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Wednesday update

Carters Go Home

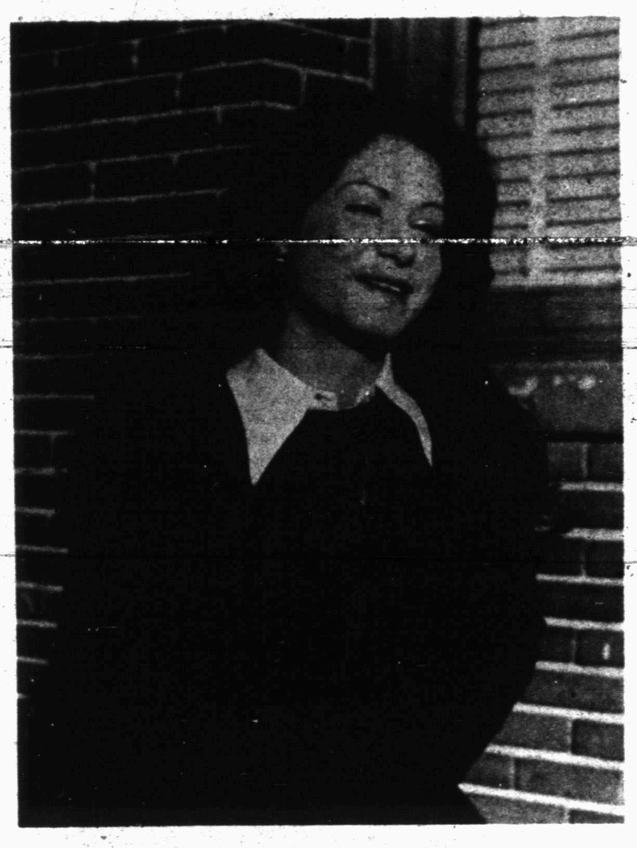
WASHINGTON (AP)-President Carter and his family flew from Washington today for a down-home Christmas in Georgia.

In keeping with a Carter family tradition, the president, his wife Rosalynn, daughter Amy, son Jeff and daughter-in-law Annette are planning to spend a quiet holiday in Plains.

"We plan no newsmaking activities," Press Secretary Jody Powell told reporters.

The trip means escape from Washington's foul weather and the prospect of Georgia days when the temperature climbs above freezing and the sun peeks through the clouds.

It also means an opportunity for the president and his family to see old friends again. They haven't been home since August.



FIRST DAY OF WINTER--Penny Clark was one of many who were bundled up in heavy coats this morning as the thermometer dipped into the teens on the first day of winter. (SDN Staff Photo)

Quake Toll Hits 519

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)-Earthquake casualties mounted today to at least 519 dead and 671 injured in 16 villages in Iran's coal basin, the nation's relief agency said. Many of the dead agency said. Many of the dead were said to be children trapped by collapsing mud-brick walls.

Thousands of miners and their families were homeless in subfreezing temperatures. Mining operations came to a halt, and it was feared steel production would be halted at the nation's big mill at Isfahan.

The new toll-up from 343 Tuesday was given by Ismail Gilanpour, spokesman for the Red Lion and Sun, Iran's Red Cross.

The only foreigners reported killed were seven Afghan workers on a construction site near Zarand. Several hundred Americans are helping develop Iran's first copper mine at Sarcheshmeh, but it is 155 miles from the quake zone.

The quake struck an area 430 miles south of Tehran before dawn Tuesday, devastating the villages of Sar-Asiyab, Gisk and Bab-Tangol, and damaging at least 13 other villages. The damage in some of them did not become known until reconnaissance helicopters flew over them this morning.

Winter Makes A Cold Entry

Winter arrived today with a bright, dry and cold setting in the Snyder area, with little prospects of much change the remainder of the week except that temperatures may rise.

According to the Old Farmers Almanac, winter was to make its appearance officially at 5:24 p.m., CST.

The thermometer dipped to 19 degrees early this morning, and the temperature remained on the cool side throughout the morning, although bright sunshine prevailed.

The cold night followed some brief snow flurries in the area Tuesday. But a person had to look quickly to see any snow. The flurries were noted shortly afternoon in and around Snyder, and the flakes were very small. There were reports of some larger flakes north of Snyder, but there was not enough snow to collect on the ground anywhere in the area.

Skies were clear and winds from the west and northwest were blowing at 10 to 20 miles per hour this morning as a massive ridge of cool, dry air dominated the weather scene in the western part of the country.

A warming trend was expected to develop this afternoon, with highs ranging from the upper 40s to the 60s in southern parts of the state.

Some of the early-morning readings included 19 degrees at Amarillo, 23 degrees at Midland-Odessa, 30 degrees at San Antonio and 29 at Abilene.

The cold weather served to enhance the Christmas atmosphere here, and the count-down until Santa Claus arrives was to begin this afternoon when Snyder Public Schools dismissed for the holidays. Hermleigh Schools will dismiss tomorrow and Ira Schools will dismiss Friday for Christmas. All of the schools will resume their sessions on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The SDN Column

These are trying times for people who are weight-conscious. Nearly everywhere you turn, there are goodies available, and there will be more and more before they begin to taper off. The most sensible way to cope with this problem is to relax and enjoy it for the next 10 days or two weeks and then make a New Year's resolution to compensate for it early in 1978.

For those who have no weight problems to consider, or who may even want to add a few pounds, you might consider this advice from Cassius Clay, known in some quarters as Muhammad Ali:

"You eat rice pudding with vanilla ice cream spilling over the sides. Then you order two king-sized cheeseburgers with a lot of French fries and wash them down with a vanilla milk shake. Late at night you go out and get a big bowl of Mexican chili and wash it down with a cherry soda...."

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A couple of Aggies made a survey recently which indicates that relatively few motorists cause most of the problems in keeping speed down to 55 mph allowable. According to the Texas Traffic Safety Report, issued by the Office of Traffic Safety, Dr. Newton Ellis and Dennis Seal of Texas A&M University conducted a study which showed that 71 per cent of the drivers tested drove extremely close to the speed limit. Only 15 per cent were driving at 60 to 65 mph, only 9 per cent were driving 65 to 70 and only 5 per cent were doing 70 mph or above.

The average driver was traveling at 57.22 miles per hour. That's close enough to 55 to keep from getting a ticket under ordinary circumstances.

And, before leaving the subject of driving, did you know that in Norway, a person can be arrested for smoking while driving?

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The cactus patch philosopher says that the trouble with a man who talks too fast is that he is liable to say something he hasn't even thought of yet.--WACIL McNAIR

Goodfellows Contributions

Hattie Gatlin	$5.00
Purple Sage Motel	15.00
Henrietta Lee	1.00
C.C. Vicars	1.00
Clemmie Andress	1.00
Mariel Shuler	20.00
Snyder Chapter API	500.00
Harold Denson	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Graham Smith	20.00
L.L. Lewis	10.00
Elmo Crowder	10.00
A.E. Cary	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Deffebach	50.00
Johnnie Kirksey	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Deere	5.00
Carmen Buzman	1.00
Mrs. Clyde Hall Sr.	5.00
Derrick Freeman	10.00
Bentley Baize	10.00
H.W. Cargile	25.00
Julia Pollard	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anselmo Hernandez	$5.00
Joe Williamson	10.00
Geno	2.00
Hope for Tomorrow	150.00
Snyder Volunteer Fire Dept.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roscie Williams	10.00
Jack Burney	5.00
J.A. Dove	5.00
K.R. Babcock	50.00
Earl Sneed	20.00
Betty Jasso	1.00
Antonia Jasso	1.00
Becky Jasso	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Melton	25.00
Diamond M Foundation, Inc.	100.00
Louise Melton	5.00
Jim's Welding Works	50.00
Bess DeLoach	5.00
Mrs. M.L. Andress	5.00
Mattie Morris	1.34
Mrs. McClanahan	$2.00
In Memory of Donnie McCormick	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. M.M. O'Rear	10.00
Alice Lane	5.00
Lyle Deffebach	25.00
Brownie Troop 205	6.00
Anje Albarez	1.00
Mrs. G.A. Bohanna	2.00
H.E. Kelley	5.00
Roy and Nell Kid	10.00
Ruth Chapter, OES	25.00
Mrs. Ham	10.00
Sue Belle Trice	10.00
Hubert Starnes	10.00
Charles Snyder	5.00
Mrs. R.M. Hedges	10.00
Mrs. Dewey A. Odom	10.00
Calley and Fowler	500.00
Keith Collier	10.00
Hirma M. Thompson	2.00
Don Adams	10.00
Mrs. B.F. Henderson	5.00
Wayne Boren	5.00
Snyder Duplicate Club	55.00
Jerry Hatfield Sweet Shop	10.00
Dr. and Mrs. John Blum	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sterling	10.00
Gene L. Dulaney	10.00
Evelyn and Martin Murphy	5.00
Hulen Malone	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Bowlin	5.00
Salvation Army	150.00
Ben West	5.00
Alvis Minton	5.00
Anonymous	33.39
Total	$4,081.18

Food Prices Soar
Inflation Pace Quickens

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)-Higher prices for beef, fresh fruit and other food products helped push consumer prices up by .5 percent in November, the largest increase in five months, the Labor Department said today.

Overall food prices increased .6 percent in November, also the biggest advance in five months, and prices of other goods consumers buy rose .5 percent, the most in nine months. Prices of new automobiles were up 1.5 percent.

The November increase in the Consumer Price Index appeared to confirm expectations of many economists that the pace of inflation will quicken in months ahead, with higher food prices a major factor.

Consumer prices had increased just .3 percent in each of the preceding three months.

The Labor Department said prices consumers pay increased 6.7 percent between November 1976 and last month. It said its Consumer Price Index stood at 185.4 of the 1967 average of 100, meaning it cost $185.40 to purchase goods priced at $100 ten years earlier.

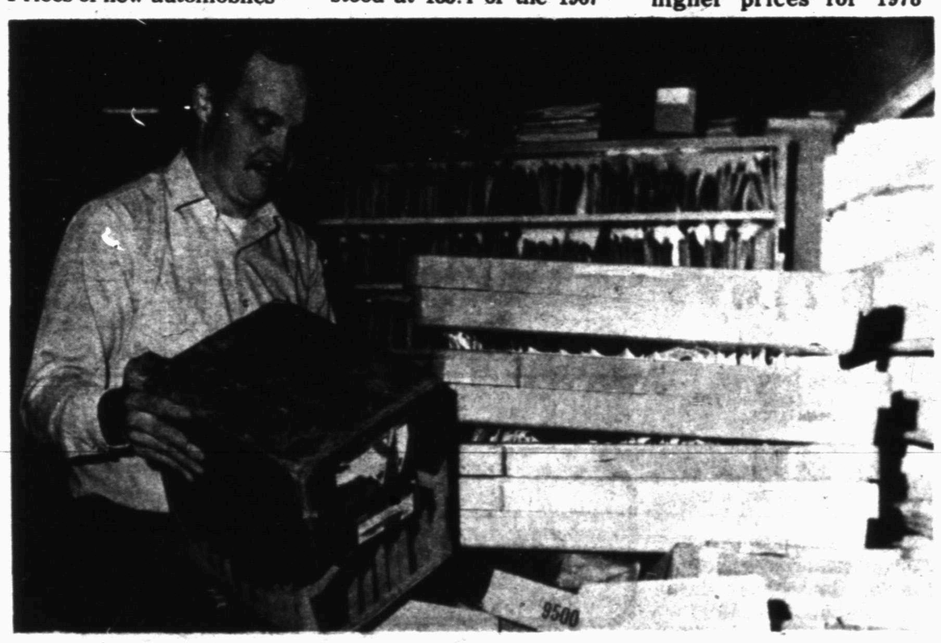
The increase in food prices in November had been expected, but the .5 percent increase in prices of other goods was higher than economists had predicted in advance. It was the biggest increase since a .7 percent rise last February, and the Labor Department blamed it primarily on higher auto prices.

The 1.5 percent increase in new car prices included higher prices for 1978 model U.S. cars as well as prices of imported vehicles, which have increased because of the declining value of the U.S. dollar in countries such as Japan and Germany.

Used-car prices rose .1 percent after declining sharply from April through October.

There also were higher prices for alcoholic beverages, up .7 percent and for apparel, up .5 percent. The cost to the consumer of gasoline and motor oil advanced .8 percent, but that was less than in October.

Prices of fuel oil and coal declined .8 percent.



POSTAL WORKERS BUSY--Christmas parcels and cards are adding their usual seasonal load to work of employes at the Snyder Post Office these days. Frank McCravey is shown sorting out packages, which account for a lot of the mail at this season. Postmaster Jack Tilson said that, all in all, the postal workers have been able to keep up with the flow so far. (SDN Staff Photo)

Santa's Phone Line To Open

Santa Claus will have his telephone line open to receive calls from Snyder youngsters Thursday evening, Snyder Jaycees have announced.

The Jaycees have arranged for a special line to the North Pole between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, said Sam Alexander, Jaycee project chairman.

Santa's phone number during that period will be 573-2691.

Jaycees arrange for the Santa telephone calls each year for Snyder area youngsters.

California Wind Storm Kills 7

By LAURINDA KEYS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) Howling winds up to 80 mph tore across California from the Mexican to Oregon borders for a second day today, leaving hundreds of thousands of residents without power, fanning brushfires, and contributing to at least seven deaths.

In the far north, winds clocked at 80 mph blew the roofs off the grandstand at the Humboldt County fairgrounds and a grocery store and sent a tree crashing down onto a truck on Highway 36, killing two persons inside, officials said.

