezer, $10.00. 573-0925.

FOR SALE like new Roper built-in dishwasher, brand new ladies 3 speed bicycle, call 573-7137 after 5 p.m.

42" WARDS MOWER, 3 blade cutter for 16 h.p. tractor, 10 speed English racer bicycle, $50.00. 573-7288.

FOR SALE 3 new Grandfather Westminister clocks, some beautiful antiques. All in excellent condition. 573-6686.

FIREWOOD $55.00 a cord. Free delivery. College students. Call 573-7244 or 573-5312.

WHIRLPOOL WASHER & dryer, both used very little. Come see and you will buy. 573-3144.

GOOD FIREPLACE for sale. Also wood burning fireplace. Call 573-2431.

FOR SALE: Kenmore Washing machine; auto. dryer; good condition: hair chair and baby bed. 573-3198.

BRAND NEW COUCH, $60.00. Also new bed, complete, $50.00. Call 573-0265.

Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads 573-5486

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES & SCHEDULES
15 WORDS MINIMUM

1 day per word	10c
2 days per word	18c
3 days per word	24c
4 days per word	30c
5 days per word	33c
6th day	FREE
Each additional day 4c per word	
Legals, per word	7c
Card of thanks, per word	7c

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The Daily News can not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion. Claims cannot be considered unless made within three days from date of publication. No allowance can be made when errors do not materially affect the value of the advertisement. All out of town orders must be accompanied by cash, check or money order. Deadline 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, prior to day of publication. Deadline Sunday 4:30 p.m. Friday.

S&S BOOKKEEPING SERVICE
Notary Public
Pick up & delivery
Cora Smith-573-2444
Marsha Scott 573-5648

WEST TEXAS ROOFING
All Work Guaranteed
Shingles Hot Roofs
New, Reroofs, Repairing
15 Years Experience
Edwin McCraw, Owner
573-0722 after 5:00

STARTING DEC. 8 ON EVERY THURS.
A representative of Higginbottom Fur Co. will be in Snyder at Fina Truck Stop Restaurant from 1:30-2:30. Also will be in Vincent 12:30-12:45 at cafe. Will be in Ira-Chevron Station 1:00-1:15.

INSULATION
Homes and Commercial Walls and attics blown Free estimate. All work guaranteed. No mileage charge within 50 miles.
NICHOLS INSULATION
573-8615 or 573-8315
Rotan 735-3437

We have several nice framed mirrors. Would be good for Christmas. 30 per cent off on mirrors. Several storm doors, 20 per cent off, full solid glass models and 2 glass models, ventilating type. Customer pick-up only on storm doors.
SNYDER GLASS & MIRROR
1906 33rd 573-6396

U.T.I. INC.
INSULATION EXPERTS
FROM THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW
Residential & Commercial Insulation
Under Writer (laboratory) Tested
Selling SOLAR—THERM
TOMORROW'S INSULATION TODAY
Fully Insured Free Estimates
Office Pho. 915-573-0505 Snyder, Texas

EITHER WAY YOU SAVE!
Save money on high Utility bills with Mono therm INSULATION (3.77 R Factor per inch) Meets all Federal Regulations We install or Save Approx. 40 percent & do it yourself with our machine.
HEAD HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
2401 Ave. T 573-3907

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 36" storm door $35.00, 30" interior door $10.00, aluminum screens $2.00. Call 573-7291.

CANOPY BEDROOM suite for sale and chickens for sale. Call 573-6177.

Nearly new washer and dryer, gas stove, bed, dresser and chest, box springs and mattress, one coffee table and two end tables, two lamps, one dining room table and five chairs, davenport, chair and ottoman and China Hutch. Call 573-2709.

GARAGE SALES K-5

GARAGE SALE
2902 Denison
Thurs. & Fri.
Warm clothing, men, women & children, jeans, all sizes, quilts, dishes, ceramics, oil paintings, lots of knick knacks. No sales until 8 a.m. Thurs.

INSIDE SALE:
Thurs. Only
Living room suite, baby & childrens clothes, maternity clothes, drapes. No sales before 9 a.m. Royal Trailer Park Space 425-Hwy. 84

GARAGE SALE
41st & Kerrville
Thurs. 1-6 Fri.-Sun. 9-6
Lots of very nice Christmas items. Hair dryer, bean bag, tennis racket, clothing & lots of others, gas Apt. size stove.

