

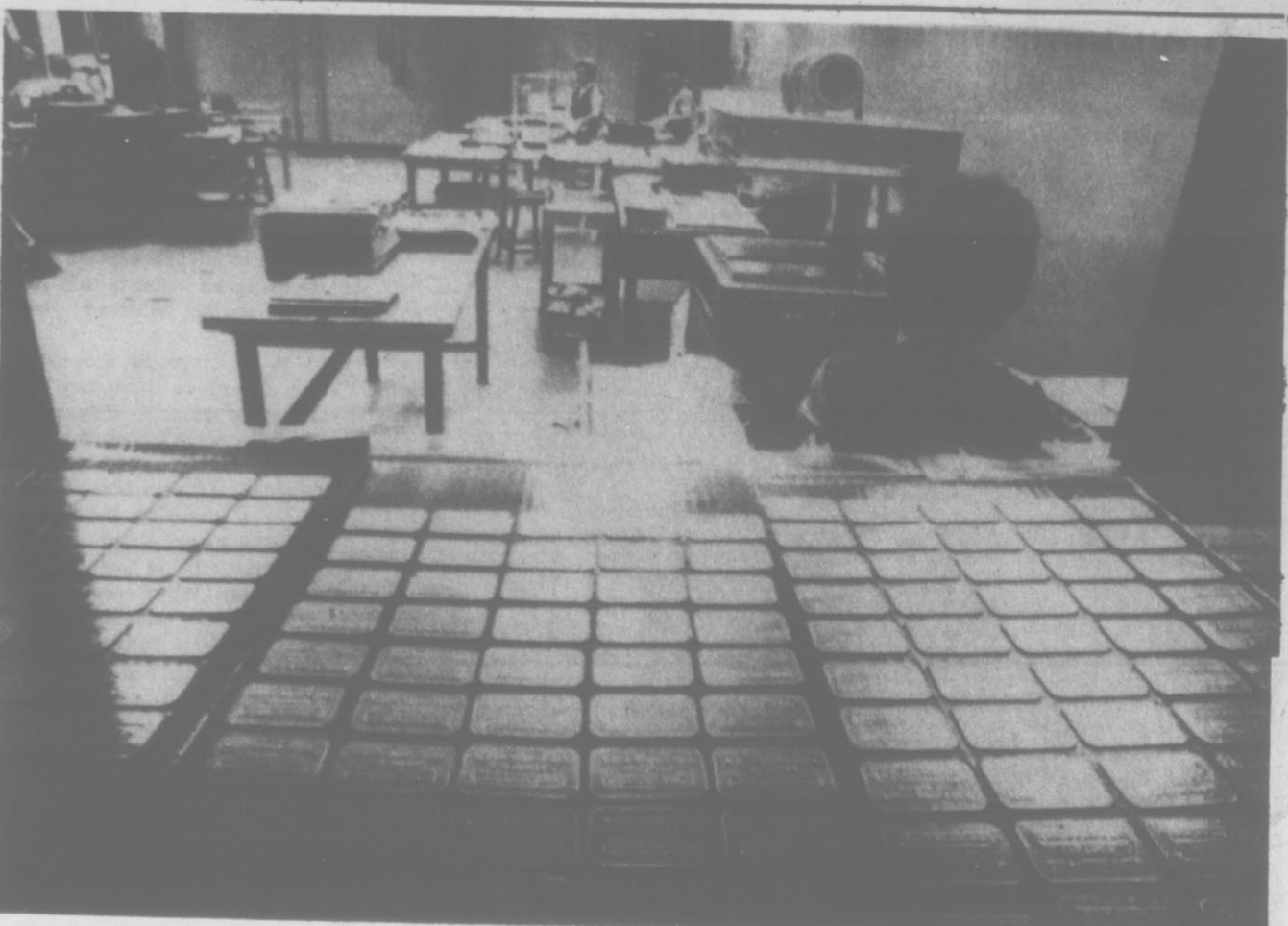
# Wilbur Mills Plans Remain In Congress

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Wilbur Mills said today he intends to remain in Congress despite an illness that he described as acute alcoholism.

"I know that I am a well man as long as I do not drink, and, by the grace of God and with competent medical advice and the support of friends, I will remain well," Mills said. He added: "In light of the above, it is my intention to continue in the Congress of the United States. My years of experience have

given me some ability to make a contribution toward the solution of the problems of the times in which we live," the Arkansas Democrat said. Mills is in Bethesda Naval Hospital, which he entered after appearing on a Boston stage with Annabel Battistella, the strip-tease dancer in whose company he was found when police stopped his limousine at Washington's Tidal Basin earlier this year.

"I now realize, after several weeks of treatment by the doctors and soul-searching of my own, that I had developed a severe drinking problem, not as a daily drinker but as a periodic heavy drinker," Mills said. Mills said that he had scarcely noticed in the last several years that his drinking habits had changed drastically. He said he understands now that his pattern of drinking corresponds with alcoholism, which he called "a physical illness, as much as cancer and diabetes, and even more destructive in the sense that it affects far more people than the sufferer."



READY FOR MARKET — Gold bars are neatly stacked, foreground, after being marked with serial number at a plant near New York City. Gold ownership becomes legal for American citizens on Dec. 31. (AP Wirephoto)

# Fear 4,700 Died In Pakistan Quake

By BRIAN JEFFRIES  
Associated Press Writer  
PATTAN, Pakistan (AP) — The earthquake that hit northern Pakistan during the weekend killed an estimated 4,700 persons and injured about 15,000 in nine villages, rescue officials said today. They said the final casualty toll could be even higher when reports arrive from isolated regions north of Pattan.

Saturday evening and tremors followed intermittently for the next 24 hours. First word of the disaster was brought out by runners. The quake almost destroyed this village of 10,000, leaving hardly one house intact. Senior army officers taking part in rescue operations estimated 500 inhabitants of Pattan were dead and 2,000 injured. Army rescue teams have been working around the clock since shortly after the quake struck, treating the injured, pulling bodies from the wreckage and mounting a helicopter-borne mercy airlift.

Because of the widespread damage to houses many people have been sleeping in the open in temperatures that drop to near freezing at night. Nearly every family has reported losing one or more relatives in the disaster. Efforts to bring in more blankets and tents have been hampered because the Karakoram Highway, the country's main one which runs through the disaster-struck region, has been either severed or demolished along a 70-mile stretch. Some of the seriously injured were flown to hospitals in Rawalpindi.

Quakes occurred Sunday northwest of Anchorage, Alaska; at Richmond, Calif., in the San Francisco Bay area, and in central Chile. There were no reports of casualties or serious damage. Officials described the noon-time Chilean earthquake as "very long and intense." Two moderate earthquakes hit near Anchorage, Alaska — the first about the same time as the Chilean tremor and the second about five hours later. Both registered 4.8 on the Richter scale.

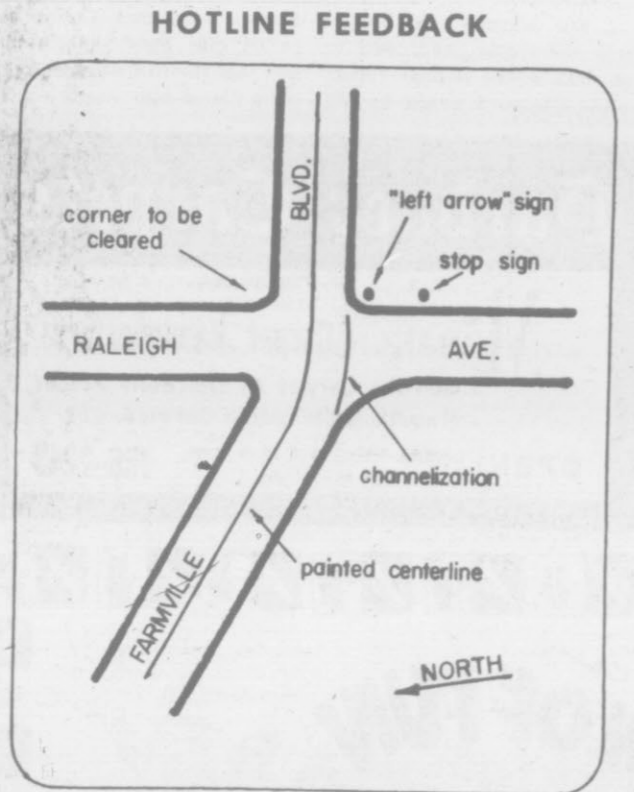
# Gold Sales Begin To Tar Heel Buyers Thursday

By The Associated Press  
Four banks and two brokerage firms in North Carolina will enter the volatile gold market Thursday, the day after a 41-year-old ban on private ownership of gold by Americans is lifted. Friday, Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., North Carolina's largest bank, joined Northwestern Bank, Metrolina National of Charlotte and State Bank of Raleigh in announcing plans to sell gold.

Earlier, the brokerage firms of Bache and Co. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., revealed plans to make the precious metal available in the state. Wachovia's chief executive officer, John F. Watlington, said, "Orders for bullion or coin can be placed through any of the bank's 178 offices in North Carolina."

## REFLECTOR HOTLINE

Hotline gets things done for you. Call 752-1336 and tell your problem or your sound-off or mail it to Hotline, The Daily Reflector, Box 1967, Greenville, N.C. 27834. Because of the large numbers received, Hotline can answer and publish only those items considered most pertinent to our readers. Names must be given, but only initials will be used. Transcribing is done once a day, but the phone service is available 24 hours a day.



**INTERSECTION IMPROVED**  
It's impossible to enter Farmville Boulevard from Raleigh Avenue safely. You have to get way out in the street before you can see what's coming. Also, I think it's very dangerous for the school children who walk along there. D.P.

Hotline took your observation to the City Manager. A short time later Ron Sewell of the Engineering Department called to say that the Greenville Traffic Commission had approved the following measures after he made recommendations prompted by your suggestions: to paint a center line to extend 300 feet on Farmville Boulevard on each side of the intersection; to clear the northeast corner of debris to make visibility better; to relocate a stop sign on the southeast corner 25 feet further south; to put a sign with an arrow pointing to the left where the street elbows; and to use channelization markings to delineate how the traffic should move on Farmville Boulevard. Before this item was prepared, Sewell let us know that the work already has been done by the City Maintenance Department.

# Record In Farm Exports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department reports that in the fiscal year ended last June 30, farm exports totaled a record value of \$21.3 billion, up from \$12.9 billion in 1972-73. Imports of agricultural products totaled a record of nearly \$9.6 billion last fiscal year, up from \$7.3 billion in 1972-73. That was equal to a U.S. per capita average of \$45 compared with \$35 the previous year. The department's Economic Research Service said the value of exports last season were equivalent to about 23 per cent of 1973 marketings by U.S. farmers and required nearly one-third of the nation's harvested crop acres, the report said.

The report said the United States is the world's largest farm exporter, accounting for one-fifth of all farm products in international trade last year. This included nine-tenths of the soybeans, three-fifths of the feed grains, more than two-fifths of the wheat and flour, one-third of the tobacco, and one-fourth of the rice and cotton. As an importer of agricultural products, the United States is second only to West Germany — which had \$11.5 billion last fiscal year — and is a bigger buyer on the world market than the United Kingdom with \$9 billion; Japan \$8.9 billion; Italy \$7.2 billion; and France \$6 billion. The figures were included in the current issue of "Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States" published by the research service.

**OUTLOOK FOR N.C.**  
Continued cloudy through Thursday with occasional rain Wednesday ending Thursday. Clearing Friday. Lows will be in the 40s.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Terrorists holding top Nicaraguan political and business leaders hostage today left the home where they had been standing off the National Guard. They departed in a red bus but it was not known if anyone accompanied them. The terrorists had been holding at least 12 men hostage and said unless the government met their increased demands in 36 hours they would begin killing the hostages. A source close to the negotiations said the government agreed earlier to pay \$5 million in small bills, release 18 other Sandinista National Liberation Front members from jail and fly the guerrillas and hostages to Hanava. But later the five men and three women guerrillas made additional demands for salary increases for many workers, year-end salary bonuses, an end "to all repression" in Nicaragua. The terrorists, members of the Sandinista National Liberation Front, made the demands to a Roman Catholic archbishop acting as negotiator for

the government. The demands were broadcast over national radio. The government had no immediate public response. The terrorists said they would start shooting a hostage every 12 hours after the ultimatum expired at noon Tuesday. Negotiations continued through the night as a jet plane, its flight plan to Cuba prepared and a crew standing by, waited at the Managua airport about 15 miles from town. Sources said before the ultimatum that the only unresolved questions were how to turn over the money and the prisoners, and how the group would be taken to the airport. A jetliner of Nicaragua's Lanica Airline was readied for the flight to Havana. The ambassadors of Spain and Mexico offered to accompany the group to insure the safety of the hostages. Employees at the National Bank worked through the night, sorting the ransom money in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. Sirica urged the jurors to decide the case "solely on the evidence presented here in court." The jury has heard testimony from more than 80 witnesses, about 30 of whom were called by the prosecutors. All five defendants testified. But some of the most dramatic and damning words the jurors heard were from the White House tapes. The jury listened to 31 tapes, most of which covered conversations involving Nixon and his

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# Price Of Gold Goes Over \$200

LONDON (AP) — The price of gold rose to new records in Europe today and exceeded \$200 an ounce in Paris on the eve of the expected American gold rush. The opening price was \$198 an ounce in London and Zurich, up \$2.50 and \$4.50 from the closing prices Friday. In Paris, where the price is normally higher because of French exchange control regulations, the morning fixing price was \$201.40. The previous record was \$197.66 quoted on Dec. 24, and Friday's closing price in the French capital was \$197.61. The increases reflected the belief of dealers that the price will soar past \$200 on the London and Zurich exchanges also on Tuesday, when the U.S. government's ban on the purchase of gold by Americans will be lifted after 41 years. Meanwhile, the dollar opened in Zurich at 2.53 Swiss francs, equaling the low set on Dec. 17, fell to 2.505 within 30 minutes and rallied slightly to 2.5125 an hour later. The volume of trading was reported below average.

# Watergate Jurors Told Pardon Not A Factor

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica told jurors today in the Watergate cover-up trial that the pardon granted Richard M. Nixon should not be a factor in their deliberations. "Neither the pardon of former President Richard M. Nixon nor any other case or extraneous matters should have any effect on your deliberations or your verdict," Sirica said in instructions he read to the jury. After hearing the judge's instructions on the legal issues in the case, the nine women and three men who have listened to 11 weeks of arguments and testimony will begin the task of deciding the guilt or innocence of the five defendants. The long trial was the climax of the scandal that forced Nixon to resign the presidency less than two years after he was re-elected by one of the largest margins ever. The grand jury that returned

the cover-up indictment last March 1, also named Nixon, then still president, an undicted co-conspirator. The five defendants are former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, ex-White House aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, former Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert C. Mardian and Kenneth W. Parkinson, one-time lawyer for the Nixon re-election committee. All were charged with conspiring to obstruct the investi-

gation of the Watergate break-in. All but Mardian were charged with obstruction of justice and Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman also were charged with lying to the grand jury and the Senate Watergate committee. In addition to telling the jurors not to be influenced by the Nixon pardon, Sirica said they should "not draw any inference against any party because a particular prospective witness may not have appeared."

top aides. During their deliberations the jurors will be able to listen again to any of the tapes they already have heard. The final week of the trial, interrupted by a two-day Christmas recess, was taken up by final arguments from prosecution and defense lawyers. The prosecution summation took about six hours. The five defense lawyers spent a total of more than 14 hours.