An estimated 90,000 residents were left without electric power when lines were blown over, and Pacific Gas & Electric Co. could not estimate when it would be restored.

All major roads in the area were reported blocked by fallen trees and other debris. A fishing boat capsized at Humboldt Bay Bar but its small crew was pulled from the water when a Coast Guard vessel reached the scene.

U.S. 101, "The Redwood Highway," was closed from San Francisco to the Oregon border because of fallen trees blocking the road.

A fire was burning in the Alms Ridge area of the Los Padres National Forest near Big Sur, but it was not clear if the weather caused the blaze.

An estimated 75,000 homes and businesses from the Santa Clara Valley to the northern San Francisco Peninsula lost power early today when winds downed trees and voltage lines, the utility reported.

On Tuesday, the violent winds blew down barns and airplane hangars, toppled heavy trucks, tossed chunks of brick and roofing through the windows of homes and businesses and whipped fires out of control.

Hundreds of travelers were marooned in cities throughout the Central Valley and the Mojave Desert, jamming hotels, cafes and emergency evacuation centers set up in churches and schools.

San Diego Bay was put on gale alert.

The wind conditions were caused by an extreme low pressure system 500 miles west of San Francisco sucking air at tremendous speed from a high pressure area situated over Nevada, weather forecasters said.

An estimated 30,000 homes, offices and industries from Bakersfield south lost their power, and thick clouds of dust were reported as far away as Stockton, about 200 miles to the north.

"It's the worst I've ever seen," said California Highway Patrol Officer Jim Hill of Bakersfield. "I've been at this kind of work for 15 years, and I thought I'd seen it all...but nothing like this."

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. said he would probably declare disaster areas in at least two central California towns-Bakersfield and Arvin.

Almost all activity in Bakersfield, the largest city in the Central Valley, had come to a standstill by midday Tuesday, the second day it had been battered by the winds.

Power had been cut off to much of the city as the winds tore down power lines, shattered windows and tossed trees across cars, houses and streets. Visibility was cut to zero by a thick, mustard-colored grit covering the city.

Some looting was reported. In Arvin, a farm community of 7,000 people 20 miles south of Bakersfield along Highway 99, police said almost every home suffered damage.

A wind gauge atop the Arvin police station registered gusts of up to 101 mph before the gauge blew apart.

The California National Guard in Bakersfield was called into active duty and rescued 35 people huddled under a bridge on Route 58 near Arvin to escape the blinding dust storm.

The winds contributed to many brush fires, the largest one on sprawling Vandenberg Air Force Base about 50 miles northwest of Santa Barbara. At least three people, including the base commander, and possibly a fourth, were killed. Scores were reported injured.

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Tuesday, 57 degrees; low, 19 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 22 degrees; precipitation, none; total precipitation for 1977 to date, 22.68.

West Texas-Mostly fair through Thursday with a warming trend. Highs this afternoon upper 40s Panhandle to the mid 50s south and the 60s lower elevations of the Big Bend. Lows tonight mostly in the 20s. Highs Thursday 50s north 60s south and 70s Big Bend lowlands.

Second OPEC Split Predicted

By LEW WHEATON
Associated Press Writer

CARABALLEDA, Venezula (AP)-The OPEC oil ministers, divided over whether to freeze crude oil prices in 1978, resumed their meeting this morning, and the Libyan representative predicted a double-level price system for a second year in a row.

"I think there is going to be a difference on prices and a split as we had at Doha last year," Libyan Oil Minister Ezzedin Mabrouk told a television interviewer.

At the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' price-setting meeting in Doha, Qatar, last December, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates opted for a lower price than the OPEC majority.

Mabrouk said Libya prefers an increase of at least 10 percent and that a consensus within the 13-nation OPEC is unlikely. Every 5 percent increase in the OPEC price costs U.S. motorists a half-cent more at the gasoline pump, experts say.

Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez said Tuesday he believed he had the agreement of the oil ministers to postpone the price issue until a special meeting in the spring if they cannot reach a unanimous decision on their 1978 price.

But the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates had said earlier Tuesday that his government would freeze oil prices unilaterally if the OPEC majority demanded an increase.

A Saudi-led bloc at this year's meeting is pushing for a 1978 freeze on the current price of $12.70 for a 42-gallon barrel. They are opposed by such price "hawks" as Iraq, Libya and Algeria, which are demanding hikes ranging up to 23 percent.

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costly regulations

A survey conducted recently at Washington University in St. Louis produced some figures on the cost of government regulations that may even get some attention in Congress.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas was so disturbed over the figures that he said he planned to call a congressional hearing to find out whether the cost of federal regulation of business is driving up prices and denying jobs to American workers.

The survey figures show that federal regulation of business cost an astounding $65 billion in 1976.

Sen. Bentsen noted that this is $300 per every man, woman and child in the United States and "is a terrible price for our economy to pay for government regulation."

Sen. Bentsen is co-chairman of the Joint Economic Subcommittee on Economic Growth, and he says that committee will hold a hearing early in the new session of Congress.

The Washington University study concluded that during 1976 it cost taxpayers $3 billion to support federal regulatory agencies and over $62 billion to comply with the regulations issued by these agencies. The cost is 3.6 per cent of the total Gross National Product. Some businesses and industries would be somewhat happier today if they could count on a net profit of 3.6 per cent.

The hearing should be interesting to those who are appalled by the growth of bureaucracy, inflation and government intervention in business. It could at least serve as an eye-opener for some of the more naive do-gooders. And perhaps it could lead to some relief from over-lapping and nonsensical regulations, provided it does not result in another bureau to ride herd on other bureaus.

gambling doesn't pay

Turning the public's penchant for gambling to the public's benefit is itself a gamble, it appears.

State-run lotteries have been spreading across the political landscape for years now. More recently Las Vegas-style casino gambling has been coming into vogue in aging resort communities - Atlantic City is committed and Miami Beach is thinking about it.

The usual rationalization is that since people are going to gamble under any circumstances, society might as well recognize the fact and divert the proceeds to its own uses from the shady operators.

But does it really work that way?

A federal gambling study suggests not. Reporting on a three-year study of American gambling patterns-why, who and where-the Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling finds that illegal activity tends to be even greater in states where some degree of legal gambling exists. The conclusion is that a degree of legal gambling whets the appetite for more and increases the numbers of active gamblers and the rate of illegal as well as legal activity. In short, still more proceeds for more shady operators.

"It happens every time I press this button."

john cunniff

couple beats irs

NEW YORK (AP)-Phil and Sue Long have won. They beat the odds, the cynics and the human susceptibility to anger and despair at injustice. They beat the Internal Revenue Service.

It took eight years. They did it in the courts, acting as their own attorneys; with newspaper advertising; with the sympathetic advice of experts in tax law who felt the IRS was unjustly punishing them.

Phil Long, 61, is a Bellevue, Wash., real estate man. His wife, Sue, 34, is a doctoral candidate at the University of Washington. On Dec. 2 they received word from the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, that they had won their battle.

It began in 1969, when the IRS declared the Longs really weren't in the real estate business but instead were operating a personal holding company, sometimes called an "incorporated pocketbook," and owed back taxes of $42,000. The Longs were aghast.

Through two corporations they were owners, managers or real estate contract holders of 47 duplex houses left to the Long family by his father, a builder and real estate man.

If they conceded that indeed they were operating a "pocketbook," attempting to hide personal expenses as costs of doing business, they would have to pay taxes at a rate of 70 per cent, a figure aimed at discouraging such venturers.

Phil Long had been paying himself $600 a month to manage the business. The IRS reduced his pay to $150. Long had been deducting his subscription to the Wall Street Journal. Disallowed, said the IRS.

At one point the IRS threatened them with a jeopardy assessment in which it would have administratively seized his assets without a court review, Long said.

The Longs felt they had little choice but to fight, since their income was insufficient to pay taxes of the sort demanded. Most of the houses, which they were selling to tenants, were heavily mortgaged.

Long, greying and intense, took out an advertisement in the Washington Post, where IRS officials would be sure to see it, and in it he described his battle. By February 1975 he had run 13 ads.

Meanwhile, he and Sue attacked the IRS through the Freedom of Information Act.

They won a court ruling that opened sections of the IRS internal procedures manual to the public.

In all, the Longs say they won eight freedom of information suits against the IRS, that the IRS conceded on another point and that two cases are pending. The jeopardy assessment activities of the IRS were all but ended by the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

They wrote letters to influential people. They took 18 trips to Washington to testify, seek information or to negotiate. They assimilated vast amounts of research material. They learned the law and the courts system.

In Tax Court they won a ruling that restored Phil's monthly pay of $600. Eventually only one of the 33 IRS claims remained.

The Longs appealed the personal holding company designation to the U.S. Court of Appeals. In a 2-1 decision the court on Dec. 2 said the IRS was in error. "Discriminatory enforcement," said one judge.

"Incorrect legal conclusion," said another.

Asked if she felt triumphant or just relieved, Sue Long, who handle the oral arguments, replied: "Just numb." She and her husband had spent between $20,000 and $30,000, she said, even though much legal advice was contributed without charge.

There was another expense, said Phil Long. During this time, he said, he was afraid to act in any other business way. A former insurance man, "I might have gone back into insurance, but this the defense was just too big to do as a sideline."

"If this had gone against us it would have taken everything," he said. It was tough to live with fear, he said, "but we didn't think it would take this long."

There were anger and frustration, said Sue Long, but "life went on; you can't let yourself be eaten up." And finally triumph.

The Longs are celebrating with another ad scheduled for today's Washington Post. The 14th, it relates how "The court's sweet words mean we won 100 per cent, and owed IRS not one dime in additional tax."

letter to the editor

To The Daily News:

Today, the 19th of December, Sweetwater Senior Citizens were at your Western Texas College.

Oh my how nice it was. We loved the program and especially enjoyed the delicious food. It was so thoughtful of the younger generation to show us such high honor. I want to thank Snyder for all its part in showing us such a lovely time. We'll ever by grateful.

Mrs. F.L. Pearce
606 Bell St.
Sweetwater

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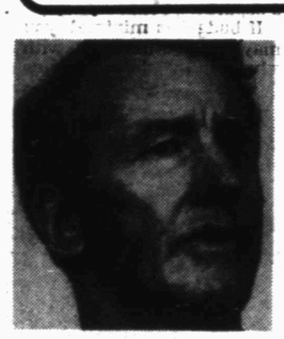
what people are saying...



Ian Smith

"I want to make it categorically clear that I have no intention of joining any fake so-called internal settlement talks by Smith and his puppets."

— Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo, discussing the talks that Prime Minister Ian D. Smith has started with black leaders inside the country.

"Men's magazines are only a tiny part of my business, but that's not the point. The point is that Henson McAuliffe is messing around with First Amendment rights. He's making us select what our readers can read — or we go to jail."

— Gweneth Mac, president of the Georgia Retail News Dealers' Association, commenting on the anti-obscenity drive in Atlanta led by Henson McAuliffe, the Fulton County Solicitor General.

"Syria believes any political activity, whether in Cairo or Geneva, would serve capitulatory schemes and be a coverup for plots. Syria refuses to participate in these plots at any stage."

— Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam, discussing the projected Arab-Israeli negotiations.

"I am forced to give a more critical view of the Bible. The problem goes much deeper for me. The Bible was produced by a church that is a sexist church. It portrays women as weak, foolish, property of men. Wickedness of women is worse than wickedness of men."

— Sister Ann Patrick Ware, an executive with the National Council of Christian Churches, discussing sexism in the Bible.

"We were strangled by the trauma. What a nightmare. It was the worst experience of my coaching career. We're all ashamed for our people, our fans, our organization."

— Hank Stram, coach of the NFL team, the New Orleans Saints who were beaten 33-14 by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. For the Buccaneers it was their first win in 27 games.

"We had fewer workers paying in, and we had — as a result of inflation — higher benefits to be paid out. The two do not come together."

— James B. Cardwell, United States Commissioner of Social Security, explaining the problems facing the Social Security system.

"Their programs are having difficulty, and my belief is that the findings...(were) contrary to the wishes of the agencies supporting these programs."

— Dr. Karl Morgan, former director of health physics at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, agreeing with Dr. Irwin Bross's claim that the National Cancer Institute did not renew Bross's research grant because his findings went against official Federal policy on radiation and nuclear energy.

"When you have an evil system like that, there will be deaths, and they are part and parcel of the system. I don't think anybody sat down and made a decision that he should be beaten to death."

— Andrew Young, U.S. representative to the United Naitons, commenting on the death of South African dissident Stephen Biko.

Andrew Young

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN)

my turn

by jo ann nunley

Christmastime is the time to sing joyously. Angels sang at the birth of Christ, an expression of joy, almost 2000 years ago.

Worship in song such as choral reading or singing adds to the beauty of religious services. Many local churches have had or will have Christmas cantatas or musical programs in their services.

Schools have presented musical programs, and listening to the voices of our youth sing, will certainly set the mood for Christmas spirit.

Singing is as much a natural function of the human voice as speaking is. Young children singing and the humming of adults may occur without cultivation of the voice or technical training.

An average untrained voice can sing 12 notes, which is the range of most popular songs. Well trained voices can cover two octaves, or 16 notes. Some unusual voices, after much training, have been able to cover three octaves.

My contribution to the world of music must be done in the form of humming since I have had subtle hints unmistakably aimed at me by my well meaning family. They let me know my singing voice is not of listening quality. I am reminded of this as I try to sing along with the congregation in church and a hand reaches over to gently close my hymn book, or I get nudged by an elbow.