THURS. & FRI.
Backroom sale - little bit of everything. First rd. past Bethel Butane on Clairemont Rd., first house on right.

PORCH SALE
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
DEC. 8 & DEC. 9
if weather bad will be held inside
126 East Hiway..

GARAGE SALE
807 34th.
Thurs. & Fri.

GARAGE SALE
Association for Retarded Citizens. Open each Thursday and Saturday. Weather Permitting. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2508 Ave. W.

WANTED TO BUY K-14

WANTED METAL office chairs. Call 573-2729.

RENTALS L-1

FURNISHED
APARTMENTS & ROOMS
Special Weekly Rates
Bills Paid-Come and Look
Tel-Ray--T.V. Available
SKYLINE MOTEL
Lamesa Hwy. 573-9226

METAL STORAGE building 20 x 30 ft. back of 3902 College. $50.00 a month. 573-6805.

FURNISHED 2, 3, & 4 room apartments with or without T.V. Bills paid, no children or pets. Phone 573-3566 or 306 28th.

MOBILE HOMES L-9

14 x 56' BONNAVILLA MOBILE HOME, completely furnished and carpeted, $299.95 down, payments $121.38 per month. Quality Mobile Home Sales. 5111 College. 573-3230.

3 BEDRM. 2 bath, Town & Country mobile home. Assume payments. 573-8511 ext. 286 or 317- Mon.-Fri.

$500 DOWN. Assume payments of $139 a month on new 1978 Melody Mobile Home, 14 X 80, completely carpeted and furnished with Roman style bathroom. Quality Mobile Home Sales 5111 College Ave. 573-3230.

8 X 35 court model trailer. $3250.00. See at Trailer Topia Space 9 after 5 p.m.

WANT TO BUY-RENT L-12

MATURE WOMAN would like to rent bedroom with bath. Call 573-8983 before 9 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m.

REAL ESTATE M

3 Bedroom, 2 bath, double carport, brick, near all schools in Southwest Snyder, $39,900.00 Call 573-5627.

FOR SALE: 1280 acres of land in Kent County. Call Jake Watson AC817-325-8047. Mineral Wells, Tex.

HOUSE FOR SALE
BY OWNER
Zoned commercial. Older 3 bedroom house two blocks south of square. Excellent Rent House with separate garage and storage building. Want to sell by the 1st. Only $5,500. Call or see Dan Ellington. 573-5488 or 573-6887 or 573-5954.

Richardson Realty
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1908 26th St.
EXCLUSIVE
Owner Transferred New 3 Br. 2 Bath, Brick, Sepeate Dining Room. Corner Lot.
COMMERCIAL 1½ Acres Hiway 180 & 84 Bypass.
FOUR 15 Acre Tracts on Roby Hiway. Water Available.
NEW HOMES Eastside. They are really nice.
OFFICE Phone 573-6306
HOME Phone 573-3990
Mrs. Eddie Jo Richardson

611 East Highway
JACK & JACK Realtors
573-3452

NEAR STANFIELD--3 bedr. 1 and 3/4 brick, large family room with fireplace, nice game room complete with pool table, small office, wet bar. Mid $40's.
SOUTHWEST 41st ST.-Newly redecorated 3 bedr. with formal living room and oversized den, new carpet, lots of storage. Mid $30's.
SOUTHWEST 40th ST.--3 bedr. 2 bath brick with double car carport and large patio.
WEST EDGE OF TOWN--3 bedr. den, fireplace, large rooms situated on ½ acre of land. Low $30's.
LOADS OF PRIVACY in this 3 bedroom brick, 1 3/4 baths, dining room, built-ins, 2 car carport, storm cellar, large concrete patio, central heat and ref. air P-L-U-S 1275 sq. ft. metal commercial building, located in East.-
HILL AVE.--3 bedr. brick, den, central heat and air, fenced yard with pecan trees, nice neighborhood. Mid $30's.
8 MILES EAST of town--2 bedr. frame home, good water well, 1 acre of land. Only $16,500.
109 BROWNING--2 bedroom with 3rd bedr. and utility room unfinished, 1016 sq. ft. real neat, $12,500.
EAST 20th STREET-3 bedr. with new paint and paneling. Only $14,000.
BUILDING SITE in Bassridge on Fredonia Street Priced to sell!