**BALD BIRD**—Dr. Max Rubin of the University of Maryland's poultry science department holds a featherless chicken, one of 50 being studied at the College Park campus. Rubin says the birds are rare mutations, and that the chance of one

being hatched in the average farmyard is "one in billions". Rubin and another Maryland scientist are studying the birds in hope of finding a commercial use for the featherless fowls. (AP Wirephoto)

# More CIA Officials Resign

By DAVID C. MARTIN and MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN Associated Press Writers WASHINGTON (AP)

Three more top officials in the CIA's counterintelligence division are stepping down in the midst of a reported policy dispute and allegations that the agency was involved in domestic spying.

Along with the resignation of counterintelligence chief James J. Angleton, the three departures leave vacant the top command of the division, which is known to have disagreed sharply with CIA Director William E. Colby over detente with the Soviet Union and Colby's public discussions of agency activities.

"Colby is using this to clean house," a well-informed source said of the departures. Meanwhile, it was learned that Angleton, named in published reports as the overseer of the alleged domestic spy operation, once served on an interagency panel that reported directly to the White House on the threat of domestic demonstrations and disturbances.

The so-called Intelligence Evaluation Committee was headed by Robert C. Mardian, former assistant attorney general and now a defendant in the Watergate cover-up trial. The sources said the committee was assisted by a staff which included Richard Ober, who has been named as the man who ran the CIA's alleged domestic surveillance activities on a day-to-day basis.

Angleton has denied any involvement in illegal domestic spying. Ober, once an aide to Angleton and now on the National Security Council staff, has declined to comment.

In addition to Angleton, 57, whose resignation was requested by Colby 10 days ago, Raymond Rocca, 57, No. 2 man in the counterintelligence division, Newton S. Miller, 48, chief of operations, and William J. Hood, 54, executive officer, are also leaving the agency at the end of this month. Rocca, Miller and Hood confirmed Sunday they were stepping down, but declined to discuss their reasons.

The CIA's mandatory retirement age is 65 for most of its employees, but the agency requires those who have served overseas to retire at age 60 and urges others to do so as well.

One source said Miller had been Angleton's choice to ultimately succeed him as counterintelligence chief.

A source who worked with all four officials said their decisions were influenced in part by added benefits available to government employees who retire before the end of the year. However, the source said allegations of domestic surveillance and a long standing policy dispute with Colby were the major factors in the retirements of Rocca and Miller.

It was learned that Angleton's name was mentioned in one draft of the 50-page report on the alleged domestic spying

that Colby has forwarded to President Ford. Details of the reference to Angleton could not be determined.

A well-informed source said the counterintelligence staff disagreed "totally" with Colby over interpretation of events in the Soviet bloc and was more suspicious than higher policymakers about the Soviet Union's expressed desire for detente.

Angleton and his staff were said by this source to believe that the agency was being destroyed by Colby's disclosures of agency activities, including CIA involvement in Chile and agency contacts with U.S. journalists abroad.

The source added that the counterintelligence staff objected in general to Colby's policy of increased public appearances, particularly his debate earlier this year with Daniel Ellsberg at a panel sponsored by a research group critical of the CIA.

Hood was identified by several sources as head of the agency's operations in New York City during the early 1970's. The New York Times reported in its Sunday edition that as many as 25 CIA agents spied on antiwar activists and other militants in New York during the late 1960's and early 1970's. Hood called the report "absolute nonsense."

On Sunday, Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., said on ABC News' "Issues and Answers" that he had learned from what he called very reliable sources of his own that the CIA did conduct surveillance, break-ins and wiretaps while spying on American citizens in this country.

Proxmire called for establishment of "an independent special prosecutor with subpoena powers who will prosecute every illegal action by CIA agents, past or present." He also said Congress should amend the act creating the CIA to clear up any ambiguity over the prohibition against domestic operations by the agency.

Time magazine reported this week that Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and three congressmen were targets of CIA surveillance during the 1960's.

A well-informed source told The Associated Press he had searched CIA files in 1970 in response to a request from a special House subcommittee investigating possible impeachment proceedings against Douglas. But the source said he found only a newspaper clipping mentioning Douglas as a director of a foundation which had connections with the CIA in the Dominican Republic and a prospectus from the foundation in which Douglas was again identified as a director.

As for the late Sen. Edward Long of Missouri, Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., and former Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher of New Jersey, also named by Time as targets of CIA spying, the source said, "We wouldn't have the slightest interest." Pepper said that Colby had called him Sunday to assure him that the CIA was not keeping a file on him.

## Tourist Jam In Florida Seeing Record Crowds

MIAMI BEACH (AP)—Many Northerners who were expected to save money by staying home this winter are surging into Florida.

Tourist officials say the rush to the South amounts to a last fling during economic hard times.

"A lot of people are either out of work or think they will be pretty soon, so they came down for some last-ditch enjoyment they hadn't really planned on," said Don Wicksham of the Fort Lauderdale Camelot Resort Motel.

Tourist officials had forecast a gloomy winter season but now say the surprise influx may cause a complete turnaround.

"It was pretty dull up until four days ago," said Arthur Feigeles of the Miami Beach Resort Hotel Association. "Then the skies opened up."

"Tourists are all afraid of what's going to happen next year," said Broward County motel registrar Fay McGrath. "They want to come down now because they don't know when they might get another chance."

Landon Haynes, research director for the state Department of Tourism, said widespread layoffs in the automobile industry may have helped rather than hindered Florida tourism.

"The fellows who were laid off in Detroit are not hurting very badly so far, and I think

they're taking this opportunity to come down," he said.

Record crowds forced Walt Disney World in central Florida to close its gates for four hours on Friday. Gold Coast hotel and motel rooms which were empty since last year's gas crisis suddenly overflowed with guests.

A survey of 23 hotels by the Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority found them 95 per cent full.

Hotel and motel owners say many travelers apparently are making last-minute decisions to come South and are not even bothering to make reservations. One motel operator said he turned 75 families away.

## Businessmen Plan Build And Sell New Biplanes

JAMESTOWN, Tenn. (AP)—Encouraged by a growing demand for airplanes like they used to build, a group of East Tennessee businessmen hopes to begin production of a 1975 version of a 1930s biplane within the next few weeks.

C. E. Pitner, Knoxville, president of Falcon Aircraft Corp., said he expects the Federal

Aviation Administration to grant an approved type certificate for the Falcon F1 within the next few weeks.

Unlike most modern airplanes, the Falcon is a biplane, and the pilot and his passenger will sit in open cockpits. The plane is of steel tube and fabric construction, just like the airplanes of the 1930s.

But Pitner points out that the Falcon is powered by a modern 150 horsepower Lycoming engine and the plane has undergone 10 years of development and testing.

Production of the new biplane is expected to begin in the company's new plant at the Jamestown airport early in 1975, Pitner said.

The Falcon will be the third biplane to be put into production in the past three years as sportsmen pilots began fleeing from growing government regulations and requirements for more and more radio and electronic equipment.

The Pitts S2, a tiny aerobatic biplane is being manufactured in Afton, Wyo. The Great Lakes, popular in the 1930s, was returned to production earlier this year. Demand for the planes far outstrips production.

The Falcon company has already begun construction of some components of the new biplane, Pitner said.

Final testing of the third prototype is being conducted at Albany, Ga., where winter weather conditions are more suited for open-cockpit flying.

Pitner, a pilot since 1962, said the Falcon project began in 1964 when construction of the first prototype was started. The plane first flew in mid 1965.

He said more than \$400,000 was raised from investors to finance the lengthy and expensive testing necessary before the FAA will approve production.

A second aircraft, minus the engine and covering, was subjected to static tests at the Atlanta Municipal Airport. Those tests involved twisting and bending wings, fuselage and tail surfaces until they broke.

The Falcon has a wingspan of 27 feet and the fuselage is 23 feet long. Pitner said the plane will have a top speed of 112 m.p.h. with a stalling speed of 45 m.p.h.

He said the plane will sell for about \$20,000—about the same as a modern four-place all-metal cabin plane.

The Falcon is expected to appeal to sportsmen pilots although the firm plans to market the plane with a larger engine for agricultural flying, Pitner said.

## The Garden Clinic

N.C. State University Answers Timely Gardening Questions

Q. Please tell me how to care for the Jerusalem cherry which I received as a Christmas gift. (Mrs. W.V., Statesville)

A. Although a perennial, Jerusalem cherry usually is grown as an annual—as it does not carry over well. If grown until the next season, the plant usually becomes large and ungainly—producing few flowers and fruit. Should you want to try, keep plant growing actively. Plant outside in a sunny spot when soil is warm. Prune plant severely, and reshade. Feed cautiously; excess nitrogen causes rank growth and poor fruiting. Before frost next fall, bring plant indoors. Place in a cool, sunny window. It is easier to collect seed from ripe pods. Dry these, and store in an airtight place. Plant in spring in rather poor soil. Pinch out growing tips, in order to get well-branched, well-shaped plants. This results in well-spaced specimens. Dig and transplant indoors before first frost in the fall. (Henry J. Smith, extension landscape horticulturist)

Q. Are the tops of rutabagas edible? (R.B., Marshville)

A. Yes. The tops of rutabagas can be flavorful and nutritious, if you get them while they are young. They will become tough and fibrous, and too strong, if allowed to get old. (George Hughes, extension horticulturist)

Q. My grandfather used to build "potato hills" to store his sweet potatoes. Sometimes the potatoes would "keep" and sometimes they would rot. Tell me how I can build a potato hill that will work every time. (B.M., Clinton)

A. The idea behind your

grandfather's potato hill was excellent, and we now know from research why your grandfather's potato hill worked only part of the time. Potatoes need special care before they are placed in a potato hill, and most people in the past were not aware of this. The potatoes need, first, to be cured, and secondly, they need to be handled very gently to avoid bruising. If you will do these two things and provide them with a good coat of straw and soil, you will enjoy a high degree of success. Sweet potatoes must not be allowed to drop below 50 degrees to avoid chilling injury. (George Hughes, extension horticulturist)

## Brando's Sister Balks At Gift

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The sister of actor Marlon Brando says she will not give up the Illinois farm land owned jointly with her brother despite his announcement that he will donate all of his United States land holdings to the American Indians.

Brando said last week that he would give up the farm, about 40 acres near Calabasas, Calif., a home in Los Angeles and an apartment complex in nearby Anaheim. His sister, Mrs. Richard Loving, said Sunday that she would not relinquish her part of the 40-acre farm in Mindelein, Ill., which she refers to as "the family homestead."

"We are not giving this land away. There is no question about it," Mrs. Loving said. Brando has been active for several years in Indian causes and refused the Academy Award in 1972 to protest the portrayal of Indians in films.

## Brezhnev Visit To Arab States Said Postponed

By AHMED SHAWKI Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Leonid I. Brezhnev's trip to Egypt and other Arab countries has been postponed indefinitely because of continuing differences with the Egyptians over military and political questions, informed Egyptian sources said today.

Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and War Minister Abdel Ghany Ghamasy, who made a hurried trip to Moscow Saturday, met for 35 minutes Sunday with Soviet leaders before the two sides agreed to postpone the trip by the chief of the Soviet Communist party, the sources reported.

They said a joint communique announcing the postponement would be issued later today.

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They said Syria and Iraq, the other two countries Brezhnev was to have visited, have been informed of the postponement.

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## Hopes For Textile Industry Stability

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—The president of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association, Maurice Winger Jr., says there is hope the industry will stabilize itself by the second quarter of 1975.

He said the industry has done a better job of controlling inventory buildups than in the past. This control has included layoff of some workers, shorter work weeks, and temporary closing of some plants.

Winger said in a year end statement that this control could well put the industry in position for a turnaround as sharp and sudden as the decline, particularly as interest rates become lower.

Winger is president of the American Enka Corp. The president of the American Textile Manufacturers Association, Morton H. Darman, felt similarly.

Darman, president of the Top Co. of Boston, said, "We feel that the bulk of the effects of the economic downturn already has been felt in textiles, and we anticipate a pickup in the second half of 1975."

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The slogan apparently refers to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, said to have been signed in 1775, one year before the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia.

The new tags are heavier with a more durable aluminum base, apparently designed to last several years, in case the state decides to adopt a five-year tag system. If such a system were adopted, metal tabs would be sold each year to be affixed to the plate.

Automobile tags will cost \$14, with \$1 earmarked for driver education. Some cities require city tags or stickers at additional costs.

Other tags will cost as follows: motorcycles, \$6; trailers, \$4; taxicabs, \$76; and trucks \$17 and up. Truck tag prices are based on weight.

## Caravelle Jets Are Retired

NEW YORK (UPI)—Scandinavian Airlines has announced the retirement from regular scheduled services of its last Caravelle jetliners after nearly 17 years. SAS says the French-built twinjets have been replaced by U.S.-made DCs. SAS was the first non-French airlines to order the Caravelle, in 1959. Its fleet of 21 flew a total of 13.5 million passengers.

## Growth-Options

GREENSBORO (AP)—One hundred North Carolina leaders will begin a four-day study in Greensboro Thursday of what would be the best directions for growth in the state.

The North Carolina Assembly on Growth Options is sponsored by the Urban Affairs Program at the University of North Carolina. The consensus will be used as a basis for long-range planning.

Gov. Jim Holshouser or Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt will attend the opening session.

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# Couple Exchanges Vows In Saturday Ceremony



MRS. WILLIAM BRYAN DUNN

LANCASTER, S.C.—Miss Debra Dean Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cox of Lancaster, and William Bryan Dunn of Monroe, were united in marriage at the First United Methodist Church Saturday at 8:00 p.m. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Dunn Sr. of Ayden, N.C.

Officiating at the double ring ceremony were Charles E. Graves and Ed Jones.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white sata peau with imported chantilly lace bodice and applied with pearls. The sleeves were bouffant with lace covered cuffs and covered buttons. Her headpiece consisted of chantilly lace crown with tiers of illusion, accented with chantilly.

The maid of honor was Miss Julie Cox, sister of the bride. She wore a georgette crepe dress with cluny lace bodice and a long sleeved jacket with matching trim. She carried a bouquet of rose buds, pom pons, and a center of white orchids.

Bridesmaids were Jean Vanderford, of Union, S.C., Jane Rollins of Chester, S.C., Jan Porter, Karen Anderson, Laura Anne Dennis, and Margret Thommason, all of Lancaster. Allison Dunn of Charlotte and Meg Hammond Kershaw of Chester, S.C., were junior bridesmaids. Their dresses were similar to that of the maid of honor.