My being a layman in the musical field does not keep me from enjoying the talents of others. During this time of the year, nothing does the heart more good than listening to the yuletide songs and carols that make one recall the old fashioned Christmas.

Following is a recipe for an Old-Fashioned Christmas (from the Readers Digest).

Ingredients:
A gathering of family
Old friends together
Tinsel and holly
Gifts from the heart
Instructions:
Mix with joyous music

thoughts

"And he said to them, 'Go and fell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' " — Luke 13:32, 33.

"Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow." — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist.

Hospital emergency rooms treated 9,000 full-size, crib-related injuries during the 1973-74 fiscal year, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Children under 2 accounted for 69 per cent of all cases, and those 2 to 4 for 24 percent.

Old-Age Increases

NEW YORK (AP)-Current population trends indicate that one out of every six Americans alive in the year 2030 will be 65 or older, according to the American Council of Life Insurance.

The number of elderly persons has grown at more than two-and-a-half times the rate of growth of the nation's total population since the turn of the century, the council reported. At that time, only 4.1 percent of the population was 65 or older, but as of 1975, that figure had grown to 10.5 percent.

By 2030, the council said, the proportion of senior citizens is expected to climb to 17.0 percent, then decline to 16.1 percent in 2040 and 2050.

The insurance group cited an extension of the average American's life expectancy - from 46.3 years in 1900 to 68.2 years in 1974 - and a decline in the birth rate to 15 per 1,000 people currently, as the two primary reasons for the trend.

Berry's World

"More manuscripts from recently dismissed CIA agents!"

Barbs

By PHIL PASTORET

Some guarantees prove to be almost worthless — like the kind that offer to give you your money back.

Some consider use of coal to be an ecological disaster; others feel that nuclear power just might solve the problem by making the ecology vanish.

If you listen very, very carefully, you can hear the cry of a little baby, which is what Christmas is all about, over the jangle of the cash registers.

Friend of ours says, in his opinion, the best way to serve spinach is very, very seldom.

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Bank Repayed With Own Money

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)-A 19-year-old woman from suburban Colonie has been sentenced to two years probation for embezzling money from the bank where she worked.

And where will the confessed embezzler get the money to repay the bank? From a loan at The First National Bank of Scotia, where the embezzlement occurred.

U.S. District Judge James Foley said Monday he found the arrangement unusual, but accepted it. Wendy Westfall had pleaded guilty to taking $2,150 from the bank between February and August of last year.

She is to pay back the bank in monthly, $61 installments for four years. That comes to $2,928, including interest.

F.W. Woolworth opened his first five-and-ten-cent store in Utica, N.Y., in 1879.

Christmas Special!

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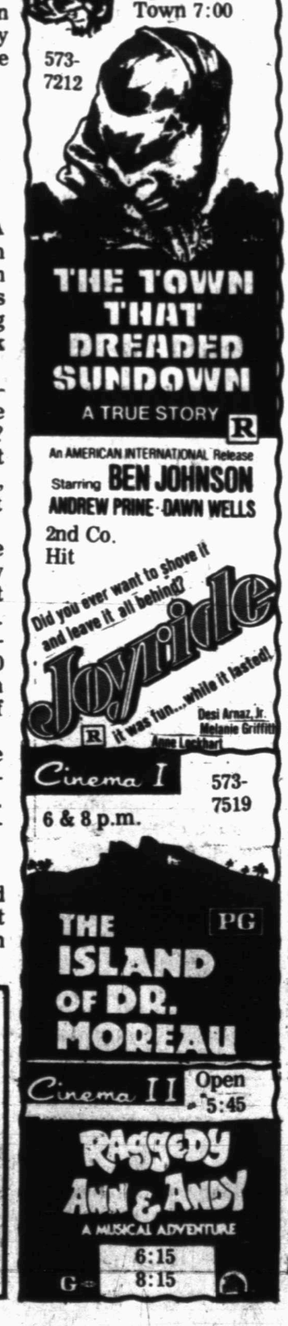

PTA PROGRAM--The second and third grades presented the Christmas play "The Sulky Brownies" for the Ira PTA Wednesday in the school gym. The play was under the direction of Mrs. George Chenoweth, Mrs. Donald Gardner and Mrs. Ronald Plumlee.

RTA DECEMBER MEETING--The Retired Teachers Assn. met recently in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church for their December meeting and luncheon. Attending the meeting, pictured above left to right, were Rev. Miller Robinson, guest speaker, Mrs. Robinson, his wife, Laura Holliday, hostess, Jaye Polk, president, Jewel Summers, hostess, and Dr. Gilbert Fleer, guest.

Jr. GS Caroling Part Of Yule Activities

Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 203 had a Christmas party Dec. 16. The highlight of the evening was singing Christmas carols at the Snyder Oaks Nursing Home.

After caroling the group met at the Ed Barkowsky home to wrap gifts they were donating to the Goodfellows, fulfilling a requirement for the toymaker badge.

Terri Bowlin was surprised with a package containing a new uniform and boots as hers had been lost in the fire which recently destroyed her home.

Barkowsky made and gave each girl a plaque of the Girl Scout pledge and promise. This was a gift from leaders Judy Barkowsky and Jeannie Leach.

Refreshments concluded the evening.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP NO. 203 ...Christmas party

Columbus Discoverer Of Beer Too

WASHINGTON (AP)-The first recorded consumption of beer in America occurred in 1502 when Christopher Columbus made his fourth and final voyage to Central America, where he was served beer made from maize, according to Philip C. Katz, senior vice president of research services, United States Brewers Association.

"Columbus' first sip of beer probably was not consumed in a tavern or 'on-premise' as it is now called," Katz said. Today, on-premise sales of beer represent about 35 percent of the beer sold in this country. Food stores alone account for close to 40 percent, he said.

Katz added that the brewing industry currently buys $900 million worth of agricultural products from U.S. farmers.

What Makes Bessie Run?

NEW YORK (AP)-America's physical fitness craze has finally caught up with its four-legged friends, according to a recent article in Wallaces Farmer.

United States Dairy Association USDA researchers have devised a jogging program for flabby, heart disease-prone dairy cattle confined to inactive lives of eating, drinking, resting, being milked and producing one calf a year, the farm magazine says.

A mechanical exerciser keeps the animals walking at a controlled pace, while moving tailgates push the cows around a fenced ring. Although a few cows are uncooperative, most have responded positively to the jogging program, the publication reports.

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Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of hearts

By Oswald & James Jacoby

Reese's first rule for suit play is to look for and count your losers. He also counts winners, but feels that the losing trick count is the more important of the two.

Then your next step is to look at the trump suit and decide if you should play trumps immediately.

South wins the first trick and a careless player will immediately try a trump finesse.

A more careful player will see four potential losers. One trump if the finesse loses, one heart and the two missing aces. Can he do anything about one of those losers?

He sure can if he has time. He can discard one of his hearts on one of dummy's diamonds. To do this he must leave trumps alone and lead a diamond toward his queen. East will duck, but South will lead a second diamond and knock out the ace. East plays a second heart, but South gets to discard his potential loser on a good diamond before taking the trump finesse.

Ask the Jacobys

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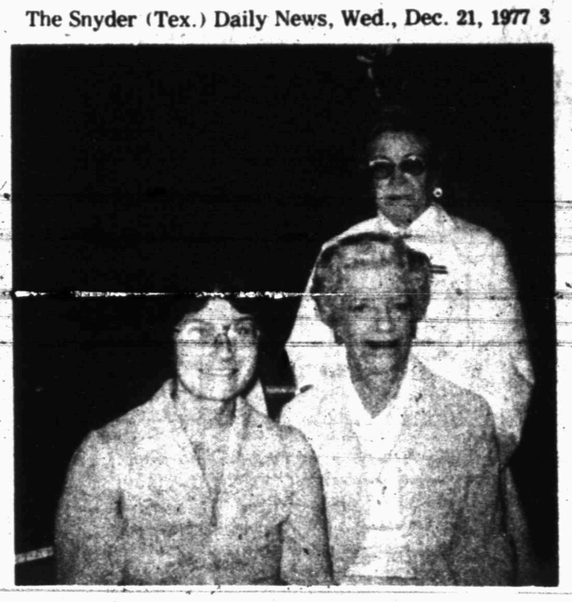

VISITS LODGE--Mrs. Gary West, wife of the new pastor of the Presbyterian Church, visited Leisure Lodge residents recently. She sang a number of Christmas carols while Mrs. James Rosser, seated right, accompanied her on the piano. Standing is Mrs. Leo Heath, employee at the Lodge. Below, Debbie Powell, Stephnie Huntsman, Ann Marie Hernandez, Krista DeFreese and Karen Wortham are shown leaving fruit under the tree for residents. Jane Donaldson, left, is leader for Girl Scout Troop 116 of Central Elementary.

Comfort Gets Priority

By Christi Northrop

Ski clothing presents a challenge. Unlike skis, boot and bindings, clothing usually is not available at a rental shop. If you plan to ski a lot in the next few years, you'll probably want a complete ski outfit. Yet, if you're just trying out the sport or skiing five days in a year, try to borrow from a friend.

What do you really need? Layers of clothing are important in trapping that all-important body heat. Remember that basic rule in dressing for the slopes.

For the first layers — longjohns. Long underwear is mighty welcome on cold, cold ski days. Tights and tee shirts can substitute. A good warm turtle neck with a snug neck helps keep warmth in — snow out.

Second layer — ski pants. They may be either stretch pants or nylon-insulated overalls. They must be comfortable and roomy enough to allow for maximum movement and flexibility in some strange positions. When trying on ski pants always squat down. Even try sitting cross-legged on the floor in them. It's better to have pants that seem a little on the big side. Imagine the embarrassment of a split with the first fall.

For sweaters, lighter weight, knit styles are preferable to big bulkies. Better yet, wear two lightweight sweaters.

A parka makes a sound investment as you'll use it for many outdoor activities. Be sure it is warm and you can move freely in it. Other essentials include a hat, socks (again two light pair or thermal socks are preferable to one heavy pair), goggles or sunglasses.

Remember not to opt for fashion over comfort.

Luckily, with new materials and synthetics, skiers can be warm and comfortable while fashionable. Try to select practical clothing colors. The snow may be white and clean but the parking lots and lodge steps definitely are not.

Think about the versatility of an outfit. Possibly, you'll wear it for other activities. One-piece outfits may be snappy, but they don't have a separate parka.

If budget is minimal, you may have to make do with what's in the closet — jeans or corduroys. They'll work, especially on a warm day. Silicone spray will help make them somewhat waterproof. If it's not too cold or windy, several warm sweaters can replace a parka.

Ski clothing has been specially designed to offer maximum warmth and movement. It's hard to beat it. Even so, unless it is extremely cold, don't let not having or being able to afford a real ski outfit hold you back. If you can't borrow, bundle up. Using what you have on hand, you can go out and enjoy skiing.

(Christi Northrop is the author of "Skiing with Kids," and a consultatnt to Salomon/North America, Inc.)

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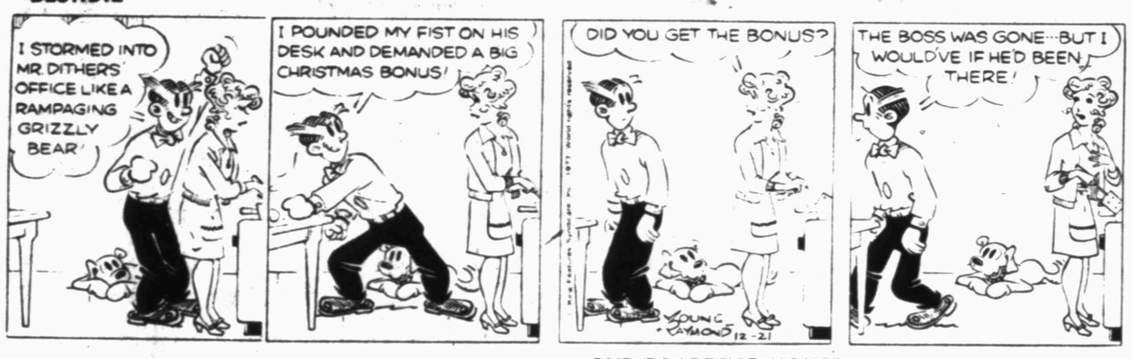

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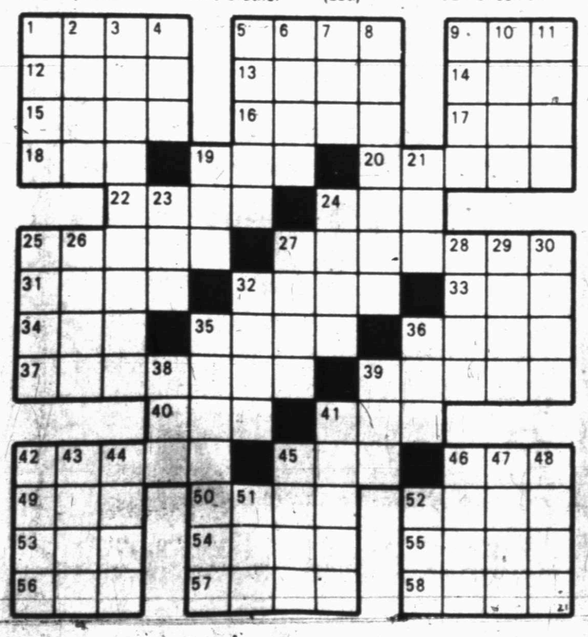

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Tigers Victorious In District Opener

By BILL McCLELLAN

In a finish almost as exciting as the sinking of the Titanic and a heck of a lot more successful Snyder [illegible] ied their first district basketball victory here last night by defeating the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Thursday the Tigers are scheduled to meet the Midland High Bulldogs in Midland. Their next district game will be Jan. 6 here against Brownfield.