Evening & Weekends Call:
Howard Jones.....573-3452
Dolores Jones.....573-3452
Pam Hester.....573-0466

Joe Box Realty
4006 College
Country West--3 Bdrms, 2 baths on ½ acre--3 miles from town.
Ranchetts--5 acres each on Colorado City Hwy. Well located--restricted area.
Commercial Property--Near courthouse square
We are very happy to have Joyce Barnes associated with us now and she invites all of her friends to come by or call her at Joe Box Realty.
Joe Box (Day or Night) 573-5908
Bill Early (Day) 573-2902
Joyce Barnes (Res.) 573-6970

West of Town -- 3 Bedrm, 2 bth, large kitchen-den combination, on 1.64 Acres of land. Lots of fruit trees. Call Elizabeth Potts Realtors, 573-2404.

LOIS GRAVES REALTORS
573-2540
Phillips 66 Center
East Hwy.

STANFIELD AREA
Just Re-done 3 Bdrm 1 carport. All new carpet and paint with nice yard. Priced to sell. Low 20's.
ROOM TO GROW
This 3 Bdrm 2 Bth brick home has room for any size family. Excellent S.W. area close to schools. Below appraisal.
PICK YOUR COLORS
This home is being remodeled with new carpet, paint and ceilings. 2 Bdrm, 2 car garage with central air and heat, $16,500.
NICE & NEAT
New paint and paneling and carpet. 2 Bdrms large utility room with 1 car carport. Nice large yard only $15,000.
ONE OF A KIND
2 Story 4 Bdrm 2 Bth with new fireplace, extra large lot with many fruit trees. New carpet and paint. Below $30,000.
MOBILE HOME LOTS
100 X 150 lot with all utilities ready to move your mobile home on and tie it down.
2 3/4 acres south of town, all utilities are to the lot. Has had a mobile home. Low equity and low paymentss.
Joyce McCoy.....573-0704
Mike Graves.....573-2939
Lois Graves.....573-2540

Day or Night 573-5612
STEVENSON REAL ESTATE
4102 College

NORTHWEST OF CITY... approx. 1 mile from City Limits West..2 acres with large house..fireplace..built-ins, carpet..fine location..$37-500.00.
OLD WEST...three bedroom with garage..paneled..carpeted..clean and neat..located on Ave. V..$24,500.00.
CENTRAL SNYDER..corner lot..nice two bedroom home with utility room..storm cellar..$10,000.00..located on Ave. K.
EAST SNYDER..ideal for larger family..can be used as four bedroom..with two baths..and large garage..311 29th Street.
COUNTRY LIVING WITH ALL THE EXTRAS..large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, built ins.. one acre and on water line..let us show you this house..a good value at $57,-500.00..Southwest.
IDEAL LOCATION ON CLAIREMONT ROAD..large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, refrig. air, fireplace, built ins..with 5 acres..brick..and a good buy at $69,000.00.
SPANISH STYLE HOME IN BASSRIDGE..let us show you this lovely home..nicely decorated..many extras..and priced to sell at $62,500.00.
THE INCOME WILL HELP MAKE THE PAYMENTS.. this 30 acres with two strong irrigation wells and someone who knows a little about farming and likes to live in the country will all add up to a good buy..located north of Snyder.

OFFERED BY OWNER: Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Living den-kitchen combination with large basement, excellent for entertaining, on constant level of LBJ Lake, double boat dock with sun deck & electric boat lift. Pecan trees, $60,500. Call 915-388-6639 or write Whitie Howe Box 1017, Kingsland, Texas 78639.

MERLE NEWTON REALTY
3311 College 573-6928
DAY OR NIGHT
EXCLUSIVE LISTING-North-Nice clean 3 bdrm, central heat & air, fenced, patio large pantry nice eating area, storage-only $23,650.00.
EAST 3 bdrm, seperate dining room, Nice storage fenced.
FARM-280 acres & one is 300 Acres-see this today
WEST Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath Lots of Storage.
EAST-Low Low downpmt, refinished inside & out, fenced. a good buy.
SMALL ACREAGES-1 acre or more some West & South.
COUNTRY WEST-3 bedrm. den; 2 bath, fireplace, ref. air, 3 mi. out, ½ acre, storage, all over spacious.
COMMERCIAL-Large shop, house & apt.