The flower girl was Carla Eggleton of Lancaster. She wore a white polyester satin dress with an empire waistline with a lace covered bodice and a white velvet waist band.

Ushers were Leon A. Dunn Jr. of Rocky Mount, Thomas P. Dunn of Charlotte, Mike Gullege of Rock Hill, S.C., Mark Liles of Monroe, Emerson Couch of Lancaster, and James Craig of Lancaster. The father of the bridegroom was best man.

Mrs. Joanne McManus, organist, and Mrs. James Howey, soloist, presented a program of wedding music.

Following the wedding, reception was held in the church.

After a wedding trip to Banner Elk, N.C., the couple will reside in Lancaster. The bride is a graduate of Lancaster High School, and the bridegroom is currently enrolled at the University of South Carolina as a senior.

A rehearsal dinner was given by relatives of the bridegroom on Dec. 27, for the wedding party and special guests at the First United Methodist Church. A white and green floral arrangement was used for decoration of the church.

A bridal luncheon was given on the day of wedding by Mrs. Max Small, and Mrs. Charlie Epps at the home of Mrs. Small. Tables were decorated with small bridal bouquets.

## Ayden News

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawley were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Manning and family of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McLawhorn and family, Mrs. Mildred Whaley of Greenville, Mrs. Jessie McLawhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Tripp and son, Jacob, of Ramseur and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tripp of Kinston spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tripp.

Miss Kimberley Dale, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beland, Mrs. R. H. McLawhorn and Mrs. Alma Tyson spent Sunday in Bunn Level with relatives.

Mrs. Blanche Coward has as Sunday guests, her daughter, Frances, and family and her son, Reid, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden McGlohon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland McGlohon Jr. and family and Mr. and Mrs. David McGlohon were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland McGlohon.

Miss Joan Abernathy is spending the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. C. G. Moore is spending the holidays in Richmond, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin Moore.



MRS. DAVID ALAN HIBBARD

# Hibbard-Cayton Vows Solemnized

CHARLOTTE—Donna Riddle Cayton became the bride of David Alan Hibbard in a 7:00 p.m. ceremony Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riddle, Glenridge Road.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Marvin Riddle of Durham and the late Mr. Riddle, and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hibbard of Triangle, Va.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frank Wooten, of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church. A program of wedding music was presented by Terry Martin, guitarist.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Riddle, the bride wore a formal length gown of candlelight chiffon designed with a high neckline encircled with a rose embroidered Venise lace in candlelight threaded with ivory satin ribbon. Matching trim accentuated the bib effect

bodice of tucked chiffon centered with covered buttons. The double bishop sleeve were finished with fitted cuffs edged in the lace and ribbon trim. She wore a lace rafia hat in candlelight with ivory satin ribbon trim and a fingertip illusion streamer veil. She carried a multicolor colonial bouquet.

Mrs. Todd Bullock of Bethel, matron of honor, wore a formal length gown of gold crepe fashioned with an empire waistline and bishop sleeves. She carried a single gold mum with matching streamers.

Gerald Hibbard of Woodbridge, Va., brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception and buffet dinner was held at the Riddle home.

After a wedding trip to the mountains, the couple will reside in Annandale, Va.

# Miss Lillie Gorham Is Bride

FALKLAND—Miss Lillie Gray Gorham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham of Falkland, and Ronald McKinley Darden, were united in marriage at St. John's Baptist Church here yesterday. The Rev. J. R. Person performed the double ring ceremony.

The bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Darden of Greenville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory A-line empire style dress with bell sleeves made of polyester crepe covered with embroidered lace. She also wore a fingertip ivory illusion veil edged in scalloped embroidered lace held in place by a tiara headpiece of ivory satin trimmed in lace with beaded pearls. The bride carried a Williamsburg bouquet of ruffled white carnations and butterfly roses, laced with variegated greenery.

The mothers of the bride and bridegroom wore green A-line, long-sleeved dresses with V-necklines. They wore white carnations.

The maid of honor was Miss Delois Eason of Brooklyn, N.Y. She chose a kelly green long A-line dress with empire style top and long sleeves. She carried one white mum tied with green and red streamers.

Bridesmaids for the wedding were Miss Joyce Gorham of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Sarah G. Smith of Indian Head, Md., Mrs. Madie Shackelford of Farmville, Mrs. Vickie Phillips of Greenville, all sisters of the bride, Ann Hines, sister of the bridegroom of Greenville, Miss Sandra E. Baker of Kinston, Miss Joyce Taft of Greenville, and Miss Gloria Boyd of Winterville. The bridesmaids wore red A-line dresses with long sleeves with scoop necklines. They carried one white mum tied with kelly green streamers.

Junior bridesmaid was Miss



MRS. RONALD MCKINLEY DARDEN

Michelle Darden of Greenville. Flower girl was Miss Cassandra Gorham of Falkland. Miss Gorham wore a long sleeved kelly green dress with a gathered waistline. She carried a white carnation.

Perry Baker of Kinston was best man.

Ushers were Kelly Darden Jr., cousin of the bridegroom, of Charlotte, James Darden,

brother of the bridegroom, also of Charlotte, Walter Gorham, brother of the bride, of Falkland, James Gorham, brother of the bride, of Ft. Gordon, Ga., Donnie Phillips of Greenville, David Shackelford of Farmville, Clarence Taft Jr. of Greenville, and Ronnie Smith of Indian Head, Md. Ring bearer was Bryan Hines of Greenville.

The Rev. John Taylor, organist, and Mrs. Bessie Filmore, soloist, presented a program of wedding music.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville.

The table was covered with a white satin table cloth with a centerpiece of red pixie carnation, snow white pom pons, and red holly. Mrs. Edith Otterbridge accepted guests, and Miss Patricia Atkinson served the punch. Mrs. Mary E. Taft served cake.

After a wedding trip to Brooklyn, N.Y., the couple will reside in Greenville. The bridegroom is employed by the Greenville Police Department, and the bride is employed at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

## Bridge Winners

Saturday afternoon duplicate winners at First Federal included:

North-South: Mrs. D. J. Lewis and Mrs. Ralph Pate, first; Mrs. Myrt Johnson and Mrs. Kay Arapage, second; Mrs. Jackson and Dr. Charles Duffy, third.

East-West: Mrs. George Martin and James Boone, first; Dave Proctor and Steve Callihan, second; Tim McDonald and Neil Bellinger, third.

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MRS. WILLIAM JOSEPH PATE

# Miss Downs Weds Saturday

CHAPEL HILL—The Chapel of the Cross here was the scene of the Saturday wedding of Jennifer Jo Downs and William Joseph Pate.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Coolidge.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Floyd William Downs of Asheville, and the late Mr. Downs. The bridegroom is the son of Lt. and Mrs. Lloyd George Pate of Greenville.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother, Miss Polly Anne Downs of Atlanta, Ga., sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The father of the bridegroom was best man and his brother, Alan George Pate, of Greenville, was usher.

The couple will reside in Cary after a wedding trip to Phoenix, Ariz.

The bride is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is now a graduate-special student at N. C.

State. The bridegroom is also a graduate of UNC-CH and is now a regional chemist with the Natural and Economic Resources. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Parish House.

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# Please Don't Iron The Sackcloth

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I used to be one of your most devoted fans, but not anymore. How dare you say that people who don't iron their bedsheets, pillowcases and towels are just plain lazy!

Abby, haven't you ever heard of permanent press fabrics? When they came in, ironing bedsheets and pillowcases went out at my house. And nobody irons towels anymore. They just fold them.

A young relative put me on to the greatest time and money-saver yet: Have one set of quick-dry bedsheets and pillowcases for each bed. They can be laundered and put back on the beds in a few hours. The set I am using on my king-sized bed is in its ninth year and it's still good as new. (No cracks, please.)

EX-ABBY FAN

DEAR EX: You (and a lot of other people) have confused me with my twin sister—Ann Landers. You read that in HER column—not mine. I spoke with her a few minutes ago and she's reconsidered; she's now doing penance—complete with sackcloth (UNIRONED) and ashes.

DEAR ABBY: Maybe I'm still a child, but I like the element of surprise on Christmas morning.

My husband insists on knowing what I want. He says he would rather get me something I want than spend money on something I don't want.

I keep telling him to "surprise" me, but he nags at me until I finally tell him. Then he orders it right in front of me. (This is a Christmas present?)

His mother is the same way. She asks me what I want for Christmas, too. It takes all the fun out of it for me.

I never ask anybody what they want. I use my imagination and enjoy shopping around to find things.

If I'm wrong, I'll take my lumps. If I'm right, I'll tape your answer on my husband's nose next year. THANKS.

JENNIE

DEAR JENNIE: Not everybody likes "surprises," but if you do, then your husband should surprise you. But don't grumble if he surprises you with a little nothing for which he spent too much.

DEAR ABBY: I need your help. I am 19, and I've been seeing this guy who is 30. I know he is too old for me. But that's not all. He's married and has two kids. How I got involved with him I'll never know.

This has got to end because there is no future in it for me. I have tried so hard to tell him, but he keeps calling me and calling me and he won't take no for an answer. I never should have started up with this guy, but he is a real fast talker.

I am not much of a talker, so I would like to write him a letter. That's where you come in, Abby. Will you help me write it? I want to get it across to him that I don't want to continue our love affair and to please leave me alone. Thank you.

WANTS OUT

DEAR WANTS: Don't put anything incriminating in writing! (You never can tell where a letter will wind up!) TELL HIM in plain English that you've seen him for the last time, and don't stick around for a debate. (P.S. If he calls you again, hang up on him.)

CONFIDENTIAL TO "NO BEAUTY" IN BEVERLY HILLS: I don't know who said it, but wise was he who quipped: "Beauty is a gift. Charm must be cultivated. A beautiful woman is one I notice. A charming woman is one who notices ME."

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

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# Extra 20 Days Grace Granted

It might seem like a small favor in this time of soaring electric bills, but at least a wholesale rate increase proposed by Virginia Electric Power Co. has been delayed for 20 days.

VEPCO had proposed a 50 percent increase in its base rate (not including the fuel charge), to be placed in effect on Jan. 2, under bond.

There was some necessary information not included in the application and VEPCO re-filed, this time making the effective date Jan. 22.

The change in effective date will save Greenville Utilities customers \$150,000, Director Charles Horne says, and for all VEPCO wholesale customers in North Carolina the savings will be \$416,000.

Of course, if you want to look at it another way, if that much will be saved every 20 days, then the rate increase will cost area customers that much more every 20 days—and that is not a very promising outlook.

We can keep in mind, though, that the Federal Power Commission still has to hear the case for the big rate increase and it is possible that the FPC might not allow all of it. There is certainly reason

to believe that a 50 percent increase is exorbitant on top of the fuel charge which customers are already paying.

At any rate, whatever comes—and we can bet on higher rates—local electric customers will have an extra 20 days before they get hit will still higher electric bills. About all we can do with the reprieve is prepare ourselves psychologically.

# A Master Entertainer Departed U.S. Stage

The nation lost one of its greatest entertainers last week with the death at 80 years old of Jack Benny.

His career as a master comedian spanned vaudeville, radio, movies and television.

Jack Benny was more than an entertainer to our nation. He was a great man who was loved by all for the pleasure he brought into all of our lives for so many years. He will be missed.



MORRIS

By ART BUCHWALD

# Chairman Of The Board

WASHINGTON—The Old Man whom everyone called 1974 called in the young man, known as 1975 and said, "SEVENTY-FIVE, as you know I'm being forced to retire on Dec. 31 as chairman of World Inc. and I just wanted to brief you on the business."

"Yes, sir. I want you to know, Mr. SEVENTY-FOUR, that while I'm going to do my best I can never fill your shoes. Everything I am or hope to be I owe to you."

"That's nice of you to say that, SEVENTY-FIVE. You know it wasn't my fault we had such a bad year. There was the oil crisis which fed the flames of inflation and then the recession set in, and world leaders were toppled all over, and then the weather got bad and we were short on crops, and automobile sales were off by 30 per cent—but I don't see any reason why, just because of few setbacks,

they should have demanded my resignation."

"Neither do I, sir. You were just getting everything turned around."

"Well there's nothing we can do about it. Shall we go over the books?"

"Yes, sir."

"You know World Inc. is broke."

"I had a feeling it was, or I wouldn't have been given the job."

"It's that damn oil bill that's been killing us. We've been paying more than \$10 a barrel, and the gas situation isn't any better."

"I was afraid of that."

"We also have to pay between 10 per cent and 11 per cent to borrow money, and that's hurting any hopes we had of building for the future. I don't see how we can get the rates down, though heaven knows I tried."

"Everyone is aware of that, sir."

"I think one of my mistakes was that I depended too much on the economists. They kept giving me all these optimistic reports and I believed them. If you want some advice, SEVENTY-FIVE, don't believe economists. They don't know what the hell they're talking about."

"I'll keep that in mind."

"Now as I see it, your main problem is people. There are just too many people in World Inc. We can't support them. You're not going to solve any problems until you cut down the size of the population."

"How do I do that?"

"If I knew, I'd still be chairman of the board. The other thing you have to look out for is that the people in World Inc. are a pretty discouraged lot. They're depressed and some are very surly. I think your major problem will be one of morale."

"You give them hope. I would institute a public relations campaign with a catchy slogan such as 'Stay Alive in Seventy-Five' or 'Have No Fear, It's Just A New Year.' You're going to have to use the media to get your message across."

"That's a good idea," said SEVENTY-FIVE, "and it's tax deductible. What about peace?"

"You better talk to Kissinger about that. I guess that's it. Here's the key to the men's room. I'll get my stuff moved out of here by tomorrow."

"There's no hurry, sir. What are you going to do now?"

"Well my stock options are no good, and I can't get a tax deduction on my personal papers any more, so I guess Florida is out. Maybe I'll write my memoirs. A lot happened in the last 12 months, and I'm the only one who knows the inside story of who was responsible. I'll tell you one thing: There's going to be a lot of embarrassed people in this world, once my book hits the stands."

# Morgan Set His Course

By NOEL YANCEY

Associated Press Writer RALEIGH (AP)—Senator-elect Robert Morgan overruled other members of his staff when he decided last week not to seek to gain Senate seniority by being sworn in early as a senator. "Sometimes votes are weighed," Morgan said as he acknowledged his decision went against the wishes of his staff. "This time mine counted more than the others," he added.

Morgan apparently was not fearful that Republican Gov. Jim Holshouser might balk at appointing him, a Democrat, to the Senate in order for Morgan to gain seniority.

"I don't think there is any doubt Holshouser would have done it if he felt it would be in the best interest of the state," a Morgan aide commented.

A spokesman for Holshouser, who was away on vacation, said plans were under way to comply with a request for a Senate appointment if one had come from Morgan.