"Have you even seen anything like that!" [illegible] ied an elated Coach Jack Stephenson after his squad nipped the Mustangs 46-43 in the league opener yesterday. "That was some ball game!"

Some ball game is right. With Snyder in the lead 43-37 and 1:14 remaining in the game, Sweetwater's Paul Layfield hit on a basket just as teammate Everett Todd was fouled. Todd stripped the hoop both times on the one-and-one shot and suddenly Snyder's lead dwindled to 43-41 with less than a minute to go.

The Tigers brought out the ball against a charged-up Mustang press and Sid Everton who received heaps of praise from Coach Stephenson after the game was fouled.

The 5-9 junior connected on the top half of a one-and-one situation, pushing the Tiger lead to 44-41. Seconds later Sweetwater's John Medlicott ripped the net however, closing the gap, 44-43.

Then, with 35 seconds left, Sweetwater intercepted a Tiger pass and it looked as if momenteum had swung towards the visitors. But quick-handed Earl Clayton returned with a theft of his own a few ticks of the clock later to give Snyder an apparent victory — a 44-41 lead and the ball with just 16 seconds left.

It wasn't to be that easy though. Clayton took a long pass and went in for a layup, hoping to pick up a foul or ice the game with the shot. His effort missed, and Sweetwater took over with 9 seconds showing.

With both squads instructed during a brief time out, Sweetwater worked toward a one-shot victory. But Medlicott's try bounded off the rim and Snyder held on to win.

A foul to Snyder's Greg Hinton in the last seconds gave the home team some unexpected extra points as the 6-0 forward basketed two shots from the charity line and pushed the final score to 46-43.

"Our goal this year has been to keep the other team to less than 50 points," explained Stephenson afterwards. "We feel like if we can do that we can win, and we did it tonight."

The biggest change of the night was the second-half job Snyder put on 6-1 senior Paul Layfield.

"At halftime I just wrote a big number 34 on the chalk board," grinned the coach. "I told them, 'This is the man I was telling you about. We've got to get on him."

Layfield put up 14 points in the first half for Sweetwater, but tough Tiger defense held the deadly shooter to just four in the second set of quarters.

"I am very much relieved to get by the Sweetwater Mustangs," confirmed the coach. "Coach George Byerly has a very fine team. They have a chance to defeat the big guys," meaning, among others, Lubbock Dunbar, Estacado and Lamesa. "I wouldn't be suprised at all if they defeat Dunbar." The Lubbock-based team, last years champs, are favored again this year for the district title.

Last night's battles was a close one throughout all four periods. Snyder took a 12-9 lead after the first quarter, but the Mustangs bounced back to gain the advantage by halftime, 27-23.

The third period was where the Tigers really excelled; putting up 14 points while holding the visitors to 4.

"I thought Richard Willis played great," commented Stephenson of the 230-lb senior who led Snyder in scoring with 16 points. "He just keeps improving all the time."

Another Tiger receiving special praise was Sid Everton, "Sid is another player that deserves a pat on the back. He got out there and led the group for three quarters and did a great job."

Only one other Tiger was in double figures; inside-man Earl Clayton with 11 points.

But if outside expert Lucious Jeffery didn't get his usual quota, there was a reason.

"They knew he's good from the outside so they kept him guarded all night," relayed the coach. "But that enabled us to get it inside to other people and score."

The Tigers played the game without ace-scorer Randy Courtney, their all-district player. Courtney injured an ankle at the end of the Canyon Reef Tournament and has missed the last four games.

"Randy goes back to the doctor for more x-rays Jan. 3," Stephenson enlightened. "We play Levelland that night and it's a good possibility he'll be able to see some action then."

Meanwhile, the Tigers can bask in their first district win for awhile.

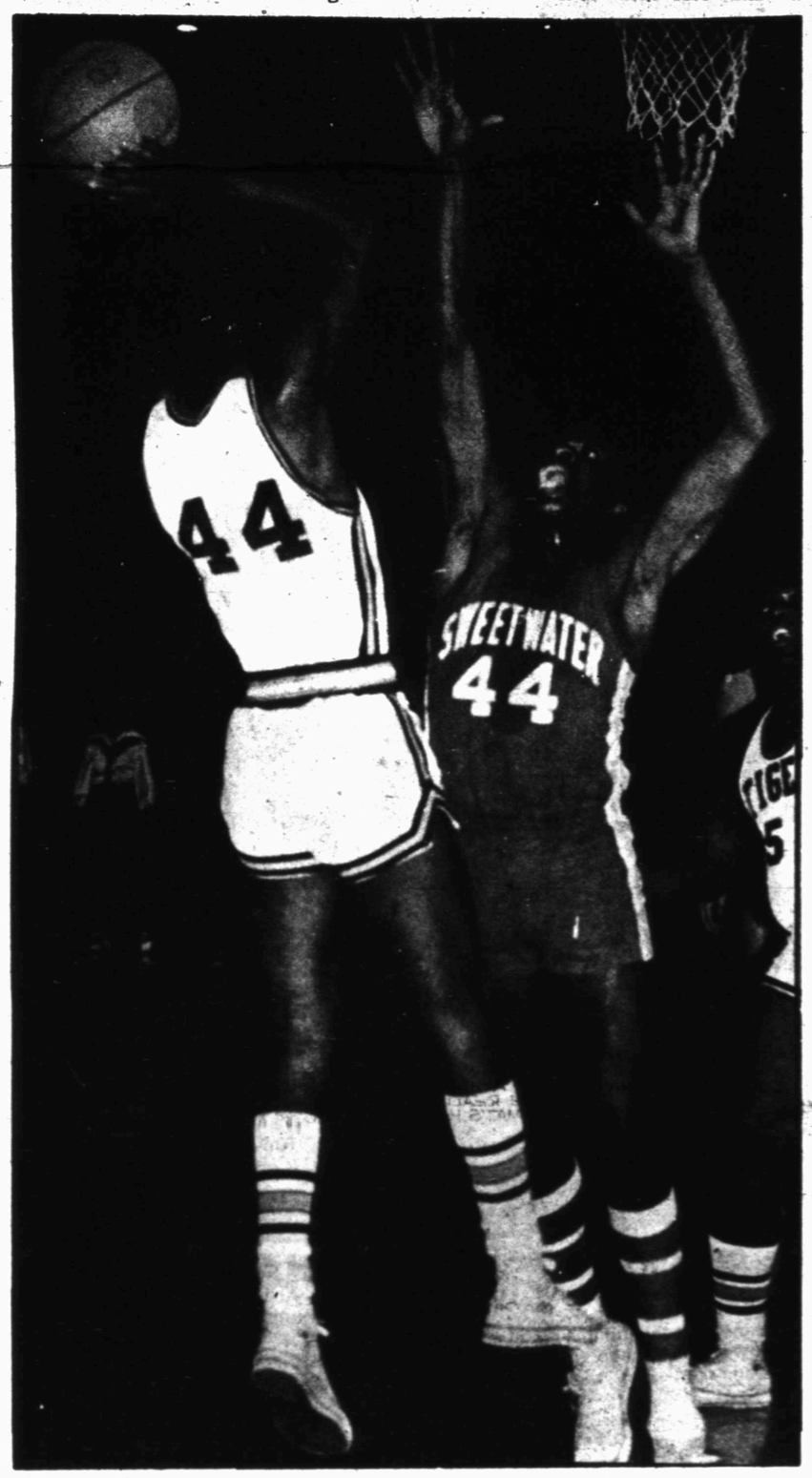
"We're 1-0 now and as far as I'm concerned it can be by three points or whatever," smiled Stephenson. "These guys have a definite shot at the district race."

Snyder's next "shot" comes Jan. 6 when they host the Cubs at Scurry County Coliseum. With the exception of a date with Levelland Jan. 27, the Tigers will be in district battles each Tuesday and Thursday night beginning with the Brownfield game.

SWTR	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP
M. Patterson	0	0	5	0
P. Layfield	7	4	3	18
M. Duncan	3	2	3	8
E. Todd	4	3	4	11
J. Medlicott	1	0	0	2
L. Hillis	0	0	1	0
R. Crausbay	2	0	1	4
Totals	17	9	17	43

SHS 12-11-14-9- 46
SWTR 9-18-4-12 43

SHS	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP
L. Jeffery	4	0	2	8
R. Crayton	0	0	1	0
S. Everton	0	2	2	2
G. Hinton	2	2	2	6
E. Clayton	5	1	1	11
M. Hicks	1	1	4	3
R. Willis	6	4	3	16
Totals	18	10	15	46



GROWLING DOESN'T HELP--Often unheard from the stands, basketball players use every means available, even shouting and growling to break an opponent's concentration. Above, Sweetwater's Everett Todd trys a Genghis Khan-type growl to upset Snyder's Earl Clayton. The move didn't work however, and the Tigers - who went on to win the game - scored two points. Behind Todd is Snyder's Richard Crayton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rich Named To Star Team

Eva Rich, standout spiker for this year's Snyder Tigers, has been named to the Coaches' All-Star Volleyball West Team.

The 5-7 senior is the first Snyder has placed on the Coaches' team since volleyball has been under the rule of the UIL (10 years).

"Eva was one of our strongest defensive players," praised Coach Joyce Elrod. "She was our top spiker in number of kills on the spikes and also was one of our top blockers."

A captain for the Tigers which took district honors with an outstanding 32-4 record in 1977, Eva was one of 12 girls west of a line which includes Richardson, Arlington and Fort Worth.

The annual East-West game will be played June 16 in Abilene.

EVA RICH

Watch Out Above, A&M!

LOS ANGELES (AP)-The Bluebonnet Bowl goal for Southern California, as Coach John Robinson sees it, is to whiz the football through the Astrodome atmosphere and halt Texas A&M's dashes over the artificial grasses.

For the Aggie defense is not what it once was and is susceptible to aerial attack. On the other hand, the A&M offense is a speedy triple combination, Robinson said.

The New Year's Eve meeting at the Houston Astrodome will be the second post-season tangle for the two teams in recent years. USC won their 1975 Liberty Bowl encounter 20-0.

The 17th-rated Aggies, 8-3, "have a better offense than the '75 team but not as good a defense," Robinson told reporters Tuesday.

"They play a kind of a wild defense. They come after you and it's feast or famine. There've been some feasts for opponents. But they can force you to give the ball back because they play intently."

A&M has "been burned by people throwing the ball on them and they have to look at us as a team that can throw the ball," he said.

The 20th-ranked Trojans, 7-4, ended the season fourth in the nation in total offense with 450.8 yards a game. Quarterback Rob Hertel is the school's all-time single season leader in touchdown passes with 15 and in passing yardage with 1,897.

Split end Randy Simmrin has grabbed 36 passes this season, averaging 20.9 yards a catch. Other targets are flankers Calvin Sweeney and Kevin Williams and tight end William Gay.

Leading the rushing attack will be tailback Charles White, the school's No. 6 career rusher with 1,291 yards this year, plus tailback Dwight Ford and fullback Mosi Tatupu.

What the Trojan defense must stop is the A&M wishbone offense sparked by 265-pound fullback George Woodard and halfback Curtis Dickey, a 9.4 sprinter. They combined for 2,085 rushing yards this season.

Cards Split District Start

HERMLEIGH--The Cardinals split a pair of district openers with Ira here last night, winning the boys' game 64-58 but losing the girls', 52-36.

C. Riley basketed 27 points and Joe Don Williamson had 13 as Hermleigh edged the Bulldogs in the boy's contest.

David Mosley, who fouled out in the third quarter, led Ira with 15. Joe Hall had 14 for the 'Dogs and Keith Bryant noted 10.

Down 16-13 after the first quarter, Hermleigh came back to lead to halftime 33-32. The Cardinals then poured on the points, 20 of them, while holding Ira to 12. The Bulldogs fought back to win the final quarter, 14-11, but could not make up the total difference.

In other action, Kim Layne had 21 points and Donna Layne garnered 16 as Ira girls crushed the Cards, 52-36. Ira took the win with little trouble, posting quarter-by-quarter scores of 24-8, 6-12, 12-8 and 10-8.

Sharon Kacklanger had 11 points for Hermleigh.

Hermleigh also won a B Team boys' contest over the visitors.

Molina paced the Cards who ripped Ira, 42-31. Tate Kesner had 14 points for the Bulldogs.

JV Harnesses Mustang Crew

Snyder boys' junior varsity team rolled over Sweetwater here last night, out-pointing the Mustangs 40-10 in the second half to take a breezy 72-33 victory.

Billy Ray McDonald and Henry Woods each notched 10 points for the home team. Eleven other teammates managed two points or more apiece, as Coach Roberts substituted freely.

Snyder opened up with a 19-10 lead after the first quarter, then held onto it with an equal-to-Sweetwater 13-13 second quarter effort.

It was in the third and fourth periods that the Tigers really opened up however. The Cats posted 23 points in the third set and 17 in the fourth while holding the visitors to only 5 in each.

The junior varsity squad will see action again Thursday as it heads for Midland to battle the Midland High Bulldogs at 6:15 p.m. The game will be followed by a varsity contest.

SJV	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP
H. Woods	3	4	2	10
G. Sullenger	3	2	1	8
R. Gafford	2	1	1	5
B. Taylor	3	0	5	6
S. Willis	2	0	0	4
B. Vincent	2	5	2	9
G. Martin	2	0	2	4
B. McDonald	5	0	1	10
K. Tate	3	1	0	7
D. Collins	0	2	0	2
D. Jackson	0	3	0	3
P. Gafford	1	0	0	2
C. VanSickle	1	0	0	2
Totals	26	18	14	72

Bowlers Complete Meet; Offer League 'Thank You's'

Scurry County Junior Bowling Association completed its Christmas Tournaments over the weekend here.