Elizabeth Potts REALTORS
2908 College Ave.
573-2404 or -0174
2002 WEST DRIVE -- 3 bed., 2 bath, large den, ref. air, large corner lot.
3725 AVE. V.Nice 3 bed., den, living room, carpeted, corner lot, storage.
300 ACRES -- Ennis Creek Road. Water well, new tank, fenced.
DRIVE BY 2409 31st and look at this lovely 5 bed., 3 bath home. Total electric and lots of extras.
3509 40th - Over 1800 sq. feet of living space. 3 bed., 2 bath, ref. air.
GOOD S.W. LOCATION -- 3 bed., 2 bath, patio, ref. air, nice covered carport.
WESTRIDGE - 4 bed., 2 bath, total electric, fireplace and all the extras.
EAST one acre with 3 bed., 2 bath house, water well, fenced.
FREDONIA - Nice 3 bed., 2 bath, living room, den, dining area, ref. air.
COUNTRY WEST - Large 4 bed., 2 bath, on ½ acre of land, water well.
OLDER HOME that has been remodeled, 2 bed., 2 bath, large kitchen. $19,500.
320 20th. - 3 bed, 2 bath, carpeted, fenced yard.
DOUBLE WIDE TRAILER - Set on it's own lot. 3 bed, 2 bath, den, living room.
EAST - 2 bed., 1 bath, carpeted, and only $11,500.
2710 AVE. G 2 bed., 1 bath, carpeted, real nice and priced right.
Evenings And Weekends
Beverly Hester - 573-9617
Margaret West - 573-6674
Elizabeth Potts - 573-2404

BUYING? OR SELLING?
320 ac. good water & sandy land, west.
160 ac. SW, good building site.
3 acre tract & double wide, water line.
60 ac. east good house site, waterline.
15 ac. east on water line.
Well located commercial lots.
Good bargains in Lake cabins.
4 BR. SW, large lot, equity buy.
3 BR, brick & commercial bldg, good buy.
3 BR, brick, SW. Great location.
BEAVERS REAL ESTATE
2425 College Avenue
Phone: 573-9472

240 ACRES WITH house for sale. 12 miles east of Snyder on Roby Hwy. Call 573-2024.

LOOK TODAY!
3 bedroom, 1 bath with living room AND large den. New refrig. air and central heat. Good location in Highland Park... Upper $20's.
Call
JACK & JACK
REALTORS
573-3452

COUNTRY WEST -- 3 bdrm, 2 bth, on 2 Acres. Nice and ONLY $23,000.-00. Call Elizabeth Potts Realtors, 573-2404.

ONE OF SNYDER's Finest Older Homes - Over 3000 Sq. feet of living area. Completely redecorated, central heat and Ref. air. Has an upper and lower patio overlooking a huge yard with lots of fruit and pecan trees. Call Elizabeth Potts Realtors, 573-2404.

1. Country life - Older 3 bdrm. home (very nice) 5 acres - Water well & pump. fenced. $16,500.00.
2. Mobil Home 52x24 3 Bdrm. 2B. Carpet. 2½ A. city water, cellar. $28,000
3. Large Lot-3 Bdrm 1B Home-West fruit trees & Garden. W.Well $15,000
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HEW Will Not Shut Down Texas Hospitals

AUSTIN (AP)-The head of the Texas Hospital Association came back from Washington a happy man.

O. Ray Hurst said Tuesday the HEW officials assured him they would not enforce cost-cutting guidelines by shutting down Texas hospitals.

Hurst went to Washington on Monday with Gov. Dolph Briscoe to protest the guidelines, which had thrown hospital administrators - particularly those from rural areas - into a panic.

Briscoe talked with Secretary Joseph Califano of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Hurst spent his time with Hale Champion, undersecretary for health.

"They said over and over, 'We don't want to impose our judgment over that of local and state authorities,'" Hurst said.

He quoted Champion as saying, "We sent the guidelines out for comment, we were inundated with comments, we will heed the comments and we will do something. The guidelines will be changed, and the exception section will be expanded."

Guidelines proposed by HEW under a mandate from Congress to cut hospital costs would have produced frightening results, according to a hospital association survey that had a 66.3 per cent response rate.

Some of the findings:

—86.8 percent could not meet the guideline requiring an average occupancy rate of 80 percent.

—84.4 percent of all hospitals could not meet guidelines to keep an obstetrical unit. There were 2,000 babies a year in major cities and 500 in those outside of metropolitan areas with 100,000 or more people.

The obstetrical unit requirement got particular attention, since the average time a pregnant woman would have to travel to the next available delivery room was 51 minutes. Driving time would have been several hours in some remote areas.