If an appointment had been made, it would have been for only three days, from Dec. 31 to Jan. 3. Members of the governor's staff were relieved when Morgan decided not to seek to gain seniority through an early appointment. The reason for their relief was that it would have been complicated for the governor to make an appointment while out of the state.

A Morgan aide said the senator-elect sat down with a group of his advisors before making his decision.

"He always had some reservations about an appointment because in the public mind it might look like a deal," this aide said. He said Morgan was upset when news stories said he was considering seeking an early appointment and a newspaper said "it looked like he couldn't wait to get to Washington."

This aide said Morgan also was miffed by reports he was urging Sen. Sam Ervin to resign "when he had not even talked to Ervin."

The aide said Morgan sat down with a pencil and figured out what he would gain in the way of seniority if he were appointed to the remaining three days of Ervin's term.

"When he got through, it appeared the only person he could gain some seniority on by doing this would be Gov. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas" who is one of the incoming senators.

"The whole thing didn't seem worth it," the aide said. "The disadvantages outweighed the advantages."

# Quotes

"Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."—Joyn Henry Cardinal Newman.

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."—Henry Davis Thoreau.

"Every man loves what he is good at."—Thomas Shadwell.

# Other Editors Say The Holiday Pie

(Chapel Hill Newspaper)

Mince pie is older than America. It is not just a traditional Christmas dessert. It has been traced to the Crusaders who brought back all sorts of Oriental spices when they returned from the Holy Land. It seemed appropriate to make a pie using such spices for the birthday of Christ. The spices represented the gift of the Magi, even though Frankincense and Myrrh are not spices, but incense.

It was the Christmas pie that Little Jack Horner sat in a corner eating.

"He put in his Thumb And pulled out a plum And (said) what a good boy am I."

The researchers state that Jack Horner was in reality Thomas Horner, a steward to the abbot of Glastonbury who sent young Horner to King Henry VIII with a pie for a Christmas gift. "In this pie was hidden the deeds to 12 manorial estates. On the journey young Horner is alleged to have opened the pie and extracted one deed—to the manor of Mells (a plum, indeed). There his descendants live to this day." For lack of a moral—let's discuss the 'plum'—it was spelled 'plumb' and was the name for raisins long ago.

Two hundred years later the mince pie was baked in an oval tin in the shape of a manger and sometimes a small figure of the Christ Child was placed on top. The Puritans looked on it as idolatry and condemned eating mince pie and made it unlawful along with the observance of Christmas. The 'battle of the mince pie' raged on for many years. With the Puritans' downfall in 1660 the old mince pie returned once more and with it the superstition that refusing a piece of mince pie at Christmas means ill luck for the coming year. It's a pleasant notion.

THIS AFTERNOON

# Focus Will Be On Schools

By BILL NOBLITT

RALEIGH—Of major issues due hot debate in the 1975 session of the General Assembly, public schools are sure to command top attention.

The concerns of parents over schools is becoming so intense in North Carolina that the issue can no longer escape attention.

There is some budding enthusiasm for an education "Manhattan Project" which would in effect call together leading minds from across the state for intensive study of problems and listing of solutions.

The state continues to pump money into public education, and educators, lawmakers and parents alike are dismayed at the continued ranking of North Carolina at or near the bottom nationally.

"If you think the white flight of parents to escape integration in recent years was something . . . you just

watch the quality flight of parents moving their children to good private schools" says a member of the House of Representatives, who personally has already joined the growing ranks of private school patrons.

**Study Prepared**  
A top-to-bottom probe of public education by the legislative Fiscal Research Division is due for delivery to the assembly when it convenes in mid-January.

Sources close to that study say it is "more critical than complimentary," and predict much "wailing and gnashing of teeth."

From a variety of sources, here is a brief review of major elements in the educational picture—certainly too complex and massive to be treated fully.

**MONEY**—The Education Department sought half-a-billion dollar hike in two-year budget, including \$27 million for reading crash program.

That is cut hugely, including request for 20 per cent teacher salary hike over two-year period.

Comments that state officials are "throwing money at the problem hoping to cover it up" are widely heard, and the State Council on Goals and Policy in a recent session struck the word "perhaps" from a statement that "Better education is not simply a function of more money." Education already captures 70 per cent of the general fund spending.

**BACK TO BASICS**—Parents and many classroom teachers say they are weary of the experiments, gimmicks; want a shift back to the school-day basics of discipline, patriotism, and learning to read and write and work arithmetic problems.

**EQUALIZATION**—Poor county schools want music, art, physical education, and guidance counselors, just like

the rich big-city schools with local supplements get. Statewide, local schools are putting pressure on boards of county commissioners for more money—but not many are succeeding. Local budgets are being cut rather than increased, typically.

**State Bonus**  
Sentiment exists for effort to provide state "bonus" to low-income schools to bring them up to the city school funding level.

**BUREAUCRACY**—Teachers complain that they serve the bureaucracy both at the local and state level, spending more time giving standardized tests, experimenting with programs, collecting fees, monitoring social programs, arbitrating student rights debates, etc., than they do teaching.

Curriculum, textbook, methods, etc., are imposed from the top down, and teachers complain they have

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The INSIDE REPORT

# 'Russians Are Salivating'

By ROWLAND EVANS and ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON—Moscow's re-entry into deadlocked Middle East peace efforts via the long-recessed Geneva conference is now all but taken for granted here, despite official denials that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy has run out of steam.

Those denials, understandable in view of the Secretary's absolute resolve one year ago to block the Soviet Union from sharing in a Mideast political settlement, now have a hollow echo.

With Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev due in Cairo for a four-day state visit 14 days from now, Kissinger's effort to breathe life into a second-round Israeli withdrawal from the Egyptian Sinai can succeed only by the kind of miracle that seldom happens in the Middle East.

"The Russians are

salivating," one Ford administration specialist told us. "They always predicted the game would come back to them."

Ineed, there is reason to believe that some sort of informal understanding may have been reached at Vladivostok between President Ford and Brezhnev: Kissinger would proceed with another round of mediation on the Egyptian-Israeli front; but if that failed the U.S. would no longer refuse to go to the Geneva conference, where the U.S. and Soviet Union would have equal authority as co-chairmen.

The potential failure of Kissinger's new and valiant effort at mediation is rooted in this irreconcilable conflict: an Egyptian demand for return of the Sinai oil fields and strategic passes, together with some public indication that Israel will make a future pullback from the Syrian Golan Heights—

and Israel's unwillingness, so far, to meet any of those demands.

Thus, both military and diplomatic specialists here now say privately that if Kissinger can't reconcile these basic Egyptian-Israeli disagreements within six to eight weeks, a return to Geneva by early springtime is predictable. That would doom Kissinger's hard struggle, fully shared in by such anti-Communist Mideast countries as oil-rich Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt itself, to keep the door at least partially shut to Moscow's ambition for equal status in the Middle East with Washington.

In his solo mediation the past year, no motive has dominated Kissinger more than a passion to deny the Soviets a formalized presence as peace-keeper in the Middle East. Moscow equality with the U.S. as a big-power broker from the Suez Canal to the oil riches of the strategic Persian Gulf would accomplish what the czars always wanted but never could get.

Moreover, even such militant states as Syria, Libya and Algeria have dropped hints that they, too, do not relish the prospect of Communist Russia acquiring

the big-power legitimacy denied for so many centuries to czarist Russia in the Middle East.

This Kissinger nightmare is now shared by all U.S. diplomats and Mideast specialists. The widely-quoted Nov. 17 "memorandum" of former Undersecretary of State George Ball (most of which appears in the January Atlantic Monthly) takes a different view. Ball wrote:

"Today the Russians are already a significant force in the area: They are well entrenched in Syria and Iraq and they are resuming their role as military suppliers of Egypt."

Ball argues that the basic Kissinger strategy of "shutting out both the more activist Arab states and the Soviet Union was predestined to failure," and calls for a "common approach" by the U.S. and the Soviets. What gives that special importance is the fact ex-diplomat Ball has powerful champions close to President Ford on foreign policy issues.

Some administration Mideast experts also pull back from Kissinger's theory. Thus, formal agreements between Richard Nixon and Brezhnev at their

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# Strength For Today

By WILLIAM CAREY

William Carey, a poor cobbler born in England in 1761, would scarcely seem to be headed toward a great career. Yet by intense intellectual effort and religious devotion he became a profound scholar and the first of modern Christian missionaries.

While he made and repaired shoes he constantly kept an open book of Latin or Greek before him on his bench, and in time came to master those languages completely. Convinced that the finest destiny of the church was in the mission

field, he continually urged the extension of mission work to India.

In 1792 he was sent to that country by his church, where he labored for seven years without result. Finally, in 1800 he made his first convert. Drawing on his gift for languages, he translated the Bible into most of the Indian tongues. After that, the work of conversion hastened quickly onward. When he died in 1834 the modern missionary effort had taken root and was growing in all parts of the world.

—by Elisha Douglass

# Housing Expects Boost In 1975

By JOHN CUNIFF

AP Business Analyst NEW YORK (AP)—The outlook for many segments of the 1975 economy is, as the hedging economist is inclined to say, "somewhat cloudy," but that description hardly fits housing.

One of the clear and bright prospects in that generally cloudy outlook, housing is expected to recover from its latest bout with recession as the year wears on, maybe even becoming vigorous by fall.

Home-seekers may find lenders solicitous rather than officious. The likelihood of 20 to 25 per cent down payments by midyear is strong, even if interest rates might remain around 9 per cent or more. The explanation reveals itself automatically when you

look at the recent experience of savings and loans and savings banks, which provide most individual home mortgages.

In a three-month period this year the savings and loans alone saw \$2.87 billion of savings disappear from their books, withdrawn by owners who sought higher returns in government and corporate securities.

When this sort of thing — disintermediation — happens, both the thrifts and the housing industry become anemic, the life blood flowing from their veins. But now the transfusion has begun.

With record-high interest rates now falling in other money markets, funds are again flowing into the thrifts. If it continues, they should be

able to finance a lot more housing than they could in 1974.

These statistics will provide an idea of what high interest rates did to the thrifts and housing: In 1973, housing starts totaled 2.2 million; in 1974 the rate fell to one-half that total.

Opinions vary about whether or not the decline should be attributed to the lack of lendable funds, but few students of housing will argue that 75 per cent of it was. Credit is everything to a home-buyer.

Now, with credit becoming available, the need for housing also is rising. As population increases, and the number of new household formations also, the need for

housing grows. It cannot be postponed indefinitely. Any slump is generally followed, if not by a boom, then by a lot of construction noise.

Only one passing cloud is being watched suspiciously, and that is the decline in spendable income. If incomes stagnate well into 1975, that cloud could spill some rain.

However, the prospect is strong that after-tax incomes will improve if the rate of inflation declines, and that the consumer's confidence, which evaporated with that decline, will return.

It's still not the best outlook, but it's a great improvement over 1974, when the cellar-holes of aborted houses provided a grim picture of the times. A new house is much prettier.

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**CROWD WATCHES BENNY FUNERAL ARRIVALS**—A crowd of about 2,000 persons lines the walk leading to Hillside Memorial Park Chapel to watch friends of Jack Benny arrive for his funeral

Sunday. Many of Hollywood's best known entertainers attended the rites, with Gregory Peck, Frank Sinatra and Milton Berle among the pallbearers. (AP Wirephoto)

## Farm Tips

By Dr. J. W. Pou  
Agricultural Specialist  
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., N.A.



Latest figures show a continued downward trend in the amount of tobacco used per 1,000 cigarettes produced in the United States.

In the early 1950's, manufacturers were using 2.7 pounds of domestic and imported tobacco in making 1,000 smokes. The figure dropped to 2.5 pounds in the years 1955-59.

Last year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, usage of tobacco per 1,000 cigarettes was only 1.9 pounds. That was 4 percent less than in the previous year. The downtrend has been steady for two decades.

Dr. W. K. Collins, extension tobacco specialist at North Carolina State University, said new technology has enabled manufacturers to increase their yield of cigarettes from a given quantity of tobacco.

He said improved processes have led to complete utilization of stems by the companies, and some use also is being made of "puffed" tobacco to boost the cigarette yield.

Another factor has been the rising popularity of filter-tip smokes, which now dominate the market. When filters are used in cigarettes of a given length, less tobacco is needed.

"Some changes in manufacturing have been made for economic reasons—that is, to increase the efficiency of cigarette production," Collins said. "Other changes have been made to offset claims of health hazards in smoking, and others have resulted from attempts to make cigarettes that will meet the needs and preferences of consumers."

The N. C. State University specialist said tobacco farmers should not be "unduly concerned" about the higher output of cigarettes from a given quantity of tobacco.

"Over the long haul, increased efficiency in producing cigarettes will help manufacturers maintain a position of financial strength and enable them to pay the farmer for his tobacco," Collins said.

He added that the tobacco grower knows there will be buyers available at the warehouse with the money to purchase his crop. This is not true of some other commodities.

Flue-cured or bright leaf tobacco, the chief money crop of North Carolina farmers, accounted for from 56 to 58 percent of the cigarette blend in the 1950's. By last year, the flue-cured proportion had declined to 48 percent. During the same period, the proportion of imported Turkish or aromatic tobacco in the blend increased from about 8 percent to about 15 percent.

Other types of tobacco used in the American blend are burley, accounting for about 35.5 percent, and Maryland leaf, which makes up about 1.5 percent.

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no voice in decisions.

**MANAGEMENT**—At the state level, officials continue to implement management and measurement techniques which classroom teachers interpret as infringements on their professionalism; debate continues over accountability—how to measure if the schools are doing the job.

**TEACHERS**—Attention in several fields (reading, special education) focuses on lack of proper teacher training in college; need for revised colleges approaches and in-service training. State officials are pushing more teacher aides to both relieve classroom teachers of drudgery and provide more personnel at one-third the

cost.

**TEXTBOOKS**—Parents and teachers are demanding a role in selecting the books, and more latitude in what books to use. Two opposing factions will clash: Those who want educational freedom and non-biased books; those who want to keep religion and patriotism in, sex and dirty words out.

**SOCIAL GAP**—Seen by many as the key problem in schools, many children come from homes where educational advantages are not available.

## REGULAR FLIGHTS

**NEW YORK (UPI)**—Varig Airlines inaugurated regular Saturday daylight service to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro from New York on Dec. 7.

# 'Liquid Coal' Research Goal

By TOM FENTON  
Associated Press Writer  
SOCORRO, N.M. (AP) — Researchers at New Mexico Tech are working on a project that could turn underground bituminous coal deposits into petroleum.

"The process for turning bituminous coal into oil has been around a long time," said Dr. Stirling A. Colgate, Tech president and project leader. "We think it may be feasible to do it underground, and pump the liquefied coal out as petroleum."

"The cost generally has made large-scale production prohibitive," Colgate said. He explained that modern technology "may be available to take advantage of the natural pressure underground in making the conversion."