Winners, including those pictured above, were awarded from the bantam, midget-bantam and junior-senior leagues.

"We would like to express our thanks to the bowling leagues which bought cakes helping us make the tournament possible, a spokesman said. "Special thanks should go to Joe Brown and D.B. Lyle who helped with the cake sale."

Board of Director officers of the SCJBA include president Leon Smith, vice president Suzanne Jackson, secretary Pauline Lyle, and treasurer Alma Posey. Others involved in the league are David and Candy Redwine, Joe and Donna Cheyne, Deanna McClure, Debra Smith, Strick Posey, Kevin Jackson, Davey Brown and Donna Browning.

Those interested in joining a junior league should be at the Snyder Lanes Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. when bowling action resumes after the holidays.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BOWLERS--Winners of the recent SCJBA Junior-Senior No-Tap Christmas Tournament were left to right (top row) first place winners Sheri Tucker and Davy Brown and (bottom row) second place winners Susie Lee and Wayne

Varsity Girls Lose To Midland Bulldogs

MIDLAND - Midland High School put up 20 points in the third quarter here last night, coming from behind to beat Snyder varsity girls, 44-34.

Led by Thomason's 19 points, the Bulldogs fell behind in the early going 10-6 and were down 17-11 at the half.

But Thomason, who went 12 of 14 from the charity line, slapped up 8 points as the 'Dogs put on a third quarter scoring seige. Snyder scored 6 points in the period.

With a 31-23 lead going into the final set, Midland High held on to win.

Tanya Boydston led the Tigers with 17 points while teammate Lesa Sterling had 10.

Snyder girls take a holiday break before returning to action Jan. 3 as they host Seminole.

SHS	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP
J. Hataway	1	1	1	3
T. Boydston	6	5	4	17
K. Harlin	2	0	5	4
L. Sterling	4	2	2	10
C. Koonsman	0	0	5	0
D. Baach	0	0	4	0
L. Bilano	0	0	5	0
Totals	13	8	25	34

MHS	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP
Cook	3	2	3	8
Dean	4	1	2	9
Thomason	4	11	1	19
Huetis	1	2	0	4
Rasmussen	0	0	1	0
Rock	1	0	1	2
Sloan	1	0	5	2
White	0	0	1	0
Totals	14	16	13	44

Court Checks Hunting Fee

NEW YORK (AP)-The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision soon that could affect non-resident hunting fees in virtually every state.

A decision favoring the rights of states to have much higher license fees for non-residents than for residents won't please hunting enthusiasts who live outside the nation's most plentiful game states.

9th Girls Defeated

MIDLAND - Snyder freshmen girls were edged by Midland High here yesterday evening, 39-36.

The Tigers were behind 26-18 at the half, but managed to tie the score, 28-28 in the third quarter. The Bulldogs posted 11 fourth-quarter points to Snyder's 8, icing the game.

"We had a chance to win right up until the last minute but we choaked on our free throws," explained Coach Lynda Jackson.

Snyder was 2 of 12 from the charity line.

JV Cagers Fall To Midland High

MIDLAND - Snyder junior varsity lost only its second game of the year here last night, falling to Midland JV, 38-31.

The Tigers, playing without the services of Billie Owens or Connie Weber, went behind early in the game, 8-4, but managed to pull ahead on Sandy Sewell's 6 points by the half. Midland dominated the final two quarters however, winning the third set 10-7 and the fourth, 14-9.

Trudy Hataway and Taina Barrett led Snyder's scoring effort with 8 points each. Midland's Christian had 20 points.

Snyder, scheduled to play Seminole Jan. 3, holds a record of 10-2.

SJV	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP
S. Sewell	3	0	3	6
K. Littlepage	0	2	1	2
T. Hataway	3	2	2	8
L. Hill	3	1	4	7
T. Barrett	4	0	2	8
Totals	13	5	12	31

MJV	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP
Tralinder	3	2	2	8
Armstrong	1	0	1	2
White	1	0	2	2
Christian	9	2	1	20
Shrock	0	0	5	0
Nelson	1	0	0	2
La Farge	1	0	0	2
Miller	—	—	1	—
Payton	1	0	0	2
Rasmussen	—	—	1	—
Trobaugh	—	—	1	—
Totals	17	4	14	38

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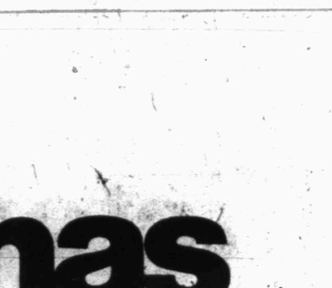

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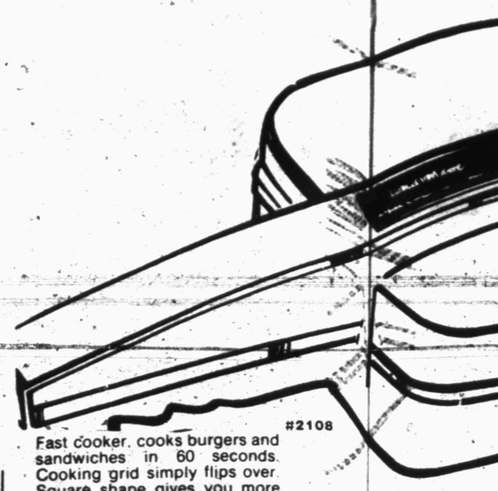

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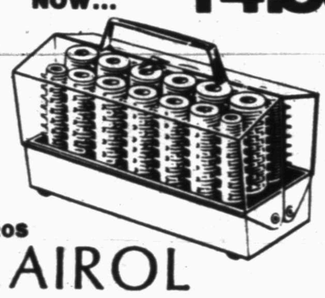

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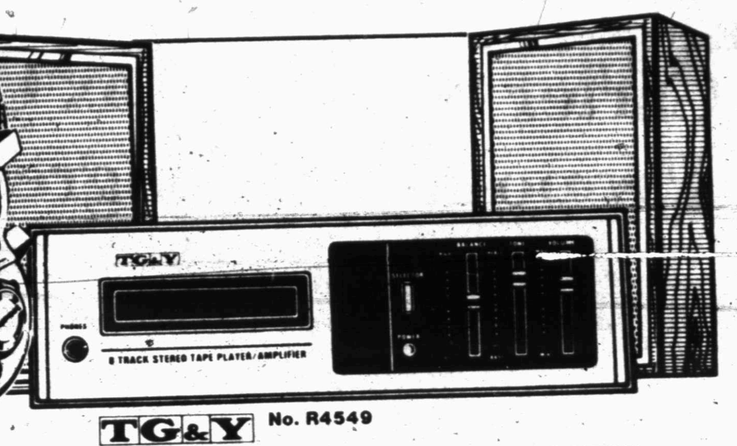

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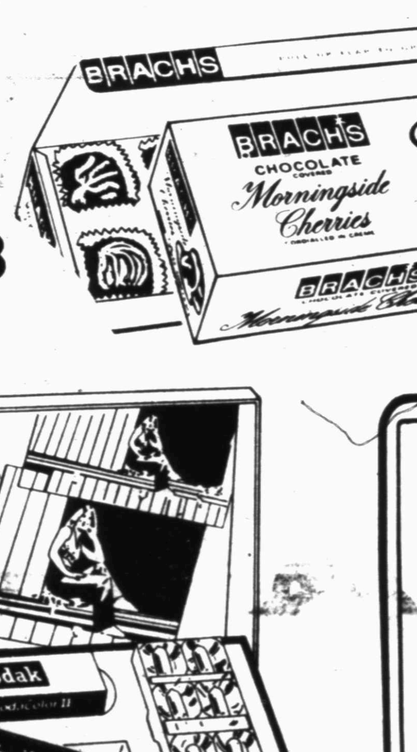

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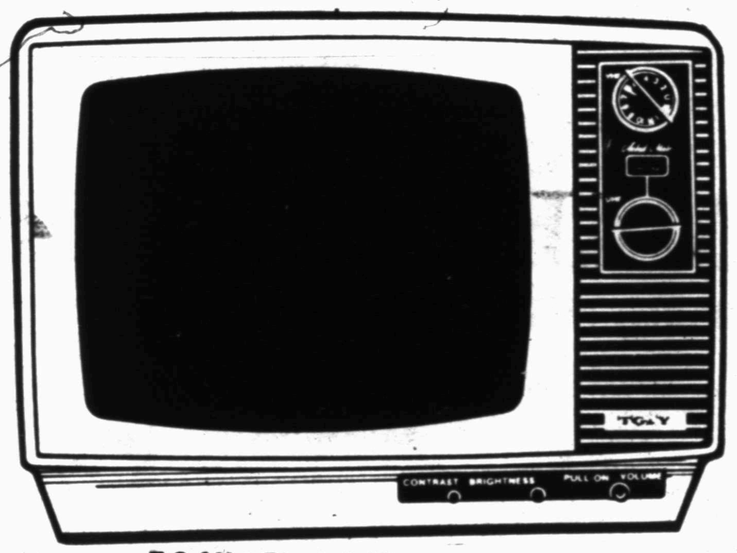

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Early Next Year

Carter Sending Tax Cut Proposal To Congress

By ROBERT PARRY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)-President Carter is proposing a $25 billion tax cut package intended to spur the economy and grant relief to taxpayers, especially those in low-income brackets, an administration source says.

Carter put the finishing touches on the plan Tuesday and will send the proposals to Congress early next year, according to the source, who declined to be identified.

All the tax cut proposals for individuals and most of those for businesses would take effect Oct. 1 and are partially intended to offset the impact of higher Social Security taxes that start in 1979.

For businesses, Carter would cut the maximum income tax liability and expand investment tax credits. For individuals, the plan would try to compensate for the increasing tax bite of recent years.

Carter's plan would reduce the tax liability of a typical family of four earning $10,000, which now pays about $375 a year, to between $100 to $150, the source said. Tax savings for those with higher incomes would be less, he added.

The president, although not discussing the plan's specifics, said Tuesday his package would be "progressive," simplify the tax structure and cut costs for everyone.

"With the help of ... Congress in 1978, we'll have tax reductions which for every taxpayer will result in a lesser tax burden even in spite of the fact this does increase taxes," Carter said as he signed legislation to bail out the finacially troubled Social Security system.

Carter is proposing lowering the current 14 to 70 percent range for individual tax rates to 12 to 68 percent, the source said.

More importantly, he added, the president's plan would replace the existing $750 personal exemption for each taxpayer and a $35-per-person credit with a $250 income tax credit.

Because the credit would be subtracted from the tax bill, it would benefit lower-income taxpayers more than upper-income families, the source noted.

For corporations, the president wants a two-stage cut in the maximum corporate tax rate from 48 to 44 percent, with 3 percent of the drop taking effect Oct. 1, and the remaining 1 percent on Jan. 1, 1980, the source said.

To encourage investment, Carter is recommending keeping the 10 percent investment tax credit and letting businesses use it to offset up to 90 percent of their income tax liability, the source said.

The tax credit, now scheduled to drop to 7 percent in 1981, currently may be used to wipe out up to 50 percent of a corporation's tax bill.

The president would also extend the investment tax credit, which now applies only to equipment purchases, to the cost of new building, the source noted.

Carter, who pledged to overhaul the tax system in last year's campaign, jettisoned a plan to end favorable tax breaks for capital gains and some other tax revision proposals, the source said.

However, responding to one campaign pledge, the president will recommend that only half the cost of a business lunch can be deducted as a business expense, the source said.

AN AUTOCRATIC WHITE HOUSE STAFF is not what he wants or needs, President Carter says. Instead, he relies on Vice President Mondale to coordinate staff work. "There will never be an Ehrlichman or Haldeman in my White House staff" giving orders to cabinet members and major government agencies, the President told a group of editors.

Carter Studying Gas Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)-President Carter is studying a natural gas compromise reached by House-Senate conferees and hopes to decide soon whether to endorse it, the White House spokesman said today.

The compromise worked out late Tuesday would retain federal controls on natural gas prices but allow prices to more than double over the next six years.

Jody Powell, the White House press secretary, said after Carter flew to Plains, Ga., for a Christmas holiday that the president was reviewing the compromise to see if it met his objectives of an energy plan he deemed both fair and effective. Carter hoped to make such a decision by the end of the day, Powell said.

"At this point both we and the committee are in the process of determining the precise impact of the provisions of the agreement," Powell said.

Farmers Block A-J Delivery

By GREG THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP)-Angry striking farmers, who blockaded a Lubbock newspaper for four hours early today, moved their legions of massive tractors away from the paper and aimed them at closing the city's wholesale food outlets.

Riot-equipped police arrested 31 farmers but charges were not pressed against them and they were released.

A spokesman for American Agriculture, the sponsor of a nationwide farm strike against low crop prices, estimated that more than 1,300 tractors were deployed throughout this West Texas city.

Shouting farmers, angered at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's editorial stance on strike tactics, blocked delivery of the 80,000 Wednesday morning editions of the paper and confronted police.

Meanwhile, an estimated 50 police attempted to haul away the tractors with wreckers while farmers hooted and jeered at their unsuccessful attempts.

Leaders of the strike, including Cotton Center, Texas farmer Tom Applewhite, attempted to disperse their counterparts by 3 a.m.