—54.4 percent fell short of the requirement that to have an open heart surgery unit, a hospital would have to do 200 such operations a year.

Califano wrote all members of Congress last week, telling them that HEW, in fact, wanted to "improve access to needed, high quality health care for those living in rural and other under-served areas." He said the obstetrical guideline would be revised and that local control of hospitals would be left intact.

He assured Congress that there was no authority in the act nor the guidelines for closing hospitals or hospital services.

New Program For Language

ABILENE--A new program based on the Dartmouth Intensive Language Model will enable Hardin-Simmons University students to complete a year of elementary Spanish in a single semester -- while doing almost no homework.

The program, based upon a model begun at the undergraduate level in 1967 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., will be initiated at H-SU in the spring semester of 1978. It emphasizes increased time spent with the instructor and deemphasizes the amount of time the student spends working on his own outside of class. Upon completion of the class, the student will receive eight semester hours of foreign language credit.

Santa And The Pigwidgen

By LUCRECE BEALE

Synopsis: Tweedleknees says he will go with Claus to find the Pigwidgen. He says the elves who are also under a curse will give them special weapons.

CHAPTER SIX
FOUR GIFTS

THE SOPCHOPPY River cascaded through dark and fearful channels far beneath the earch. Claus lay flat on his stomach and clutched the sides of the matchstick raft.

The gushing waters surged around him and he thought every moment would surely be his last. But Patrick Tweedleknees, with only his firefly flashlight to see by, calmly poked the raft through the roiling flood with a long-handled broom.

At last the waters calmed and Claus dared to open his eyes. He saw a blue-lighted cavern ahead. The river flowed gently into the cave and Tweedleknees, leaping ashore, said, "This is Elfland."

Claus staggered off the raft. He was greeted by hundreds of elves. They shouted, "It's a giant! Tweedleknees has brought a giant!"

Tweedleknees explained crossly that Claus was not a giant but a perfectly ordinary man who meant to destroy the pigwidgen who had cursed all the children and elves of the land.

The elves gazed at Claus in awe.

"How brave he is!" they murmured. "How strong!"

"And I," said Tweedleknees jealously, "I am going to help him."

"We'll all help!" shouted the elves. "We'll give you the weapons to slay the Pigwidgen!"

They rushed off to the workbenches that filled the cavern. They set to work hammering and sawing and bolting and whittling and, all the time, singing at the top of their squeaky lungs.

"What are they making?" shouted Claus above the din.

"Who knows?" replied Tweedleknees. "Elves can make anything."

"I like to make toys," said Claus modestly.

"Elves make toys, too. In fact, it's their favorite thing."

Tweedleknees showed Claus to a huge storeroom filled with tricycles and hobby horses and wagons and dolls and fire engines and a hundred other toys.

"Use the magic with great care," urged the old elf.

"What do you do with them?" cried Claus admiringly.

Tweedleknees shrugged. "Store them here. It's a hobby. It keeps us busy."

"But think how children would enjoy them!" said Claus.

"Children are everywhere," reminded Tweedleknees. "Elves are here and cannot leave."

A gray-haired, spectacled elf tugged at Claus' sleeve. "We're finished now," he said. "See what we have made."

The elves gathered around and the old elf gave Claus four wonderous gifts.

First, a bow and an arrow which would always find its mark.

Second, a ring. When twisted three times it would cause a creature to change its shape.

Third, a mouthharp, the sound of which could charm the fiercest foe.

And finally, a dagger whose point had been dipped in a deadly poison.

Claus' heart pounded with excitement. With such weapons as these he could surely destroy the wicked Pigwidgen.

But the old elf warned, "There's one thing you must remember. The magic of each gift will work but once. Therefore use with care."

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Orchestra For 'Oliver' Has Skilled Musicians

When the Snyder High School production of the Broadway Musical, "Oliver," opens next week a considerable amount of musical skill will be in the orchestra pit to lend their support to the high school performers.

Playing lead violin will be George Larson, Concertmaster of the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra. From the same orchestra will come Philene Larson who will play the cello.

Ed George, Director of the orchestra at Abilene Christian University will play bass. Also from ACU will be Kay Randolph, violin; Doug Curnutte, viola.

Clifford Franklin, Assistant Band Director at Snyder Junior High, and his wife Chrystal will be playing clarinets. Pianist and rehearsal pianist is Robin Smith, music teacher at Central Elementary School.