"If we can complete the transition to petroleum underground, right in the coal seam, it would eliminate the need for an above-ground reactor vessel

and turn our deep coal beds into valuable assets. It also would eliminate the hazards of coal mining."

An \$80,160 grant from the New Mexico Legislature has provided funding for initial work on the project. Present research is limited to computer stress-field analyses and above-ground testing of coal dissolution rates.

"Hopefully, we'll get far enough so that we can get a federal grant to continue on a larger scale. Perhaps then we can actually begin underground testing," Colgate said.

The process for converting coal above ground was developed by Friedrich Bergius, a German Nobel Prize winner, shortly after the turn of the century. It involves squeezing heated coal and hydrogen together at extremely high pressures. The Germans used the process to supplement dwindling petroleum supplies during World War II.

# 'Some' Plutonium Not Accounted For

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Amid reports that the government cannot account for some plutonium, Rep. Les Aspin said today he will seek a five-year ban on plutonium recycling to allow time for safeguards to protect the material from possible theft and use in homemade atomic weapons.

The recycling process restores plutonium as a nuclear reactor fuel. At one point in the process, it is in the pure state used for atomic weapons and as such would be shipped around the country, he said.

"What happens when a bunch of crazies hijack a truckload of plutonium and announce they're going to take out a city unless their demands are met?" Aspin asked in a statement released by his office.

"We need to be dead certain that it is impossible to steal plutonium, not difficult, not risky, not unlikely, but completely impossible," the Wisconsin Democrat said.

The New York Times report-

ed Sunday that the federal government is unable to account for thousands of pounds of uranium and plutonium.

The nuclear materials are unaccounted for at 15 commercial plants in the United States regulated by the Atomic Energy Commission, the Times said. One unidentified plant has not accounted for about 9,000 pounds of highly enriched uranium, the Times article said.

The newspaper quoted experts as saying that the failure of the AEC to account for the missing materials leave doubts that they may have fallen into the hands of terrorist groups or hostile governments.

## Evans-Novak . . .

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1972 Moscow summit ruled out either party seeking "unilateral advantage" at the direct or indirect expense of the other.

But Kissinger's fear of any mutual U.S.-Soviet approach to the Middle East, always anathema to Israel, has not weakened. Kissinger men see Moscow as adamantly pro-Arab, down to the letter of United National resolution 242 calling for Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands seized in the Six-Day War. They blame Moscow for trying to scuttle the 1970 U.S.-negotiated Suez Canal ceasefire and for encouraging Syrian invasion of Jordan that same year.

To Kissinger, then, negotiations at Geneva with Moscow having equal status with Washington would be even less productive than his personal brand of shuttle diplomacy. Yet, unless an acceptable Israeli offer to the Egyptians emerges very soon indeed, that is what he is going to get.

## Hitchhiker Is Murdered

**GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)**—An 18-year-old hitchhiker from Danville, Va., en route to a rock concert in Greensboro, was shot and stabbed to death Sunday night.

He and a companion were robbed of about \$15 after being picked up by a motorist.

The youth, Robert A. Waller III, and 16-year-old Kent Douglas Wells, also from Danville, had been picked about 10 miles north of Reidsville, or about 25 miles north of Greensboro and 20 miles south of Danville, police said.

Capt. Jim Worrell of the Guilford County Sheriff's Department said the slaying occurred on a dirt road in a deserted wooded area near Greensboro. He said Waller appeared to have been shot twice with a small caliber pistol and stabbed several times. One of the wounds was near the heart, he added.

Worrell quoted Wells as giving this account:

The man drove them to the area of the slaying under the pretense he was going to pick up his girlfriend.

There was a fight, and Wells ran to a nearby house and called the sheriff's department.

The man who picked up the youths was described as about 22 years old, five-foot-eight to five-foot-10, 180 to 200 pounds, and with brown shoulder length hair and a mustache. He was driving 1966 to 1970 model Chevrolet Impala.

# His 'Old Gang' Was On Hand For Benny Funeral

**CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP)** — Entertainment notables representing eras from vaudeville to television said farewell to Jack Benny, the humorist whom pal Bob Hope called "a

national treasure." Sunday's turnout was one of the largest and most emotional in recent years for a funeral of a show business personality. Hope's usual composure broke

as he delivered a tribute, interspersed with references to old Benny punch lines.

Referring to Benny's standing joke about his alleged penny-pinching nature, Hope said "he was stingy to the end; he gave us only 80 years and that wasn't enough."

Good friend George Burns, 78, also selected to give a eulogy, told the 350 persons in Hillside Memorial Park Chapel in Culver City: "I don't know whether I'll be able to do this, but I told Mary I'd try."

Benny's widow, Mary Livingstone, attended the traditional Jewish funeral but remained in the family room at the side of the chapel. Benny's adopted daughter, Joan, and three granddaughters were with her.

The whole gang from Benny's old television and radio show was on hand: band leader Phil Harris, singer Dennis Day, announcer Don Wilson, violin teacher-train conductor Mel Blanc, valet Eddie "Rochester" Anderson.

Benny, who died of cancer of the pancreas late Thursday night, was compared by Hope to such performers as Al Jolson, Humphrey Bogart, Clark Gable, Will Rogers and Maurice Chevalier. "He had a rare magic, like Picasso and Gershwin."

# N.C. Highways See Record Safety Year

By The Associated Press  
North Carolina is heading toward 22 per cent fewer highway deaths this year than in 1973.

There were six over the weekend, making 1,538 for the year with two more days to go. That's 346 fewer than the 1,884 at the comparable time last year.

The deaths from 6 p.m. last Friday to midnight Sunday:

The lack of a stop sign—police said it had been stolen—contributed to the death of a 3-year-old girl at an intersection near Fairmont in Robeson County. She was Tisa Loreen Hunt, or Rt. 3, Fairmont, who was in a car which collided with another.

Tony Avon Moore, 20, of Grantsboro in Pamlico County, was killed in what the Highway

Patrol said was a drag race in that east-central county. The patrol said his car landed in a river after a wreck on N.C. 307 at Vandemere in Pamlico County.

Nellie Allen, 45, was struck and killed by a vehicle a mile north of her hometown of Reidsville.

James Frankie Corns, 19, of Stuart, Va., died when his car ran off N.C. 704 in Stokes County, near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

Irizonia B. Morrison, 74, of Charlotte, was struck and killed by a car in Charlotte.

Jerome Anthony Hayes, 17, of Rt. 1, Summerfield in Guilford County, was killed on U.S. 220 three miles north of Greensboro. The patrol says he was a passenger in a car that hit a guard rail while trying to pass another vehicle.

# Kissinger Is At Poll's Top

**PRINCETON, N.J. (AP)** — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger heads the Gallup Poll's list of men most admired by Americans for the second straight year.

Second in the poll this year was the Rev. Billy Graham, followed by President Ford. It was the fifth consecutive year that the Rev. Mr. Graham was runnerup, and Ford took the post held last year by his predecessor, former President Richard M. Nixon. It was the fifth time in the poll's 28-year history that an incumbent president failed to place first.

Other men selected by 1,517 adults in the Dec. 6-9 poll were, in order of preference following Kissinger, the Rev. Mr. Graham and Ford: Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.; Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace; Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller; Nixon; Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.; California Gov. Ronald Reagan, and Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash.

Rockefeller and Reagan were newcomers in this year's survey. Dropped from the top 10 were consumer advocate Ralph Nader and Pope Paul VI.



"MIRACLE OF FLIGHT 107" — Larry Steoart, center, of Detroit, Mich., holds \$426 presented to him and his son Daryl (nicknamed Rocky), right by stewardess Marsha Grieger, Saturday in Whiting, Ind. Steoart lost his wallet on a commercial flight to Chicago to get medical attention for his son. When the flight continued to Phoenix, Ariz., passengers took a collection for the Steoarts which stewardess Grieger delivered to him in Whiting where they are staying with friends. Rocky is wearing pilot's wings given him by the crew. (AP Wirephoto)

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# Stock And Market Reports

### N.C. Hogs

RALEIGH (AP) (NCDA)—No price trend was established on North Carolina's hog markets today. Wilson 40.00-41.00, High Falls 39.50-40.50, Rocky Mount 40.50-41.00, Kinston 40.00-41.00, Salisbury 39.00.

### N.C. Poultry

RALEIGH (AP) (NCDA)—North Carolina's FOB dock broiler markets were four cents stronger today. Supply was adequate and demand was good. Movement off farm amounted to 1,072,000 chickens.

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market declined moderately today, fighting the pressure of year-end tax-selling.

The noon Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was down 2.90 at 599.26, and losers virtually doubled the number of gainers on the New York Stock Exchange.

The NYSE ticker tape ran late repeatedly through the morning, and an extensive number of issues were traded as investors came down to the last two days in which they could take losses for 1974 tax purposes.

On the American Stock Exchange, the market-value index fell 58 to 58.77.

Gold stocks were generally weak on the eve of the removal of the ban on private ownership of gold bullion by U.S. citizens.

The NYSE's composite common-stock index was off .24 at 35.12.

### NEW YORK (AP) — Midday stocks

Stock	High	Low	Last
Akzona	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Allis Chal	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4
Alcoa	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Am Airline	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Am Bds	30 1/4	29 3/4	29 3/4
Am Can	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Am Cyan	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Am Motors	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4
Am T&T	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Bank of W	13	12 1/2	12 1/2
Best Fd	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Beth St	25	24 1/2	24 1/2
Boeing	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Borden	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Burl Ind	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
Caro Pw	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4
Chrysler	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Central Soya	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
Chmp Int	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4
Chrysler	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Coca Col	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Colg Pal	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Comer Ind	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Conf Can	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Delta Air	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Dow Chem	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Duke Power	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
DUPONT	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Eskoot	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
East Air Lin	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
Eaton	20	19 1/2	19 1/2
Estrone	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Exxon	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Fairchild	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
File Pow	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Ford M	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Ford Dymk	10 1/4	9 3/4	9 3/4
Gen Dynamics	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Gen Elec	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Gen Foods	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Gen Mills	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Gen Mot	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Gen Tel	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Gen Pac	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Goodyear	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Goodyear	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Grace	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Grayhound	10 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Gulf Oil	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Hercule	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Honeywell	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
IBM	160 1/2	160 1/2	160 1/2
Inf Harv	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Inf T&T	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Inf Syst	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Kais Alm	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Kaiser R	9	9	9
Kreskies	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
Kroger	15 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Liggett	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Lockport	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Loews	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Marcor	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
MedCorp	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
MinRAM	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Mobile	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Nations	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
NatSteel	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
NatHill	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
OilCorp	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Oilfield	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Penn	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
PepsiCo	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Phillips	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Phillips	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Polaroid	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Procter	80 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
RalstonP	36	36	36
RCA	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Rockwell	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
RoyCola	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
SRRegisP	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
ScottP	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
SeaStar	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
SealLin	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
SearR	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
SearsR	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Southern	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Southern	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
SperryR	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Stamps	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
SHOInd	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Stevens	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Texas	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
TexEtr	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
TexasGif	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
UMC Ind	8 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
UnCarbide	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
UnOilCal	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Unroyal	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
USSteel	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Wachovia	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
WestEl	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
WeyerH	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
WinnDX	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Woolrich	9 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
XeroxCo	50	49 1/2	49 1/2

Following are selected 11 a.m. stock market quotations:

Burroughs	7 1/2
United Telecommunications Pfd.	16 1/2
Honeywell	20 1/2
Jeff Pilot	20 1/2
Tri South	2 1/2
Wickes	7 1/2
Wachovia Realty	7 1/2
Eckerd	5 1/2
Central Soya	5 1/2
Hardco	5 1/2
Integon	5 1/2
Fieldcrest	7 1/2
Hatteras Income	7 1/2
Veeco	5 1/2

OVER THE COUNTERS

Combined Insurance	6 1/2
Franklin Life	7 1/2
NCNB	7 1/2
Piedmont Air	3 1/2
Little Mint	3 1/2
Conner Homes	15 1/2
Guardian Care	1 1/2
Planters Bank	15 1/2
Daniels International Corp.	11 1/2

## Fire Deaths Down In '74

BOSTON (AP) — Fire deaths were down and property damage up in 1974, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

The association said during the weekend that about 11,600 persons died in 1974 fires, down about 100 from 1973.

Property damage, however, grew faster than inflation to \$3.7 billion, up 22 per cent over 1973's \$3.02 billion.

A discotheque fire at Port Chester, N.Y., killed 24 on June 30, making it the deadliest fire.

A forest fire at Cloudcroft, N.M., on April 9 destroyed property worth \$32 million, including part of the town, making it the costliest fire.

Other costly fires included one following a railroad yard explosion at Decatur, Ill., July 19, causing damage of \$24 million, and destruction of a jumbo jet worth \$20 million here on April 20.

Damage to buildings and contents accounted for more than \$3 billion of the total damage to ships, motor vehicles, aircraft and forests accounted for the rest.

The association is a nonprofit clearing house for fire safety information.

## Shooting Is Charged Pair

FARMVILLE—Brothers have been charged with the shooting of G. W. Hamill at Hamill's Pool Room in the Seven Pines community near here Saturday night.

Sheriff Ralph Tyson said William Marshall Moore 30, of 2305 Long Street, Durham, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious bodily injury. Reginald Moore Jr., 23, of 17 Highland Trailer Park, near Farmville, is charged with aiding and abetting. Both are free after posting \$2,500 bond each.

The Sheriff said Hamill, father of the proprietor of the Pool Room, received shotgun wounds in the chest about 11 p.m. Saturday. He is hospitalized at Pitt Memorial.

Tyson said investigation is continuing and that further charges may be made. A car struck by bullets has been impounded.

## Large Fine For Corporation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ashland Oil Corp. was fined \$25,000 today for unlawful corporate donations to political candidates and organizations in 1970 and 1972 — including one said to have been delivered to Robert L. Strauss, now the Democratic national chairman.

Mr. Bennie R. Harrell, 68, died in Pitt Memorial Hospital Sunday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by Lt. John Jones of the Salvation Army and the Rev. Travis Smith, pastor of Sheldermine Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Harrell, a native of Pitt County, spent all his life here and was a retired painter.

Surviving him are three sons, Tommy L. Harrell of Greenville and Jerry R. and Rex A. Harrell, both of Wilmington; four daughters, Mrs. Bobby Ray Ward of Grimesland, Mrs. Roy C. Harris of Ayden, Mrs. Robert D. Whitenburg of Sylvania, Ohio, and Mrs. John G. Fox Jr. of Washington; 14 grandchildren; two brothers, V. T. Harrell of Richmond, Va., and Edward Harrell of Greenville; and three sisters, Mrs. Effie H. Smith, Mrs. Martha H. Tunstall, and Mrs. Daisy H. Letchwith, all of Rocky Mount.

The family will be at the home of his brother, Edward Harrell, 1504 N. Pitt Street.

Hines  
Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Hines will be conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church by Bishop W. L. Phillips. Burial will follow in the Brown Hill Cemetery.