"We've accomplished what we came here to do. Nothing will be gained by this mob action," Applewhite pleaded with farmers over a police loudspeaker.

"It got out of hand," Applewhite said later.

GIs In West Germany Forced To Tighten Belts

BONN, West Germany (AP)-The drop in the exchange value of the dollar is forcing most of be 210,000 U.S. servicemen in West Germany to tighten their belts.

But it's devastating to most of more than 20,000 low-ranking GIs who brought their families here at their own expense and who must rent local apartments for them because their rank is not high enough to qualify them for free military housing.

The dollar, worth 3.20 marks five years ago, was down to 2.36 marks in January and 2.27 in October. Tuesday it closed at 2.1120, the lowest ever.

These families must pay their rent and other expenses in marks. When the dollar drops, their expenses go up automatically.

"Close to the end of the month, we have to live on sandwiches," said Pfc. Franklin Dungan, 19, who is stationed in the Frankfurt suburb of Hanau. "But I'll eat sandwiches all month rather than send my wife home."

Dungan, from Waynesboro, Va., earns $647 a month, or 1,366 marks at Tuesday's rate. He pays 350 marks for his one-room apartment-$154 last month, $166 now.

"More and more people are walking in here with no money and no food when it's nowhere near the end of the month," said Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, 35, a social worker at the American Community Services Center at Hanau.

"There has been a sharp rise in social and all other kinds of problems such as child and spouse abuse, severe marital problems and an increased return of spouses to the United States."

Miss Lee said the number of emergency relief loans to military personnel in the Hanau area jumped 38 percent this year.

Many servicemen are getting rid of their cars. But this means they have to take taxis or buses and pay the fare in German currency to get to the commissary, which accepts dollars.

Three Mishaps Reported

Three traffic mishaps were investigated Tuesday by city police.

The first mishap occurred in the 2300 block of 32nd St. and was reported at 9:30 a.m. A 1974 Cadillac driven by Lou Ann Davis Chamblee was in collision with a utility pole. Moderate damage was reported to the car.

Minor damage resulted to the vehicles in a two-car collision yesterday at 12:05 p.m. in the 2500 block of College Ave. Reports show that a 1976 Ford driven by Janie Holt Gibson was in collision with a 1976 AMC driven by Joseph Anthony Jones of El Paso.

The 4000 block of Denison was the scene of a two-car collision at 1:16 p.m. A 1975 Chevrolet driven by Wendell Clay Wilbourn collided with a parked 1971 Toyota owned by John Igo. Minor damages were reported to the vehicles.

Awards Presented At Midwest Party

Employees of Midwest Electric Cooperative paid tribute to Allen Morton at the annual employee Christmas party held Friday night in Roby. Morton will retire Jan. 1 after 18 years and three months service with Midwest Electric.

Music was presented by Robert and LaTricia Allen, games were played and gifts were presented from Midwest and the board of directors.

Other employees receiving service awards were Ross Woolsey, Pete Driver, Jimmy Hayes, Jimmy Reed and David Stephens. Woolsey has been with Midwest 25 years and six months, Reed three years and 10 months, Stephens three years and six months and Hayes three years.

All employees were recognized during the party. In addition to those who received awards they include J.T. Palmer, 27 years and five months; Parker Wetsel, 25 years and 11 months; Luna Maude Bruton, 24 years; Beverly J. Rister, 23 years and two months; Murray M. Simmons Jr., 23 years and half a month; La Neta J. Young, 22 years and six months; Jimmy D. Kiker, 21 years and four months; L. Juanita Terry, 19 years and 11 months; J. Edwin Jackson, 17 years and 10 months; Pauline Webb, 16 years and seven months; Ann Park, 16 years and 1½ months; Jerry Scrivner, 11 years and 9½ months; Calvin Elkins nine years and 10 months; Rex Hall, nine years and three months.

Also, Eugene Shipp seven years and one month; Jerry Deen six years and three months; Leonard Gayle Morgeson, four years and 11 months; James Streety, two years and nine months; Danny Jones, two years and eight months; Rodger D. Potts, two years and five months; Laddie T. McMillan, two years and four months; Terry Palmer, one year and 6½ months; Larry Field, one year and two months; Dellwyn Fowler, one year; Carolotta Molano, one year, Dale James, 6½ months; Charlie Henson, four months; Charlie Horton, 3½ months.

MARKETS

Midday Stocks

By The Associated Press

	High	Low	Last
Alcoa	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛
Am Airlin	10¼	10	10
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
AmTT	60	59⅞	59⅞
Armco St	26⅞	26⅝	26¾
AtlRichfl	49⅝	49⅜	49⅝
Beth Steel	20¼	20	20¼
Boeing	27⅜	27⅛	27⅜
Borden	30⅜	30⅛	30⅜
Brit Pet	16	16	16
Burl Ind	20¾	20⅝	20¾
CaterpTr	53¼	52⅞	53
Celanese	42⅝	42⅜	42⅝
Chrysler	12⅞	12⅝	12¾
Cities Svc	50½	50⅛	50½
Coca Cola	36⅜	36½	36½
Cont Oil	28	27⅞	27⅞
Dow Ch	26	25½	25¾
duPont	116⅞	116½	116⅝
EG&G Inc	17½	17¼	17½
EastnAirL	5⅞	5¾	5⅞
East Kodak	50	49½	49¾
El Paso Co	16⅛	16	16⅛
Exxon	46⅜	46	46¼
Fair Cam	23	23	23
FordMot	44¼	44	44⅛
Gannett Co	36⅜	36⅛	36⅜
Gen Elec	48⅛	47¾	48
Gen Food	31	30¾	30⅞
Gen Motors	62¼	61¾	61⅞
Gen Tel & El	31¼	31⅛	31⅛
Gen Tire	22¾	22½	22¾
Goodrich	21	20⅝	21
Goodyear	16⅛	16⅜	16⅝
GtAtlPac	8¼	8⅛	8⅛
Gulf Oil	26⅜	26	26⅛
Gulf StaUt	13¾	13⅝	13⅝
HarteHnks	33⅛	32⅞	33
HoneyWell	44⅜	44	44¼
HoustInd	31⅛	31	31
IBM	265⅛	264¼	265⅛
Int Paper	41⅜	41	41¼
Johns Manv	31½	31	31½
Johnsn John	73½	73	73
K mart	26½	26¼	26⅜
Kennecott	21½	20⅞	21⅜
Litton Ind	14⅝	14½	14½
Marathn Oil	47⅝	47¼	47¼
Martin M	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜
Mobil	62⅝	62⅜	62½
Monsanto	55½	55¼	55⅛
Penney JC	34⅛	34	34¼
PhillpsPet	30	29⅞	29⅞
Polaroid	26¼	26	26⅛
Proct Gamb	83¼	82¾	83¼
PubS NwMx	21¼	21¼	21⅛
RCA	27⅛	26⅞	27
Safeway Str	40⅝	40½	40½
SantaFe Ind	38½	37⅞	38½
SearsRb	27⅝	27⅜	27½
Sony Corp	6⅞	6¾	6⅞
Sou Pac	33½	33¼	33½
South UnCo	34¾	34½	34¾
StdOil Cal	39¼	38⅞	39
StdOil Ind	46⅜	46¼	46½
SunComp	43¼	43	43¼
Texaco Inc	26⅞	26⅝	26⅝
Texas Inst	72½	72¼	72¼
Texasgulf	19½	19¼	19½
TimeInc	37¼	37⅛	37¼
TransW Air	9⅛	8⅞	9
UAL Inc	19⅞	19¾	19¾
Un Carbide	40¾	40¼	40¾
Uniroyal	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
Un Nuclear	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛
US Steel	30¼	30	30⅛
Westgh El	17⅝	17⅜	17⅝
Woolworth	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
Xerox Cp	45⅜	45	45⅜

Livestock

FORT WORTH (AP)-Cattle and calves: 200; not enough cattle and calves on hand to establish a market.

Hogs: 250; barrows and gilts 50 higher. US 1-2 200-230 lbs. 42.00-42.50; US 1-3 190-250 lbs. 41.50-42.00; US 2-3 200-270 lbs. 41.00-41.50.

Sows: steady. US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 34.00-35.00.

Boars: 300-650 lbs. 27.00-28.00; 150-250 lbs. 30.00.

Cotton

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

The average price for strict low middling 1 1-16 inch spot cotton declined 32 points to 49.12 cents a pound Tuesday for the ten leading markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were 50 cents to 70 cents a bale lower than the previous close. Mar 53.05, May 53.93, Jul 54.60.

Grain

CHICAGO (AP)-Wheat No 2 hard red winter 2.78¼n Wednesday; No 2 soft red winter 2.62¼n. Corn No 2 yellow 2.23¾n hopper 2.17¾n box. Oats No 2 heavy 1.45½n. Soybeans No 1 yellow 5.91n.

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Jaycees Cancel Yule Program

A number of conflicts made it necessary to cancel the Christmas program on the Snyder square Tuesday evening, Snyder Jaycees announced.

A program of Christmas music had been planned, but many of those who were to participate had conflicting activities the same evening, Jaycee spokesmen said.

Firemen Called

A small grass fire was doused Tuesday afternoon by city firefighters.

The fire occurred about one mile southeast of town and was reported at 4:40 p.m.

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Honors Rolls Announced At Snyder High School

Honor rolls for Snyder High School for the first quarter of the 1977-78 term have been announced.

Students who have a grade point average of 4.4 or higher on the SHS five-point scale are listed on the superior honor roll. Those who have grade point averages of 4.0 to 4.4 are listed on the regular honor roll.

The 12th grade superior honor roll: Roxanne Bachus, Sheryl Burk, Chris Chamblee, Lyn Chaney, Darlene Chastain, Rachel Coronado, Andra Crenshaw, Lisa Dennis, Debra Dolliver, Rita Eicke, Betty Hook, Larry Huddleston, Trina Lawler, Debra Littlepage, Joe Longbotham, Jeanne McCormick, Marca Parham, Stan Pavlik, Carl Peterson, Belinda Price, Jeff Scannicchio, Mark Schaufele, Debbie Sewell, Jana Wesson, Donna West, Rachel Wimmer.

The 11th grade superior honor roll: Zenda Ball, Anne Beuerlein, Rita Black, Pamela Blankenship, Sherilyn Campbell, Robert Cole, Dana Elrod, Michael Greenfield, Van Hayes, Guy Kerrick, Helen Kimzey, Cynthia Koonsman, Karen Littlepage, Melinda Masters, Mary Pruitt, Myrtle Willis, Michael Wimmer, Jim Zoda.

The 10th grade superior honor roll: Darrell Calvert, Suzanne Fisher, John Gaston IV, Jamie Hataway, Scott Marlar, Billie Owens, Bettsey Patterson, Mark Preston, Laquita Reaves.

The 9th grade superior honor roll: Daren Benbenek, Barry Blackmon, Beth Bowen, Beth Ellison, Sandra Lawler, Paul Fagin, Fonda Love, Charlotte Masters, David Martinez, Janet McCain, Neal Paige, Kim Poteet, Dalinda Roberts, Mark Robertson, Robert Schooler, Billy Seale, Diane Sentell, Jeff Stewart, Jeff Wesson, Tracey Westmoreland.

The 12th grade 4.0 honor roll: Anita Anderson, Ladonna Benson, Laurie Bethel, Natosha Bills, Randy Browning, Tori Dennis, Carol Eiland, Steve Floyd, Jack Fulford, John Hopkins, Michael LaPointe, Debe Longbotham, Rosie Lopez, Kimberly Mayes, Ronnie Myers, Charlotte Pierce, Viola Pinkerton, Robert Potts, Benny Puente, Jeff Reed, Randy Shipp, Dray Sikes, Teresa Stephens, Randy Stone, Randy Tate, Glenda Vaughn, Billie Voss, John Webb, Judy Wheelus, Dusty Williams, Margaret Womack, Robert Younkin, Victor Zajicek.

The 11th grade 4.0 honor roll: Patsy Bass, Donna Browning, Angela Brumley, Shari Cotton, Terri Dennis, James Dow, Kelly Everton, William Everts, Sarah Fagin, Russell Gafford, Kathlyn Harrell, Weldon Johnson, George Lee, Bryan Lewallen, Nova Love, Linda Loyola, Eva Martin, Gary Martin, Nena Melton, Sherry Musick, Sherry Neves, Eugene Ortiz, Neva Reaves, John Reed, Deborah Richter, Perry Robertson John Smiley, Tana Springer, Lesa Sterling, Sid Sullenger, Lori Wathington, Troy Williamson, Charles Wilson.

The 10th grade 4.0 honor roll: Angela Aldridge, Glenna Dennis, Laura Fortune, Grady Gafford, Rickey Gambol, John Hanson, Melinda Harlin, Rissa Head, Melanie Jarrell, Tammy Justice, Vickie Kornegay, Eric Marble, Donna McGee, Alice Morrow, Toby Neves, Tammy O'Day, Daniel Peralez, Pamela Pierce, Jeffrey Pylant, Richard Schulze, Belinda Scott, Sandy Sewell, Anita Shaw, John Short, Tammy Staton, Sara Younkin.

The 9th grade 4.0 honor roll: Carrie Ainsworth, Carla Bobo, Don Boone, Kimberly Burkhart, Cathey Cypert, John Davis, Jennifer Floyd, Jimmy Fowler, Ellis Fox, Kim Fritz, Leo Gallegos, Kenneth Goodwin, Cassandra Gray, Pam Gray, Lori Johnson, Linda Kuo, Sylvia Lopez, Debbie Martinez, Sherry Mayes, Nettie Moss, Debra Nicholson, Shauna Pate, Richard Reed, Sandra Rosas, Juli Sconyers, Teresa Smith, James Stewart, Mitch Stone, Matt Taggart, Lisa Thrift, Carmen Trice, Alisa Wilson.