From Western Texas College will be Jeri Bavousett on trumpet. Snyder High School musicians include: Glenna Dennis, flute; Darrell Calvert, bassoon; Viola Pinkerton, french horn; Ken Goodman, trumpet; Terry Roberts and Mark Robertson, trombones and Kerry Patterson, drums.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Ronny Mayfield, assistant Band Director at Snyder High School. He has had considerable directing experience and has worked at Opryland in Nashville.

MUSICIANS FOR PLAY--Ronny Mayfield and Robin Smith pause during a rehearsal of the SHS Musical, "Oliver." Mayfield is assistant band director at Snyder High and will conduct the orchestra for the show. Miss Smith, music teacher at Central Elementary School, has served as rehearsal pianist and will be pianist in the pit orchestra. The show opens Dec. 15 on the SHS stage and tickets are now on sale.

During the past summer he directed a student musical ensemble on a European Tour. Mayfield is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and is in his second year as band teacher at Snyder High School.

"Oliver" will play Dec. 15, 16, 17 on the high school stage.

HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Low sperm count

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — How about a little advice to those of us who have a problem getting pregnant? My husband and I have been married for four years. I have been off the pill for over two of these years. I'm 24, and he is 28.

I have been pregnant before (another man) when I was 18. I had a legal abortion. My doctor says I am perfectly healthy and should get pregnant. The year I was off the pill, he said it would take time; now he says there must be something wrong. I used the temperature charts for a while to no avail.

A few months ago, my husband went for a sperm count. The first test came out low, so he had a repeat. When I called his doctor about the results, the doctor said the second test was just as low as the first. My husband went up for a physical. The doctor asked him how many hours he worked a week (65 to 75). Then he told him there was nothing wrong with him, just tired, and that he had read the second test results wrong.

My husband does work long hours, but they are not physical. This has only been for the past eight months. Before this, he didn't work at all for almost a year, and before that just a normal 40 hour week.

I've tried to ask the doctor questions about this, but he acts as though it's none of my business, and won't tell me much of anything. He just says to wait. I think I've waited long enough, especially with no information on the subject.

DEAR READER — I agree that you have waited long enough. Your letter suggests that you and your husband have different doctors. If so, I might suggest that you bring up the problem with your doctor. He should be able to talk to your husband's doctor and get some straight answers with numbers attached to them. He may suggest that your husband have additional tests done, or perhaps checked by another doctor.

When a man has a low sperm count, there are things that can be done. There have even been studies that show the sperm count can be boosted by the male taking the same fertility pills women need to take when they don't ovulate. Both the ovaries and the testicles are stimulated by hormones from the pituitary gland under the brain.

Some men improve by giving them thyroid hormone, or improving their general health. Your doctor may want both of you to go to a fertility clinic.

The chances of pregnancy can sometimes be improved by having sex every third night. That ensures the best chance of a larger sperm count, and eventually the third night and ovulation occur at the same time.

From the rest of your letter, I appreciate that your husband is sensitive about this. Many men are. There's nothing to be ashamed about, and even if he were not producing sperm at all, that would not mean that he is less masculine. Many men with normal levels of male hormones do not produce enough healthy sperm.

Readers who want The Health Letter on Impotence, number 3-12, can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

Refuse Korchnoi

LENINGRAD, U.S.S.R. (AP)-The wife of chess grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi, who defected to the West 17 months ago, says Soviet authorities have refused permission for her and her son to emigrate.

Mrs. Korchnoi said in an interview here that she now fears their 19-year-old son will be drafted into the armed forces, which would delay any possible emigration by at least seven years.

Briscoe Hopeful On Energy Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)-Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe says he's "cautiously hopeful" that any energy bill that Congress passes will not give the federal government authority to allocate Texas' intrastate gas supply to other states.

Briscoe, on a lobbying visit to Washington, said he based that hope on talks with Sen. Russell Long, D-La., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and others.

Briscoe had conversations this week with President Carter, Secretary of Energy James Schlesinger, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph A. Califano Jr. and other congressional leaders.

Long and Bentsen, the governor said, told him they could and would block legislation that sought to give the federal government the allocation right.