Born and reared in Greenville, she was the widow of Charlie Hines, a member of Rock Springs Church, and a retired employee of the Imperial Tobacco Company.

Surviving her are five daughters, Miss Doris Hines of the home, Mrs. Verna Harris and Mrs. Alice Howard, both of Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Louise Hines of Greenville; and Mrs. Pete Spivey of New York City; six sons; Charlie, Raymond Marvin and Willie Hines, all of Philadelphia, Izell of Greenville and James of Baltimore, Md.; three sisters, Mrs. Lottie Farmer of Philadelphia, Mrs. Evelyn Hardison of New Bern and Mrs. Christine B. Vines of Greenville; one brother, Joe Barrett of Greenville; and 32 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Phillips Brothers Mortuary Tuesday from 8 to 9 p.m. They will be at the home of Mrs. Christine Vines, 607 Ford St.

Pettus  
Mrs. Charlotte Barrett Pettus, formerly of Greenville, died in Philadelphia, Pa., Friday. Funeral arrangements are incomplete in Philadelphia.

She is the sister of Mrs. Effie Reaves and Mrs. Patsy Smith of Greenville.

Familly life specialists say that giving a child an allowance before age five probably won't have much value in training the child in the value of money.

# Claims 18 Murders Confessed

## Obituaries

Franks  
VANCEBORO—Mrs. Lena Franks, 82, widow of Daisy Franks, died in Craven County Hospital Sunday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church by the Rev. Willie Stillely. Burial will be in Celestial Memorial Gardens here. The body will be taken from the Wilkerson Funeral Home to the church one hour prior to the service.

Mrs. Franks spent most of her life in the Vanceboro community.

Surviving her are two sons, Jimmy Franks of Emporia, Va. and Bruce McCafferty of Spokane, Wash.; two brothers, Lee Gardner of Vanceboro and Hyman Gardner of Grifton; a sister, Mrs. Sally Oliver of Vanceboro; 16 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

Spain  
Mr. George Spain, formerly of Greenville, died Friday morning in Unity Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Flanagan and Parker Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Brown Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Spain was a native of Pitt County and spent most of his life in the Greenville community.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Bell Smith of Greenville, and Mrs. Peggy House of Baltimore, Md.; three sons, Herbert Spain of Bronx, N.Y., George Spain Jr. of Greensboro, and Murray Spain of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Boalling of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Annie Wooten of Greenville; two brothers, Perry Spain of Baltimore, Md., and Charlie Spain of Brooklyn, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren.

The body will remain at Flanagan and Parker Funeral Home and family visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday.

## Will Confer On Operating Of Nuclear Units

CHARLOTTE (AP)—A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for Jan. 16 in Charlotte on Duke Power Co.'s request to operate two units of the William B. McGuire Nuclear Station in Mecklenburg County.

The conference will be conducted by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the Atomic Energy Commission. It will begin at 10 a.m. in the Mecklenburg County administration building. It is open to the public.

The conference is aimed at identifying key issues in considering Duke's request and setting up a schedule for further proceedings. Evidence on the request will not be presented; a hearing for that will be scheduled later.

Earlier, the GBI agent had testified that Knowles was manacled with legcuffs and handcuffs when the drive began.

"I was riding in the front seat on the passenger side," Angel testified.

"He was placed in the back seat and he assumed a seat behind the passenger side. I instructed him to move to the side behind the driver."

The heavyset, crewcut GBI agent said he had Knowles move so he could better observe his movements. Asked if Knowles was searched before they left the jail, Angel replied, "He was not searched in my presence but I know he was searched."

He testified that Knowles had enough freedom of movement with his hands to light up a cigarette and Sheriff Lee advised him to hand over the cigarette. He said Knowles then put it out in an ashtray.

"Lee slowed down to the side of the highway and Knowles put the cigarette out in an ashtray," Angel said.

"Out of the corner of my eye, the next thing I noticed, Mr. Knowles reached forward in the front of the automobile and reached for Sheriff Lee's holster."

"When Mr. Knowles came forward, his arm free across the seat, Lee's gun was fired one time—I don't know who fired it. Mr. Lee and Mr. Knowles were engaged in a struggle. I began firing at that time," Angel testified.

The district attorney asked Angel if he knew how many times he fired at Knowles.

"I didn't then," Angel said. "I don't now — three times. Knowles was standing as much as possible and bending over the front seat halfway when I began firing."

Angel said the car went out of control and came to rest in a pasture.

He said Knowles fell on the floor of the right side of the car but he did not know whether Knowles had control of Lee's weapon and he jumped out of the car with his pistol still in his hand.

Sunday Knowles' attorneys, Ellis Rubin and Sheldon Yavitz of Miami said they would skip the inquest because they were refused the right to participate in the proceedings.

# Rat Ranch Has Ready Market

one entire building for guinea pigs," says Murphy. "Right now we are the largest breeders of guinea pigs in the U.S."

Murphy says five years of hard work, 10 hours a day every day, have been put into the business. "The last five years all the profits have been going back into the business," he explained.

"I'll never retire, but if we keep on going like we have been, we'll be able to retire at a young age — if we don't kill ourselves."

About 200 mice and 75 rats of Murphy's are used weekly in various departments at IU. The psychology department is running a series of tests on causes of aggression in mice, and the microbiology department uses mice for experiments to determine toxic doses of drugs.

In addition to Indiana, Murphy also ships mice to Purdue and Illinois universities. He is also under government contract to produce 4,000 mice a week.

"It's hard work," Murphy said. "I used to farm, but that's strictly sideline now."

At 50 cents per mouse, \$2.50 per rat and \$5 per guinea pig, Murphy is not complaining. He built a better mouse.

"We want to double the building space we have now to make

WEST GLAZIER, Mont. (AP)—A 22-year-old woman from Penland, N.C., Linda Tibbitts, and six other climbers, plan an assault on the 10,448-foot, vertical north face of Mt. Cleveland. That's in the Glacier National Park in Montana.

They will follow the trail that five other mountaineers used when they were killed during Christmas of 1969. If they succeed, they will become the first persons to make the climb in winter. The north face is an area of continual snow slides and howling storms.

The other six are from Madison, Wis. The party hopes to reconnoiter the assault path today, and begin the climb Tuesday, completing it on New Year's Day.

## Black Studies Group Formed

A new organization for young Black girls was formed Saturday.

The organization will focus its attention on Black studies—past, present, and future—world affairs, and the growth and self-esteem of each member. The organization was given the name "The Ebonettes."

The group chose red and white as their colors. Their motto is "Together we stand; Together we fall." Their flowers is the rose.

Officers are Denise Outerbridge, president; Gail Wilson, vice-president; Barbara Strong, secretary; Veronica Outerbridge, treasurer; Jackie Davis, corresponding secretary; Rachel Moore, business manager, and Emily Wilson, reporter. Mrs. Floretta Smith is advisor to the group.

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## KING GETS A RAISE

MASERU, Lesotho (AP) — King Moshoeshoe II's annual government grant has been increased by \$6,220 to \$38,610 by the National Assembly.

## Belmont Bank Is Robbed By Duo

BELMONT, N.C. (AP) — The Abbey Plaza branch of First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Belmont was robbed by two males around 9:15 this morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported.

The two robbers fled in a Black Mustang, heading toward I-85, the FBI said.

No other details were immediately available.

It was the 85th robbery of a banking institution in North Carolina this year — a record number.

## Greek Game Played In Legal Illegality

By PAUL ANASTASIADES  
ATHENS (AP) — Stelios Kyriakou has a bold poster displayed on his shop window reading "koum-kan blocks sold here." Across from him is one of the city's largest police centers and many police officers are his customers.

Kyriakou says koum-kan is blossoming again "in a state of legal illegality."

Koum-kan, equivalent to "Rummy" in the West, is Greece's favorite national card game, the daily pastime of the coffee-shop pundit and the neighborhood gossiping housewives. But the game was banned by the now defunct military dictatorship as "immoral, economically ruinous, and a serious waste of time."

The ban formally remains, but since the fall of the dictatorship in July, koum-kan has moved to the No. 1 slot again, and Kyriakou makes lucrative sales of his koum-kan blocks to facilitate the scoring records of the players.

The dictatorship's decree provided for up to five years imprisonment for the managers of clubs where police found the game being played, and up to two years imprisonment and a fine for those found playing even at home. It also provided for the confiscation of gamblers' money and the confiscation of club furniture and utensils.

Under the junta about a dozen arrests of koum-kan players were reported, and fines were imposed. Since the fall of the

junta another half dozen have been arrested but later released.

Many koum-kan players believe the government would not undertake the step of formally legalizing koum-kan again, because it would appear as encouragement for gambling. But as long as money is not displayed openly, they say that it will continue to thrive in homes and the numerous male-dominated coffee-shops. Even police admit to playing it at their

## Texas And Auburn Ready To Square Off Tonight

### Steelers Facing 'The Unknown'

By BRUCE LOWITT  
AP Sports Writer  
OAKLAND (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers are heading toward territory in which they've never trod before.

Oh, they've been in New Orleans before. In fact, they've won all three games they've played there. But never in their 42-year history have they played in a National Football League championship.

But on Jan. 12 in New Orleans, one of Art Rooney's dreams comes true. His Steelers will be playing for all the marbles.

The other dream, of course, is to win them. To do that, the Steelers will have to beat the Minnesota Vikings. But for now, beating Oakland is satisfaction enough for one of pro football's grand old men.

"I feel like a big shot," the subdued, twinkly-eyed 73-year-old president of the Steelers said as he puffed on a cigar, savoring both it and the 24-13 victory over the Raiders in Sunday's American Conference championship.

And how would it have felt to accompany his players on the plane back to Pittsburgh had they lost? "It would have been like taking the body of a loved one back home," he said.

But his loved ones—like a doting, patient parent, Rooney suffered through 39 years of failure with them before they ever played their first playoff game—are very much alive and kicking.

In fact, they kicked Oakland's rushing game in the teeth, kicked apart Ken Stabler's dreams of a second straight miracle comeback and kicked the Raiders out of the playoff game they were favored to win.

If there really is a mystical force called destiny, Rooney will get his championship in two weeks. His Steelers already believe in it.

"It was meant to be. We were meant to win this thing," quarterback Terry Bradshaw said after his cool, precise signal calling and passing carried

Pittsburgh to the summit of Super Bowl IX. "We knew we were going to win this game ... we came here with the confidence to win."

Bradshaw threw the ball only 17 times — and he didn't even have to do that. Not with Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier behind him, waiting to take the ball and run it down the Raiders' throats.

Harris bulldozed his way through the astoundingly malleable Oakland line 29 times for 111 yards and two touchdowns. And when the Raiders managed to stop him — which was rare — Bleier was right there, adding 98 yards on 18 carries.

Even Bradshaw got into the ground game, rushing three times for 15 yards. And astonishingly, his total was more than half the total yardage gained by entire Oakland running corps.

Twenty-one times the Raiders punched into Pittsburgh's front line of defense. The result was a meager 29 yards, a new low for an AFC title game.

"They gave us nothing on the ground," Oakland Coach John Madden understated. "Our passing was sufficient but we just couldn't get the run going. I can't remember when our ground game was shut down that effectively ... to win, you've got to have a mixture on offense. We were able to call the mixture, but we couldn't make it go."

And Pittsburgh's Mean Joe Greene, the mammoth defensive tackle who was supposed to wreak havoc on Stabler's passing game, observed: "We played for the run. We played them man-to-man up front. We felt we could beat them up there." And, with a grin creasing his sweat-drenched face, he added, "I guess we did."

With Oakland going nowhere on the ground, the Raiders had to ride Stabler's left arm, the same arm that had thrown for 298 yards and four touchdowns in their pulsating victory over Miami a week earlier.

For a while, it appeared he had plenty of ammo left for the



INTERCEPTION SETS UP A TD—J.T. Thomas (24) of the Pittsburgh Steelers heads for the Raiders 24-yard line after intercepting a Ken Stabler pass in the final period of Sunday's AFC championship game in Oakland. The interception set up a Steeler touchdown in the 24-13 victory. (AP Wirephoto)

Steelers. The teams started the second half tied 3-3 (George Blanda had kicked a 40-yard field goal for Oakland in the first period and Roy Gerela had booted one from 23 yards away in the second) and Stabler went to work, completing four straight passes, the last one a 38-yard bomb to Cliff Branch that put the Raiders on top 10-3.

Undaunted, the Steelers took the ensuing kickoff and blew the Raiders apart with a 61-yard, nine-play drive that ended with Harris crashing through the middle for eight yards and a touchdown of the first play of the final quarter.

"That was the turning point, when we went the length of the field and scored after they'd scored," said Pittsburgh Coach Chuck Noll. And linebacker Jack Ham added: "When we came right back, got that touchdown, and got right back in the game, that's when I think we got our momentum really geared up."

That wasn't really the turning point, though. It came about 1½ minutes later, when Stabler put the ball in the air again. It was intended for Charlie Smith. It was intercepted by Ham, who ran it back 24 yards to the Oakland nine. A few plays later, Bradshaw clotheslined a pass up the middle and Lynn Swann leaped to get it in for a six-yard touchdown play and a 17-10 lead.

Back again came Stabler, unloading a 42-yard pass to Branch in a drive that moved the ball to the Pittsburgh six — but no further. The Raiders had to settle for Blanda's 24-yard field goal, cutting the edge to 17-13.

Suddenly, there was less than two minutes to play with the Raiders trailing by less than a touchdown, just as they had against Miami. And there was Stabler cranking up his arm again. But there was no pot of gold at the end of his rainbow passing this time. Just another interception, the third of the game.

Cornerback J.T. Thomas nabbed it at the Pittsburgh 39 and brought it to the Oakland 24. Two plays later, with a minute to go, Harris applied the coup de grace, barreling 21 yards for the final touchdown.

"I thought we'd still beat the Steelers until that last inter-

ception," said running back Clarence Davis, the hero of the victory over the Dolphins with his last-minute touchdown catch. And guard George Muehler philosophized: "You can't come back with a few seconds left to win too many weeks in a row."

### Pacific 8 Has New Strength

By KEN RAPPOPORT  
AP Sports Writer  
Except for UCLA, the Pacific-8 has been known as the "Pacifist-8" for a long time in college basketball.

No more. UCLA continues to bully teams as usual, but now Southern Cal and Oregon have emerged as fighters to challenge for supremacy in the Far West and perhaps the country. All three undefeated Pac-8 powers demand attention while building their combined records to 23-0 against outside teams, including these successes Saturday night:

—UCLA, the country's No. 3 team, won the Maryland Invitational Tournament at College Park with an 81-75 triumph over Maryland's fifth-ranked Terrapins.

—Southern Cal, No. 6, bombed 20th-ranked Rutgers 81-66 to advance to Monday night's finals of the Holiday Festival Tournament in New York.

—Oregon, ranked No. 19, plowed toward the championship of the Far West Classic in Portland by trimming Arizona State 80-76.