The volcanic Mt. Klyuchevskaya in the U.S.S.R. is 4,850 feet high.

For Thursday, Dec. 22, 1977

ASTRO-GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 22,1977

Make it a point to set specific career goals this coming year. If anyone's going to get a raise or promotion it might just as well be you.

CAPRICORN (Dec.22-Jan.19) Persons performing work or service for you today may not act in compliance with your wishes unless you're on the spot to check. 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan.20-Feb.19) Self-discipline isn't your long suit today. You have a tendency to overdo work or pleasure and perhaps even both.

PISCES (Feb.20-March 20) Domestic problems should be kept within the family circle today. Keep others out of them. This includes well-meaning friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In career matters today take care not to operate at extremes. Progress could be impeded through behavior either too negative or unrealistically optimistic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Involvements that smack speculation should be avoided today. Your will to lose might take precedence over your will to win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Buyer's remorse is something we've all experienced after we've made a foolish purchase. This malady could afflict you today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you hope to bluff your way through something today, be sure you have the poker face to carry it off. Others will read what you're holding back from your expression.

LEO (July 23-Aug.22) It will take exceptionally shrewd maneuvering to come out on top in horse trading today. Recall this, when you sit down to bargain.

VIRGO (Aug.23-Sept.22) Unless your goals are clearly in focus today you're apt to get off on tangents. Something opportune could go unachieved.

LIBRA (Sept.23-Oct.23) Failure to view things from every angle will lead to a distorted picture and produce unsatisfactory results today. Look at the whole scene.

SCORPIO (Oct.24-Nov.22) Unfortunately, others are not likely to do for you what you are prepared to do for them today. If you know this, you'll not be disappointed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.23-Dec.21) The resources of you and your mate could be in for a pull-and-tug session today. Try to reach agreement on how funds should be allocated.

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The people of the ancient kingdom of Macedon are thought to have descended from migrants who streamed in from the north of Greece, through the valleys of the Morava and Varda Rivers, around 2000 B.C.

Theoretically Foolproof

Computer Matching To Locate Welfare Fraud

By MICHAEL PUTZEL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government will soon begin comparing computer tapes of the 110 million wage earners who pay Social Security taxes with welfare rolls from across the country in a search for welfare cheaters and bureaucratic waste.

Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. disclosed plans for the project Tuesday in a year-end interview with The Associated Press.

The secretary predicted the project would help restore public confidence in the welfare system by "getting the welfare rolls down to those people who are entitled to be on them."

He said the computer matching is theoretically foolproof.

"As a condition of getting AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) benefits, you have to report what your income is. If you report your income accurately and properly, it will never show up. But if you report your income inaccurately, then it (welfare fraud) will."

The new program is an expansion of Project Match, which Califano launched earlier this year by comparing HEW's Washington payroll with local welfare rolls.

The effort has so far spread out to compare the names, Social Security numbers and salaries of 2.8 million federal civil servants against the names of welfare recipients in 20 major metropolitan areas, turning up 13,000 welfare recipients getting federal paychecks.

Some of those presumably were receiving aid legitimately, but a pilot study indicated that perhaps 25 percent of the names appearing on both lists would be people ineligible for welfare or receiving too much in benefits, investigators said.

Responding to earlier criticism that Project Match is an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, Califano said: "This in no way in my judgment will violate anyone's privacy. We'll do this with delicacy and care.

Califano is acting on authority granted in a little-noticed section of the new Social Security law signed by President Carter on Tuesday. The section, accepted at the last minute by House and Senate conferees on the bill, had been inserted by the Senate Finance Committee, headed by Sen. Russell Long, D-La.

Califano said he expects "Big progress next year on error, fraud and abuse in welfare," adding that he intends to move "right away and to the utmost" in using the normally confidential computer files of the Social Security system.

On other subjects, the Secretary said in the interview:

—He considers the Social Security bill a legislative success for the Carter administration even without the primary innovations Califano and Carter had proposed.

—Race discrimination "is still the most difficult problem we face in the human arena in this country.

—The administration's National Health Insurance legislation may not be introduced next year for tactical reasons, but it "will be - if we get it - the centerpiece of the president's first administration at home."

CHOICES

Karen Blaker Ph.D.

The truth hurts

By Karen Blaker, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLAKER — Three years ago my husband was pushed down several flights of stairs by a group of angry high school students. He suffered back injuries and still cannot resume teaching. His doctors say all they can do is prescribe pain-killing drugs. The children and I are suffering emotionally too. I finally got desperate and suggested we see a psychiatrist. It was horrible and I feel guilty because it had been my idea. The psychiatrist actually asked us — both of us — what we would lose if my husband gave up his pain. We walked out. But now that I've cooled off, I find myself wondering what he meant.

DEAR READER — The same feelings that prevented you from asking him that question may make it hard for you to read my answer through to the end. But please hear me out.

The psychiatrist wanted to know if either of you might be gaining something from your husband's pain. Any expert on pain would ask the same question. Although it may sound far-fetched, people use their pain — whether consciously or unconsciously — to manipulate their environment.

Human beings are subject to conditioning. In other words, we try to repeat those actions that prove gratifying and avoid those that are painful. But how, you may ask, can a painful experience be gratifying?

Pain itself is not pleasurable — but it can create situations that a person may enjoy and wish to perpetuate. For example, most of us have had the experience — particularly as children — of getting extra attention when sick. This association between pain and attention is carried into adulthood.

Expressing pain can have other desirable results. It may help a person avoid an unpleasant situation. Your husband may want to return to work but at the same time may be frightened of the students — or he may doubt he will be rehired due to his prolonged absence. His pain might be shielding him from having to face this conflict.

You could also be benefiting from his pain. Suppose that you had to start work because of his injury. You might have felt too guilty to leave the children while your husband was working, but his situation forced you to do something you may have wanted to do all along — without the guilt.

How have your lives changed positively since your husband's injury? If you can identify the changes, you might be able to keep them in your lives — without having to justify them with his pain. Try to accept the possibility that there have been some rewards from his pain. This is a complex task but a few more visits to that psychiatrist might be a good start. Without help you and your husband may find yourselves living for — rather than with — his pain.

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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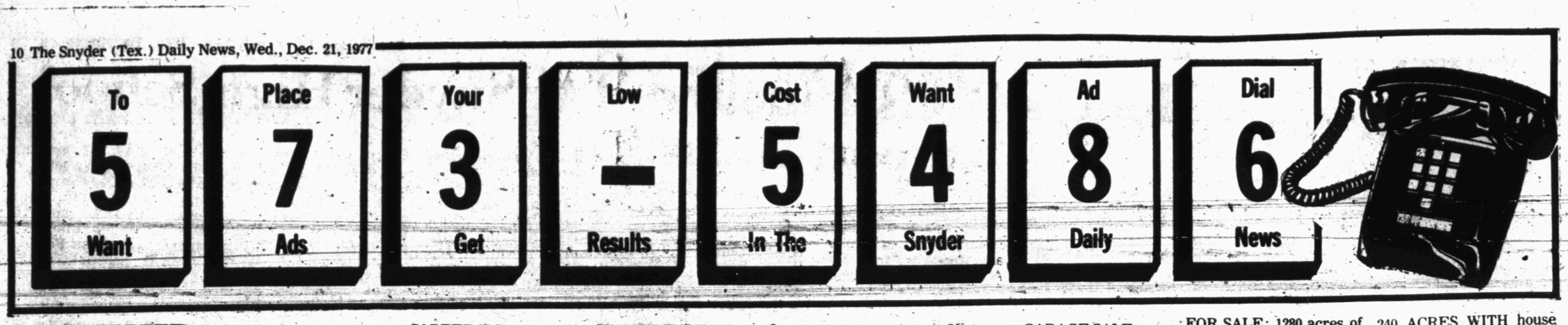

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Santa And The Pigwidgen

By LUCRECE BEALE

Synopsis: The [illegible] refuses to lift the curse unless Claus beats him in a drinking bout. Tweedleknees uses his wits and Claus wins the contest.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN
THE RACE

AFTER the drinking contest the Pigwidgen stomped away and all the pygmies withdrew to ponder the awful fact that their king had lost.

Claus waited in the great hall. Patrick Tweedleknees crawled out from under the table. "Where have you been?" cried Claus. Tweedleknees lifted the tablecloth. Claus leaned over and saw a half empty vat of chocolate milk. A hose led from the vat to the urn the Pigwidgen has drunk from.

"So that was why the urn was always full!" exclaimed Claus admiringly.

"Precisely," replied the elf. "And now our wits together have twice defeated the Pigwidgen and he must lift the curse."

But when the Pigwidgen returned, he announced there would be still another contest. This time he would race Claus to the end of the rainbow and the winner would name his own reward.

Before Claus could protest the Pigwidgen left the castle and raced toward the far distant spot where the rainbow ended.

The Pigwidgen had put on magic boots which could take 100-mile steps and when Claus had barely started the Pigwidgen was halfway there.

"It is useless!" moaned Claus. He leaned against a tree and gasped for breath.

At that moment one of the flying reindeer appeared in the woods. Quietly Claus approached him and gently rubbed his nose. He climbed on the reindeer's back and whispered softly, "Fly! Oh, please fly me to the end of the rainbow!"

Claus, on the reindeer's back, soared into the sky.

The reindeer soared into the sky and in an instant came to earth at the spot where the rainbow came to an end. Hours later the Pigwidgen came panting up. There was Claus sitting on a rock, calmly smoking his pipe.

"What kept you?" enquired Claus pleasantly.

Now the Pigwidgen was mortified and sunk in gloom. But when they returned to the castle and Claus demanded that all curses be lifted, the Pigwidgen declared there would be one last contest.

"And how do I know it will be the last?" demanded Claus. "Always you break your word and put me off."

The Pigwidgen led Claus outdoors to a small round box in the middle of the lake of ice in front of the castle.

"This box holds all my sorcery," said the Pigwidgen. "All my spells, charms, hoodoo, hexes, curses, incantations, enchantments and witchcraft.

"If you can lift the box, it will be yours and all my magic power will pass to you. If you can't lift it you will turn to stone. Agreed?"

Claus nodded solemnly. The box was very small. Even if it were filled with lead he was sure he could lift it if only an inch from the ice.

While the Pigwidgen went away to call the pygmies to watch the contest, Patrick Tweedleknees rushed up to Claus and cried, "It's a trick! The box is really the tip of the North Pole. No one on earth could lift it!" "What shall I do?" groaned Claus.

The elf screwed up his face and pulled at his hair and twisted his ears. He was stirring up his wits.

At last he growled, "Go back to the castle and delay things as long as you can." With that he dashed away.

Tomorrow: Merry Christmas to All

Army Opening Combat Support Roles To Fems

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)-In a major policy change, the Army is opening missile units and other combat support assignments to women soldiers.

The decision means women soldiers may be exposed to hostile fire in any future war.

However, the new policy will still bar women from serving in direct combat roles with the infantry, field artillery, tanks, combat engineers and similar front line units.

Women will even be posted to the Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division, which has been closed to them until now.

One major effect of the new policy will be to erase a longstanding rule that a woman soldier could not be sent any further forward than the rear of a brigade deployed for combat.

The action will open all but 16 of the Army's 377 military specialties to women officers and enlisted personnel.

The new policy is the latest in a series of moves that have gradually widened opportunities for women in the armed forces since 1970.

The Army has always banned women from combat situations by rules and regulations. The assignment of Air Force, Navy and Marine women to combat is forbidden by law. The Navy is seeking legal authorization to allow women to serve aboard ships not expected to be in combat.

Army sources say the rules against combat exposure must be changed if the service is to fulfill demands that it enroll substantially larger numbers of women.

Current plans to nearly double the 46,000 enlisted Army women over the next five years hinge to a considerable extent on this, Pentagon sources said.

Under the new policy, the sources said, women soldiers may be assigned to Hawk and Hercules anti-aircraft missile units, ground-to-ground missile and rocket batteries such as those using the Lance bombardment weapon, helicopter companies and such other support outfits as signal, military police, transportation, maintenance and medical units which are required in battle zones to back up the front line fighters.

The women will be specifically excluded from flying helicopters on attack or scouting missions, but they may fly the choppers in combat zones for other purposes.

The Army has been training its women soldiers in the use of rifles and other individual weapons for some time and has recently begun combining men and women in the same basic training battalions.

Dixy Lee Ray Giving Calendars

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)-Twenty-thousand calendars featuring a picture of a beaming Dixy Lee Ray superimposed on an orange sunset over Puget Sound are being distributed as holiday gifts from the governor.

Recount Set In Senate Race

AUSTIN (AP)-Secretary of State Steve Oaks has announced that ballots in the 31st District State Senate race that apparently was won by former Congressman Bob Price will be recounted.

Oaks said the recount was requested by state Rep. Bob Simpson, D-Amarillo, the apparent loser.

Oaks said all the legal requirements for requesting a recount had been met.

Committees will be appointed in each of the district's 25 counties where recounts of paper ballots will occur.

"To insure that the recount is conducted fairly and efficiently, I have requested each candidate to submit to this office a list of suggested committee appointees from each appropriate county within the 31st Senatorial District, and a date will be set for the recount as soon as these lists have been received by this office," Oaks said.

The special election was called to name a replacement for former Sen. Max Sherman, D-Amarillo, who resigned to become president of West Texas State University.