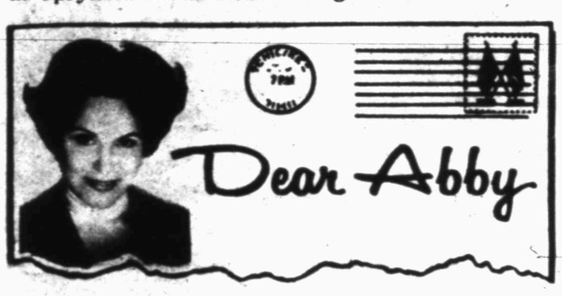
Acknowledging that Carter, Schlesinger and other administration leaders haven't changed their attitudes toward an energy bill, Briscoe estimated that there was a 35 per cent chance there would be no energy bill at all, leaving the natural gas supply and price laws as they are now.

Briscoe, who also met with Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus to discuss the state-federal dispute over Matagorda Island, predicted Tuesday that the conflicting claims to the undeveloped barrier island off the Texas Gulf Coast will be settled within two weeks.

After the meeting, Briscoe said Andrus sympathized with the state's desire to gain title to the island, abandoned by the Air Force several years ago, and maintain it as a wildlife refuge and park, with limited access for hunters and the general public.

He said Andrus was ordering a reevaluation of the Interior Department's position that the land cannot be turned over to a state if a federal agency has a legitimate need for it.

Briscoe said that Andrus would give him the department's revised offer within two weeks. "I'm confident we can resolve the situation," the governor said.



Make Them Help With the Dishes

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Christmas is coming soon and I dread it. I belong to a large family and we all go to Mom's for Christmas dinner. Some of us bring prepared dishes and help fix the rest of the meal once we get there.

After dinner all the men retire to the living room, and along with them go a couple of their wives. The wives just sit without even offering to help with the dishes or to clean up the mess. It's always the same ones. They arrive with their husbands and children just in time to eat, and they never lift a finger to help.

How would you word it to let them know that they are expected to pitch in and help?

HAD ENOUGH IN VA.

DEAR HAD: Use the direct approach. Go into the living room and ask for "volunteers" for K.P. duty. And if they don't volunteer—draft 'em!

DEAR ABBY: A very likeable and popular girl whom we shall call "Ya' know" is driving us all batty with a habit she has acquired.

Her otherwise intelligent conversation is punctuated by frequent and seemingly endless "ya' knows."

We are so distracted by all those "ya' knows" in every sentence that we would like to say something to her, but we don't want to hurt her feelings or get her angry at us.

Any suggestions?

HER FRIENDS

DEAR FRIENDS: Tell "ya' know" in a friendly, nonjudgmental manner, and observe her reaction. If she appreciates being made aware of this distracting habit and says she'd like to overcome it, offer to help her further by responding, "Yes, I know" each time she drops a "ya' know" into a sentence.

But if she resents your well-intentioned criticism, say no more and accept her, "ya' knows" and all.

DEAR ABBY: The othe day I came across a poem that seems to state perfectly my reason for writing to you:

"Daughter has her master's
Son his Ph.D.
But Dad is the only one
Who has a J-O-B."

My husband is ready to retire and we still have all four of our grown, college-educated children living with us. We love them all, but we can't go on supporting them forever.

With no jobs and little money, there is little likelihood of their marrying and giving us grandchildren before our lives are over.

Dad and I can't figure out if it's the fear of a challenge, love of their parents or laziness that keeps our children at home and jobless. We are not people of means, and we haven't spoiled any of them. They all have worked hard for their educations, but their lives have come to a dead stop. Where do we go from here?

M. FROM MASS.

DEAR M.: YOU don't go anywhere. But your college-educated children should go daily in search of employment, and keep going until they land something. If they can't find jobs for which they are trained, they should take whatever they can get in the meantime.

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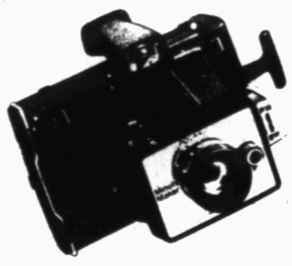

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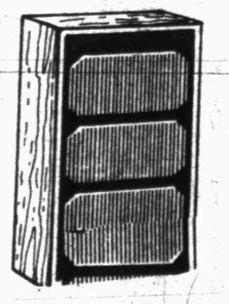

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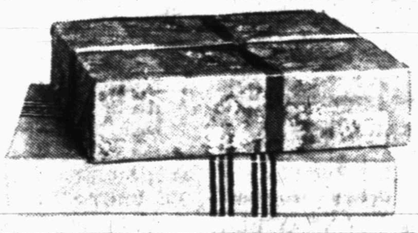

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