The Bruins, getting most of the headlines through the past decade, could be getting some of the headlines this year from their powerful Pac-8 colleagues.

Even with UCLA's domination out West, the Trojans' basketball program has improved steadily under Southern Cal Coach Bob Boyd's guidance and this is probably his best team. Oregon, with the likes of Ron Lee, considered the best guard in the conference, gives the Pac-8 the most balance it's had since UCLA started winning national championships in the 1960s.

North Carolina State, the team that finally ended the Bruins' fabulous dynasty in last

year's NCAA playoffs, continued to look as good as ever this year with an 86-70 triumph over Pitt.

Elsewhere, among the ranked teams, No. 2 Indiana whipped Ohio State 102-71 in the semifinals of the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu; No. 8 North Carolina edged Utah 94-91; No. 9 Penn beat Florida State 100-88 in a Rainbow Classic consolation game and 10th-ranked Arizona stopped Columbia 94-73 in the consolation game of the Old Dominion Classic in Norfolk, Va.

St. John's, N.Y., upset No. 11 South Carolina 78-77 in overtime in the semifinals of the Ocean State Tourney in Providence, R. I. Providence, No. 12, moved into the finals with an 83-73 victory over Drake. Notre Dame, No. 13, lost to No. 17 Kentucky 113-96; 14th-ranked Marquette won its seventh straight Milwaukee Classic with a 73-55 success over Virginia and No. 18 Oklahoma defeated Oklahoma State in a Big Eight Tourney consolation game.

Southern Cal didn't look like the nation's sixth-ranked team until the second half Saturday night.

Losing by seven points at the half, they raced back behind Gus Williams and simply ran away from the worn-out Scarlet Knights. With Williams scoring 16 of his team-high 24 points, stealing and setting up a fistful of fast-break baskets, the Trojans made up the halftime deficit in short order and finally flashed in front for good, at 59-56, with less than eight minutes left.

Stabler finished with 271 yards in passing — 176 more than Bradshaw — and nothing to say about it. "I don't want to talk about the game ... I have nothing to say," he kept repeating in the gloom of the Oakland locker room.

By ALEX SACHARE  
AP Sports Writer

Texas and Auburn, a couple of teams who disdain the forward pass in favor of basic, old-fashioned, grind-it-out ground games, kick off the final wave of college football bowl games tonight when they square off in the Gator Bowl.

The meeting between the sixth-ranked Auburn Tigers and the 11th-ranked Texas Longhorns will be nationally televised by ABC with game time at 9 p.m., EST. A crowd of about 62,000, somewhat short of

the 70,000 capacity, is expected at Jacksonville, Fla.

On Tuesday night Nebraska and Florida will meet in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans. Then, on New Year's Day, Penn State plays Baylor in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas and Southern California takes on Ohio State in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., with Notre Dame opposing Alabama in the Orange Bowl in Miami that night.

In Saturday's bowl action, Mississippi State nipped North Carolina 26-24 in the Sun Bowl, Vanderbilt and Texas Tech battled to a 6-6 tie in the Peach Bowl and Oklahoma State beat Brigham Young 16-6 in the Fiesta Bowl. In the Shrine All-Star Game, the East defeated the West 16-14.

The Gator Bowl game is expected to be anything but an aerial circus. Texas ranked 128th and last among major teams in passing yardage, while Auburn was 123rd.

Texas quarterbacks Marty Akins and Mike Presley have completed just 33 of 99 pass attempts.

Texas compiled an 8-3 record on an attack built around the running of freshman Earl Campbell, senior Roosevelt Leaks and Akins. Campbell paced the Longhorns with 928 yards rushing, a 5.7 average per carry.

Auburn Coach Shug Jordan says he has nothing special against the pass. "We don't have a bad passing attack," he contends. "Phil Gargas and Chris Vaccarella, our quarter-

backs, throw well. But we haven't had to pass that much."

Auburn fullback Sedrick McIntyre gained 863 yards on the ground, helping the Tigers to a 9-2 record. Rick Neel and Mitzi Jackson share the other backfield spot.

The Sugar Bowl matches Nebraska, 8-3, a team which depends on the passing of Dave Humm, against ground-oriented Florida, also 8-3.

Two of the premier runners in the country will be on display in the Rose Bowl, Southern Cal's Anthony Davis and Ohio State's Archie Griffin. Griffin won the Heisman Trophy as the nation's outstanding player; Davis was the runner-up.

The Orange Bowl pits unbeaten Alabama, 11-0 and ranked No. 2, against Notre Dame, 9-2, which will be out to win its final game under outgoing Coach Ara Parseghian.

Alabama hopes that a big victory will give it the national crown.

"If we beat Notre Dame, I think we'll be No. 1 because there ain't gonna be nobody else 12-0," says Alabama Coach Bear Bryant.

Top-rated Oklahoma is 11-0 but won't have a chance to add to that because it is on National Collegiate Athletic Association probation and ineligible for bowl play.

The final Associated Press poll for the 1974 football season will be taken after the Jan. 1 bowl games.

### Houston No Pushover In Sugar Bowl

By AUSTIN WILSON  
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Playing Alabama in a championship game is a tough enough prospect, but LaSalle Coach Paul Westhead says he'd rather do that than play Houston for the consolation prize in the Sugar Bowl basketball tournament.

LaSalle beat Furman 69-64 Sunday night to win a spot in the championship game. Alabama whipped Houston 105-88 to nail down the other spot in tonight's winners' matchup.

"They're both great teams," Westhead said. "Houston's record may not be so hot, but almost anybody would be 1-5, if they'd played the same caliber of teams."

Houston has lost contests to Louisville and North Carolina, ranked fourth and eighth in last week's college poll. Alabama, now 6-0, was ranked seventh. Other Cougar losses were to Southern California and Kansas State.

Alabama whipped Houston with speed and defense, Coach C.M. Newton said.

"They were every bit as tough as we expected them to be, but we took them out of some things they wanted to do—forced them to play the game we wanted, and it worked," he said.

Leon Douglas and Charles Russell were the big men for Newton's Tide, scoring 25 points apiece. Louis Dunbar and Otis Birdsong had 19 apiece for the Cougars.

"I was very impressed by LaSalle," Newton said. "They're every bit as quick as we are, and they're bigger. They're a very disciplined ball club."

"They did some things to Furman's big men that could hurt us."

LaSalle—7-1 for the season—kept the ball away from Furman's 7-foot-1 Fessor Leonard and 6-10 Clyde Mayes for most of the second half, collapsing a zone on them and holding them without a shot through the whole third quarter.

Mayes still collected 19 points for the night, and Leonard got 13. But Mayes has been averaging just under 24 points, and Leonard a shade under 19 for the 5-3 Paladins.

"When you see Mayes, you know you must shut him off," Westhead said. "I told our people that even if the guards do start shooting from outside, I'd rather get beat that way, if we have to get beat."

Forwards Joe Bryant and Bill Taylor carried the offensive ball for LaSalle Sunday night. Bryant got 18, and Taylor 17.

### Pro Basketball

By The Associated Press

NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Buffalo	22	12	.647	—
Boston	21	13	.618	1
New York	19	15	.559	3
Philadelphia	14	21	.400	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Capital	25	9	.735	—
Cleveland	18	13	.581	5½
Houston	18	15	.545	6½
Atlanta	15	21	.417	11
New Orleans	3	30	.091	21½

Western Conference Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
K.C.-Omaha	20	17	.541	—
Chicago	17	16	.515	1
Detroit	18	17	.514	1
Milwaukee	13	19	.406	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Golden St.	22	12	.647	—
Seattle	16	19	.457	6½
Phoenix	15	18	.455	6½
Portland	15	19	.441	7
Los Angeles	15	20	.429	7½

Saturday's Results

New York 101, New Orleans 94  
Atlanta 106, Los Angeles 89  
Detroit 79, Chicago 70  
Houston 125, Buffalo 117  
Boston 115, Golden State 105

Sunday's Results  
Cleveland 110, Atlanta 103  
Milwaukee 115, New York 89  
Kansas City-Omaha 103, Portland 99  
Boston 121, Seattle 101

Monday's Games  
Cleveland at Washington  
Detroit at Chicago  
Buffalo at Milwaukee  
Los Angeles at Houston

Kansas City-Omaha at Golden State

Tuesday's Games  
No games scheduled

ABA East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kentucky	22	10	.688	½
New York	24	11	.686	—
St. Louis	14	24	.368	11½
Virginia	9	24	.273	14
Memphis	9	25	.265	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Denver	31	5	.861	—
San Antonio	20	17	.541	11½
Utah	18	20	.474	14
Indiana	14	17	.452	14½
San Diego	13	21	.382	17

Saturday's Results  
New York 100, Memphis 98, OT  
Denver 128, St. Louis 121

Sunday's Results  
Kentucky 125, Memphis 114  
Denver 124, San Antonio 121  
San Diego 126, St. Louis 114

Monday's Games  
Kentucky vs. Virginia at Norfolk  
Memphis at New York  
San Antonio at Utah

Tuesday's Game  
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DISAPPOINTED MOTHER—Mrs. Mary Blanda, 75, mother of Oakland Raiders kicker George Blanda, cringes as she watches one of her son's field goal attempts blocked by the Pittsburgh Steelers on television in her daughter's home in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon. (AP Wirephoto)

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# Vikings Rolled To 2nd In A Row

By BRENT KALLESTAD  
AP Sports Writer  
BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — In a strange, error-filled battle, the opportunistic Minnesota Vikings have rolled to their second straight National Football Conference championship and another Super Bowl appearance with a 14-10 victory over Los Angeles.

"We just made too many mistakes in opportune situations," said Rams' quarterback James Harris, who completed 13 of 23 pass attempts for 248 yards. "They played better than we did and beat us."

Minnesota, which has gained a reputation of turning oppo-

nent mistakes into championships, lost the ball four times Sunday on turnovers. However, the Rams were plagued by five turnovers and numerous tactical blunders — particularly seven penalties including an off-side infraction which occurred at the Vikings' one.

Minnesota took a 7-0 lead in the second period when Jim Lash, a second-year wide receiver from Northwestern, hauled in a 29-yard scoring pass from Fran Tarkenton a step ahead of LA right cornerback Al Clark.

The Rams countered with David Ray's 27-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 7-3 by half-

Then, in the third quarter, a series of unlikely developments unfolded.

The Vikings' Mike Eischeid punted the ball out of bounds at the LA one. The Rams, sparked by a 73-yard pass play from Harris to wide receiver Harold Jackson on a broken play, moved to the Minnesota one. Jackson had dashed 50 yards after taking a desperation pass from Harris near midfield, and was knocked out of bounds inside the two by Viking defensive back Jeff Wright.

After the five-yard penalty set LA back to the six, Harris scrambled for four yards, but on the next play he was intercepted by Wally Hilgenberg in

the end zone. Harris' pass, intended for tight end Pat Curran, was deflected by Viking defensive back Jackie Wallace. Minnesota quickly drove 80 yards with veteran running back Dave Osborn hurdling the final yard to push the Vikings into a 14-3 advantage early in the fourth quarter.

Harris got the Rams back into the game three minutes later when he combined with Jackson on a scoring pass covering 44 yards to chop the Minnesota lead to 14-10.

However, many of the players expected to be central figures in the outcome of NFC title match had trouble throughout the game played in bright sunshine and a 31 degree temperature.

The Rams' Lawrence McCutcheon was limited to 32 yards in a dozen carries. Minnesota's Chuck Foreman managed 80 yards in 22 carries, but fumbled four times. Tarkenton also was obviously not operating in top form, overthrowing his receivers several times and being intercepted on another poor throw.

"The Rams defense is the toughest I've ever played against," said Tarkenton. "They did a lot of things which took away a good part of our offense."

And the Rams did a lot of things to take away from their own offense.

"If you can't smile now you never will," said Minnesota Coach Bud Grant.

## State Skein In Jeopardy At Tourney

Top-ranked North Carolina State's record of 36 straight basketball victories, eight this season, is in jeopardy in the Big Four Tournament this weekend.

The State Wolfpack will play Wake Forest, 4-3, and North Carolina, eighth-ranked and also 5-1, in the first doubleheader of the tournament in the Greensboro, N.C., Coliseum on Friday night.

On Saturday, the losers will play, and then the winners will meet for the championship.

Also on Saturday, fifth-ranked Maryland, 7-1 and not disgraced in losing 81-75 to third-ranked UCLA, will be home to Notre Dame, and Virginia will be at Clemson.

Maryland also plays Thursday, at home against Appalachian State, and Clemson is at Florida Southern on Tuesday.

There is one game for ACC teams tonight, Wake Forest vs. Creighton in a consolation game of the Far West Classic in Portland, Ore. Wake Forest beat Iowa 92-71 and Creighton beat Boston College 62-61 Saturday night in the consolation semifinals.

Coach Lefty Driesell's strategy didn't work in Maryland's loss in the finals of its own invitational tournament. When the Terps crept to a 66-62 disadvantage with nine minutes remaining, he benched center Tom Roy and used three guards the rest of the way. The Terps then held the ball and played with deliberation before taking shots.

Driesell wanted the quicker guards to go one on one. But the Bruins had no reason to come after them with a four-point lead.

Maryland went three minutes without scoring. UCLA made two baskets and increased its lead to 70-62 before Maryland resumed its normal offense.

UCLA coach John Wooden said that when Maryland stayed with the three guards, "There was no way Mo Howard could stay with Johnson." In the final three minutes the Bruins concentrated on getting the ball to Marques Johnson, a 6-6 sophomore who scored UCLA's final seven points.

When UCLA center Ralph Drollinger fouled out with 3:39 remaining, two free throws by Steve Sheppard pulled Maryland within 74-73.

UCLA held the ball for about 45 seconds toward the end of the game, a tactic Wooden seldom employs.

"You're never too old to learn. I was taught a lesson last year," the 63-year-old Wooden said.

He referred to the tactics used by N.C. State in the NCAA semifinals, when the Wolfpack won 80-77 in double overtime. This ended UCLA's string of seven consecutive national championships, and the Wolfpack went on to win the crown.

N.C. State got 20 points each from David Thompson and Phil Spence in to come from behind and defeat Pitt 86-70 in the N.C. State-Duke Holiday Doubleheader in Raleigh, N.C. Pitt led 36-33 at the half, but the Wolfpack took the lead after two minutes of the second half, and expanded it to as much as 20 points.

In the first game, Peter Kramer scored 22 points, 14 of them in the second half, to lead Duke to an 83-65 victory over Kent State.



**AYDEN-GRIFTON GIRLS** — Members of the Ayden-Grifton High School girls' basketball team are, first row, left to right: Teresa Thaxton, Sandra Register, Toni Smith, Audry McCarter, Janet Loftin; second row, Maritha Kilpatrick, Sandy Pait, Cindy

Brown, Debbie O'Neal, Vertha Dixon, Vickie Whitehurst; third row, Joy Johns, manager; Reaxanne Thorne, manager; Karen Haseley, Lou House, Cindy Potter, Coach Debra Pfeil. (Reflector Photo)

## No Resignation Mood In Ayden-Grifton Girls

By WOODY PEELE  
Reflector Sports Editor  
(One of a series)

**LITTLEFIELD** — With only one starter back from last year's team, one would think that the Ayden-Grifton girls might consider this a rebuilding season—but Coach Debra Pfeil isn't counting her girls out of the conference race.