SIDE GLANCES

"It's unusual, but I guess we could give you a home improvement loan to pay for your teen-ager's wedding!"

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Luxury Yacht Built For King Khaled

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In 1975, school bus accidents killed about 200 persons, including 90 pupils, 10 bus drivers and 100 other persons, reports the National Safety Council.

HEALTH
Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Providing potassium

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Several years ago, I believe I read in one of your columns that a person should take potassium if he took a diuretic because diuretics deplete the potassium supply in one's system.

My mother recently moved and has a new doctor. She is 76 years old. She was taking several medications since she has gallstones, a heart condition, and arthritis. The doctor gave her Lasix (furosemide) for the swelling of her feet and ankles, but took away her potassium. I am concerned about this, and would appreciate your comments.

DEAR READER — Lasix is a potent diuretic and must be used with caution in older people in particular. It is easy to remove too much salt and water causing a person to be dehydrated and to upset the chemical balance. This is equally true of most of the potent antidiuretics. It is an excellent medicine to remove excess fluid.

It works by increasing the elimination of sodium. The sodium retention is responsible for the excess fluid retention. It does increase the loss of potassium as well.

The doctor may have removed the potassium because certain potassium pills (enteric coated pills) in combination with diuretics have been shown to cause ulceration and bleeding from the small intestine in some patients. That doesn't mean your mother doesn't need potassium. If she has any increased loss of potassium with the Lasix action, she will indeed need more potassium.

The Physicians' Desk Reference that details all the current drugs specifically recommends a liquid potassium supplement if one is needed because of potassium depletion when taking Lasix.

A good way to solve this problem is to include foods that contain lots of potassium in the diet. I would recommend at least a couple of 8-ounce glasses of orange juice a day to provide potassium that will not affect the small intestine in any way and may protect your mother. Fresh fruits are a good source of potassium.

The only precaution one need follow here is that if a person has badly diseased kidneys that are not forming urine, then potassium needs to be restricted. That is quite rare compared to the number of people who need additional potassium when taking a diuretic.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Will X rays show the clot in the leg if you have thrombophlebitis?

DEAR READER — Ordinary X rays show only shadows for soft-tissue masses and you cannot see arteries and veins. That is why doctors inject an opaque dye into the circulation. If there is a clot in the leg vein and it obstructs the vein, it will not fill completely with the dye. The filling defect may identify the location of the obstruction, which in the case of a vein may be a clot. An obstruction in an artery may be from the build up of fatty-cholesterol deposit.

We are in the middle of the cold and flu season. Readers who want information on these problems can send 50 cents for each for The Health Letters number 3-1, The Cold, Flu Group; or 3-2 Colds and Flu Group, Prevention and Treatment. Send your request to Dr. Lamb with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Make a "healthy" New Year's resolution--to get more exercise, advises Carla Shearer, health education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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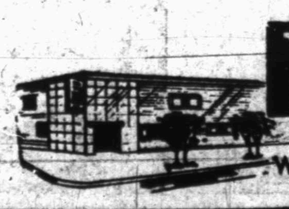

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NEW MINISTER HERE--The Rev. and Mrs. Ivor Lake have moved here from Seagraves and he has begun his duties as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. A native of Oklahoma, Rev. Lake was ordained to the ministry in Wapac, Wis., and most of his 22-year ministry has been in Illinois and Wisconsin. They have a son, Keith, 18, and three daughters, Mrs. David Gray of Muleshoe, Mrs. David McDonald of Frederickstown, Ohio, and Mrs. Melvin Mitchell of Amarillo.

The Best Of 1977

DEAR ABBY: In case there is no such thing as Fat Fannie Pantyhose, I have a suggestion for WELL-REARED IN RHODE ISLAND.

Buy maternity pantyhose, and wear it BACKWARDS!

JEAN IN MONTERREY, MEXICO

DEAR ABBY: My husband travels constantly by automobile. He is self-employed. Recently he took a female employee along on one of his trips. He asked my permission first, and I agreed. The only stipulation I made was that if she ever became a threat to our marriage he would let her go. (We've been married over 25 years and have always had a good, solid relationship.)

Within a few weeks I learned they have been sharing a motel room. Both were indignant and insulted when I objected. My husband said it was strictly a business arrangement, and he was only cutting expenses. They both insist this is a common practice with traveling men. Maybe I'm behind the times, but I never heard of this before. Have you?

TENSE IN TOLEDO

DEAR TENSE: No. And if you hold still for that kind of "economizing," may I suggest that you use the money he's saved to have your head examined.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to submit a thought in response to your writer, HAVING DOUBTS, who felt that God was punishing her by "taking" both her parents on days that called for celebrations. (Her birthday and wedding anniversary.)

My brother-in-law died on his wife's birthday. At the funeral service, the minister suggested that we think of it as the husband's birthday, too; the birth of a new spiritual awakening of a loved one who was continuing his journey, and returning home to his Father's house.

He said, "Bodies wear out, but the soul lives on, and as we go through the cycle of birth, growth, death and rebirth, human 'life' continues. We miss the physical contact of those dear to us, yet who would hinder progress and perhaps more expansive experiences for them?"

It is possible that the spiritual environment that awaits each of us when our purpose here has been achieved surpasses anything that human senses could discern, including the most devout loving relationships.

Faith assures us of love's eternity. Not "Goodby"—just a gentle, "See you later."

RUTH

DEAR RUTH: Thank you for a beautiful letter. It brings to mind this eloquent poem by Judith Mattison:

LIFE

To Live
Is comprehending death;
To see the majesty of snow
Is to know
That it will disappear,
And love it.

German Novels To Be Studied

Four novels by the well-known German author Herman Hesse will be studied in English 233 during the Midwinter session from Jan. 3-13 at Western Texas College.

Students planning to enroll for the course may purchase the novels at the WTC bookstore this week and begin reading in preparation for the course.

Hesse, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1947, is probably the most widely read author on college campuses today, Wendell Jones, instructor, said. Hesse is perhaps best known for "Steppenwolf", written in 1927 and translated into English in 1929 and 1947. "Steppenwolf" will be studied in English 233, along with "Demian", "Siddhartha" and "Narcissus and Goldmund".

Registration for the Midwinter session will continue during regular office hours at WTC through Friday. Late registrations will be accepted between 8:30-9 p.m. on Jan. 3, but students are urged to register as soon as possible. Students will pay fees of $36 for a three-hour course and are limited to one course during the short session.

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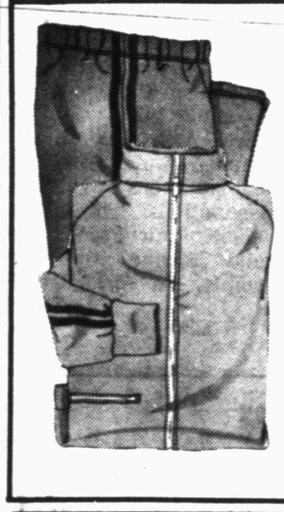

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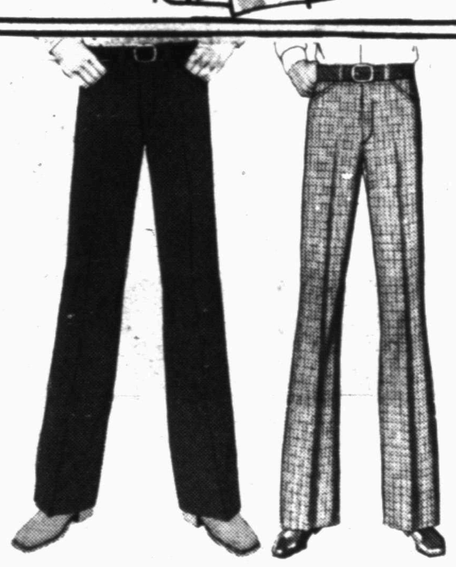

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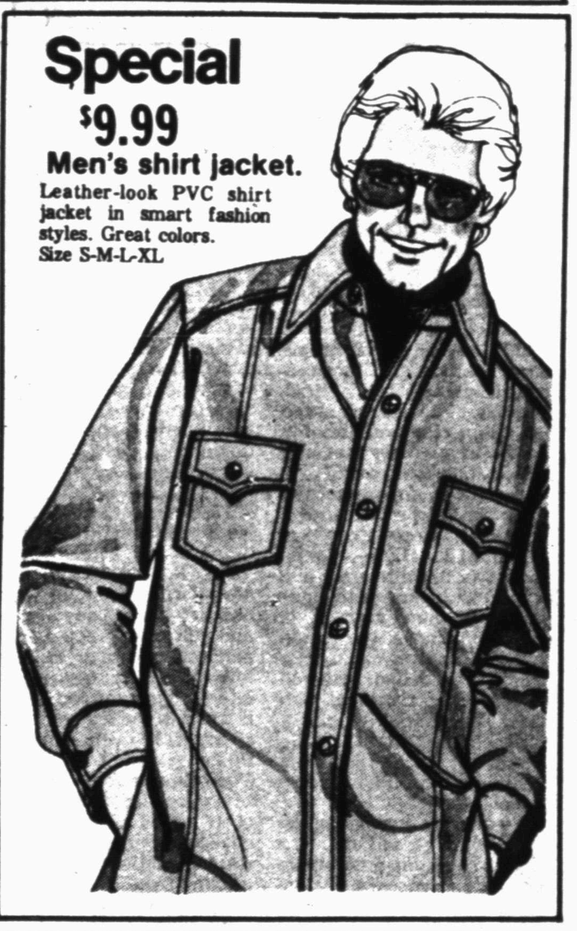

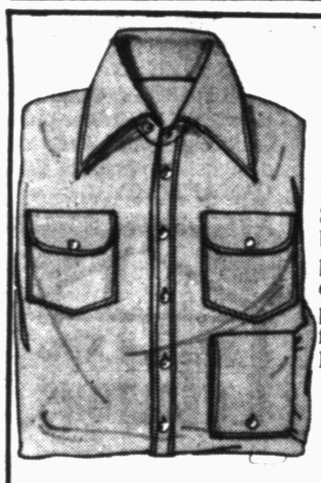

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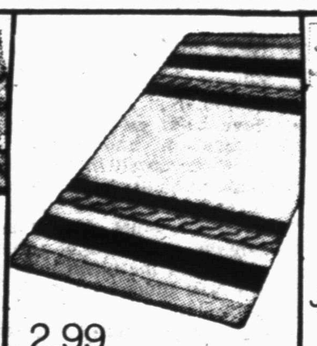

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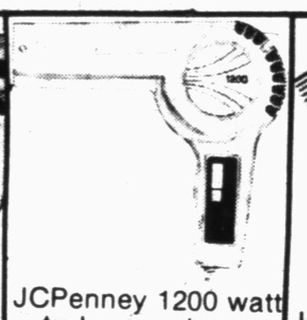

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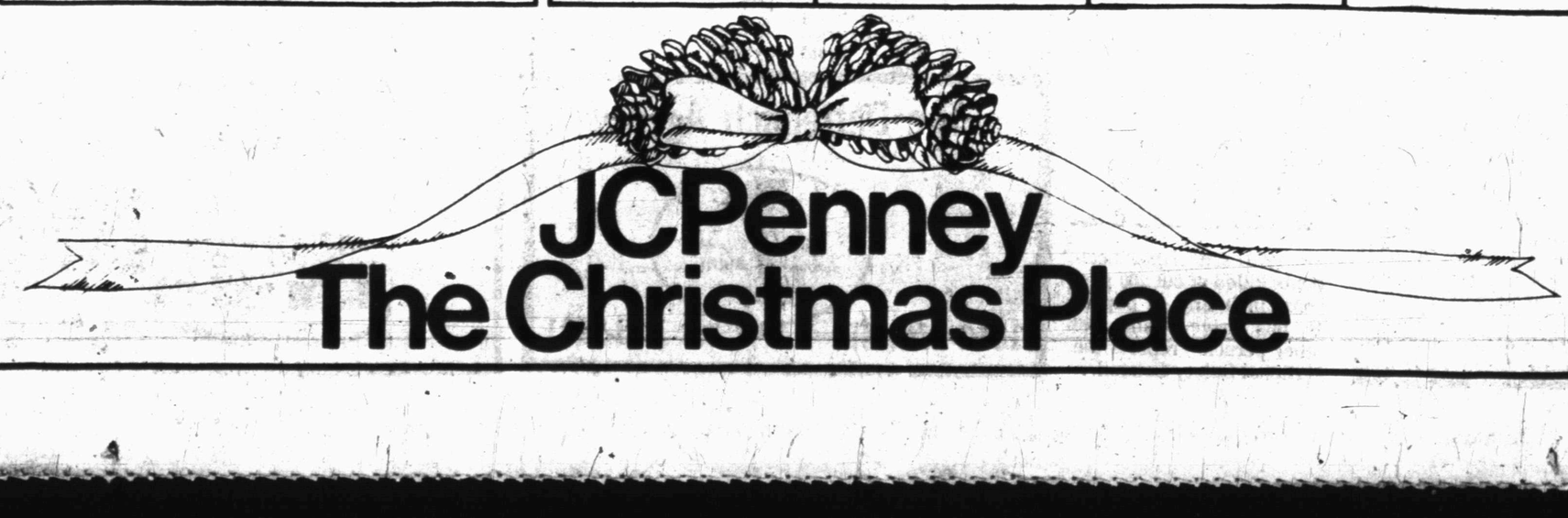
Quick, efficient hair dryer with fingertip controls. Has two speeds, three temperatures.

JCPenney adjustable 1000 watt styler/dryer

Special 10.77

This styler/dryer dries hair quickly. Heat and airflow settings, three attachments.



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