Joining them are several others who've seen action. Lou House, a letterman, started at one of the forward spots, but she's been challenged by Maritha Kilpatrick, a senior who didn't play last year, along with Cindy Brown. Bertha Dixon, a sophomore who started the final three games of the year last season, is at the other forward spot, Cindy Potter, a freshman, has also seen a lot of action at the center position.

"I felt that we really had a balanced lineup at the start of the season," Miss Pfeil said. "But I still haven't found the right combination. I'm still looking."

While Miss Pfeil feels that her team's height is above average, there is no real tallness. The center is only 5-8½, and a couple of others are 5-8. "We do have one freshman, Karen Haseley, who is 5-10, but she probably won't be that much help this year due to her inexperience," Miss Pfeil said.

"We are basically a young club with not much experience," she added. "A lot is going to depend on how quickly we get game experience under our belts."

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have played so far, they've done better than break-even, but just. They won four of the seven.

The lone starter back is guard Audrey McCarter, who has been the leading scorer so far. Six others lettered, but only two of them are starting this year, guard Teresa Thaxton and center Tena Smith.

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consistent. "In one game, we did real well, but in all the rest, we've been outbounded. Southern Wayne got us by 20 rebounds, and that's one reason they beat us. They got three or four shots every time."

Shooting has been "decent" in Miss Pfeil's opinion. "But it needs improvement. We have been hitting between 20 and 30 per cent, and this could be better. We usually have to go to Audrey and Tena to score. Audrey is capable of 20 a game, and Tena can score well too. She's young and needs confidence."

Defense has been fairly good. "We couldn't defend (Southern Wayne's) Cynthia Armwood, but otherwise I think we've done pretty good," the coach said.

Depth looks to be young, but Miss Pfeil feels there is a lot of potential there. "We have several good players who just need to learn to think." Among those who appear ready to play a lot are sophomore Vicky Whitehurst and freshman Debbie O'Neal at forward, and Toni Smith, Sandra Register and Sandy Pait at the guards. Another guard, Janet Loftin, was injured prior to the opening game, and it is uncertain whether she will play this year or not.

## Real Holiday For Most Southern Conf. Teams

Southern Conference basketball teams begin emerging slowly this week from what amounted to a real holiday season for all but two, a sharp contrast to previous years when most were engaged in tournaments.

Only Furman's Paladins and Richmond's Spiders were caught up in the tournament madness this year, the Paladins winning their own Pointsettia Classic last Thursday and Friday and the Spiders bowing Saturday night in the finals of the Tangerine Bowl.

But Furman's bid for a second title in less than a week was nipped in the semifinal stage Sunday night when the Paladins, now 5-3, were handed a 69-64 whipping by LaSalle in the Sugar Bowl.

Aside from Furman's bid for third place tonight, the only action for conference teams has William and Mary's surprising

Indians, 6-2, at home against Columbia's Lions, 0-7, who finished fourth over the weekend in the Old Dominion Classic at Norfolk, Va.

Richmond was the only team that played Saturday night, and the Spiders were 106-83 victims of Central Michigan in the Tangerine Bowl championship game despite shooting 56.7 per cent from the floor. Central Michigan shot at a 57.3 per cent pace.

After tonight, only Davidson's Wildcats, 2-4, and Appalachian State's Mountaineers, 1-6, see action before Saturday. Davidson plays Tuesday night at Brigham Young and Friday night at UCLA. Appalachian has a Thursday night date at Maryland.

Furman stayed even for a half Sunday night against LaSalle, but the Explorers broke a 32-32 tie by scoring the first 10 points after intermission and

the Paladins never got back in contention.

Bill Taylor led the LaSalle attack with 18 points, while Furman's Clyde Mayes and Fessor Leonard were limited to 19 and 12—well below their season averages—by an aggressive defense that kept the Paladins from working the ball inside to them.

The Paladins' opponent in tonight's consolation game will be Houston, a 105-88 victim of unbeaten Alabama in the other semifinal.

Like Furman, Richmond was even at the half, but Central Michigan went on a 10-point run just after intermission and the Spiders never got closer than four points.

Jim Helmnick had 35 points, James Elroy 26 and Don Roundfield 18 for Central Michigan. The Spiders, who fell to 34 as a three-game winning streak was halted, were led by Bob McCurdy with 27.

## Carolinas Basketball

By The Associated Press  
Duke 83, Kent St. 65  
North Carolina 94, Utah 91  
N.C. State 86, Pitt 70  
N.C. A&T 79, Catawba 77

### Tournaments

Far West Classic  
Wake Forest 92, Iowa 71  
(Consolation Playoffs)

Pillsbury Classics  
Minnesota 66, Clemson 52  
(Championship)

Sugar Bowl  
LaSalle 69, Furman 64 (First Round)

Ocean State  
St. John's (N.Y.) 78, South Carolina 77 (OT)

All-College  
Okla City 67, North Carolina-Charlotte 64 (Semifinals)

Lutheran Brotherhood  
Augsburg 104, Newberry 75  
(Third Place)

Fairmont Holiday  
Stuebenville 83, Lenoir Rhyne 77 (Consolation)

Gardner-Webb Holiday  
Gardner-Webb 93, Elon 64  
(Championship)

## Gardner-Webb Wins Eleventh

**BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.** (AP) — Undefeated Gardner-Webb, No. 2 among smaller colleges, won its 11th straight basketball game and its own Holiday tournament by defeating Elon 93-64 Saturday night.

Don Foster made 23 points and John Seairight 18 for the winning Bulldogs. G-W had jumped to an 18-0 lead and a 45-23 halftime margin.

Curtis Rich scored 21 points and Brad Ballou 18 for Elon, which fell to 3-5.

Glenville State of West Virginia nipped Oglethorpe of Georgia 63-60 in overtime in the consolation game.

Defensive lineman Joe Dillow of Morehead State's football team has eight brothers and seven sisters. He says a fellow can grow old waiting for seven sisters to comb their hair.

## Catfish Hunter Trims Ranks Of His Suitors

**AHOSKIE, N.C.** (AP) — Catfish Hunter keeps them hanging on a string — but there may be fewer dangling by today.

An associate of the goldplated right-hander says that the field of suitors for Hunter's hand will be narrowed to two or three teams.

And one of those could be the Oakland A's, Hunter's old club that started this merry-go-round of bidding in the first place.

Although Hunter said he'd never play again for Charles O. Finley, there have been reports that the A's may be sold and that puts an entirely new light on the situation.

Provided that Finley isn't the owner, Hunter says, "I'd sign with them if they made the best offer." The A's are among eight teams that Hunter is seriously considering and although he won't specify which others, it is reported that the Cleveland Indians and Kansas City Royals are "very much in the running."

Phil Seghi, general manager

of the Indians, said Sunday that he has an appointment with Hunter and his attorney Tuesday morning in Ahoskie. It is the Indians' second visit. They already had a round of negotiations with Hunter two weeks ago.

General Manager Joe Burke of the Royals said that if Hunter and his lawyers reduce the contending teams to two or three, he expects his to be among the finalists.

"I think we'll go to the wire," said Burke, who conferred with Hunter along with Kansas City owner Ewing Kauffman on Dec. 20. "We expect to hear from them the first part of this week. We have made him a very substantial offer. When Mr. Kauffman and I visited North Carolina, we made the top offer at the time. Whether it has been topped or not since, I don't know."

Lawyer Joseph Flythe, a partner in the firm of Cherry, Cherry and Flythe, said that an announcement of the two or three finalists in the Catfish Hunter Sweepstakes would be made sometime today.

He said visits by those remaining clubs would be scheduled for today and Tuesday.

To get Hunter's signature on a contract, estimates have

ranged from \$1.5 million to \$3 million, including bonuses, over a multi-year period.

Flythe said of the eight remaining teams, six had come to this little tobacco farming community to talk to Hunter. Teams which made personal appearances here so far have been the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres, Kansas City Royals, Texas Rangers, Milwaukee Brewers, Montreal Expos, Philadelphia Phillies, California Angels, Pittsburgh Pirates and Cleveland Indians.

Hunter got into this lucky situation because of contract problems with Finley. The Oakland owner failed to pay part of his contract, prompting an arbitration panel to rule that Finley had breached the agreement and that Hunter was a free agent.

## Deaf Compete In Winter Games

**LAKE PLACID, N.Y.** (AP) — An estimated 300 deaf athletes from around the world are expected to compete this Feb. 2-5 in the VIII World Winter Games at Lake Placid.

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## Will Miss Game

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP) — LaSalle goes into tonight's Sugar Bowl basketball tournament championship without the man who has sat on their bench for 17 years.

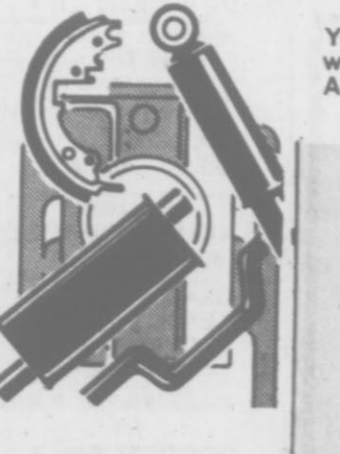
Dr. Gene Gallagher, the team physician, died Sunday night of a heart attack suffered during LaSalle's 69-65 victory over Furman.

The game was delayed with 28 seconds to go when Gallagher, 49, collapsed. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he died. Doctors said he had a history of heart trouble.

"He was very, very close to the team," said LaSalle Coach Paul Westhead.

Westhead said Gallagher's family had made the Sugar Bowl trip with him from their home in Orland, Pa.

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# Growing Number Of Families Resort To Bankruptcy

By CATHY STEELE ROCHE  
Associated Press Writer  
American families hopelessly trapped in a circle of shrinking income, rising prices and ever-spiraling debt are turning to bankruptcy in ever larger numbers.

Inflation and unemployment are taking a heavy toll among Americans long dependent on credit buying and an extended budget to maintain their lifestyles. Bankruptcies have nearly doubled in North Carolina this year over last as more and more persons reach the end of their financial ropes.

Thomas Moore of Wilson, federal bankruptcy judge for

North Carolina's Eastern District, said about 65 bankruptcy cases a month are being filed in his district. He said the average was only 30 per month one year ago. The Middle District office in Greensboro reported filings are up about 40 per cent over last year, with 1,311 cases filed so far in 1974.

Joseph Cruciani, the bankruptcy referee in the Western District, said bankruptcies have almost doubled in his region. He said 500 cases were brought in the Western District last year and he expects the figure to be more than 1,000 by the end of this year.

Federal bankruptcy officials

in all three districts reported that more middle and upper income persons are declaring bankruptcy as families from all economic levels find themselves over their heads in credit. Companies feeling the effects of the economic squeeze are also filing more bankruptcy actions.

Cheryl Taylor, chief clerk to the Middle District bankruptcy judge, Rufus Reynolds, said, "We've had some bankruptcies filed by people whose biggest concern is whether they'll lose their membership in the country club."

Cruciani said, "People making \$200 a week and people making \$30,000 a year" are declaring bankruptcy. "Not long ago a real estate salesman making \$250,000 a year filed," he said.

Cutbacks in production and increased costs of materials were cited by Cruciani as the reason more companies are going bankrupt. "For individuals it's being out of work or up to the hilt in credit," he said.

The majority of the personal bankruptcies in the Middle and Western Districts are reorganization, or wage-earner, bankruptcies. Under that plan the creditors agree to accept a percentage of the debt owed. The bankrupt individual pays a certain portion of his salary each month to a court standing trustee who distributes the money to the creditors.

The debtor does not lose his possessions, but must give up his credit cards and refrain from incurring any more debt during the course of the bankruptcy, usually several years.

When a person files for a wage-earner bankruptcy, all

pending court actions, repossessions, finance charges and interest are stopped. Creditors are barred from making further efforts to collect their money as a plan is arranged in court for orderly liquidation of the debts.

In order to qualify for a wage-earner bankruptcy, a person must live on a salary, commission or wages.

Individuals who cannot pay any portion of their debts must resort to straight bankruptcy, in which all legal obligation to pay the debts is wiped out. Ms. Taylor said a person who files a straight bankruptcy loses almost everything.

She said North Carolina law allows for a \$500 personal property exemption per person and a small credit for real estate disposed of in the bankruptcy, called a homestead exemption. Any of the debtor's secured property goes back to the mortgage holder or is sold.

Moore said straight bankruptcies are more common than wage-earner plans in the Eastern District, primarily because that is the system attorneys in the area are accustomed to using. He said straight bankruptcy is often preferable for a person with little property.

"That person really has nothing to lose by filing a straight bankruptcy. He gets personal property exemption to keep \$500 and he gets cleaned out and a chance to start over," Moore said.

The judge said middle income persons with more property to lose might prefer to lower their standard of living and make partial payment to their credits in order to keep

what they have.

The wage-earner plan is better for creditors, who receive at least a portion of their money, even if it is over a longer period. R. Walton McNairy Jr., one of three standing trustees in the Middle District, said under wage-earner bankruptcies in the district creditors get an average of 87 per cent of their money. Ms. Taylor said under straight bankruptcies only 1 per cent to 20 per cent of the debt is ever paid.

McNairy said layoffs are forcing textile workers and other middle income industrial employees into bankruptcy. "These people were living on overtime and now they're not even getting fulltime," he said. The trustee said tight credit is forcing families to break the habit of taking out new loans to pay off the old. "Families in the debt cycle have to be able to get the next loan," he said. "Credit is tight, so they can't get the next loan," he said, so they must go bankrupt.

McNairy said persons should consider bankruptcy when they find "they are robbing Peter to pay Paul and it's continued for several months." He said it is often the best action a person can take to stop a home foreclosure or repossession.

"Several of the banks have become very energetic in the past several months with repos-

session and collection suits," he said, and this has sparked additional bankruptcies.

McNairy said the filing of bankruptcy shifts the burden of proving debts to the creditors. He said creditors are brought together at a meeting in court to vote on the repayment plan set up.

According to Moore, creditors seldom reject a wage-earner plan, because the alternative for the debtor is straight bankruptcy, in which case creditors are far less likely to see their money.

Cruciani said that although there is a stigma involved in filing for bankruptcy, the individual who does so is often a better credit risk, providing he has income-producing potential. "The reason is simply that once you have filed, you cannot file again for six years. The person who hasn't filed can do it any time," he said.

Moore also said, "I have had some instances of finance companies obtaining names of bankrupts that are discharged to let them know more credit is available." He said, however, that bankruptcy has an adverse affect on credit until a person proves he can live within his income.

McNairy said discharged bankrupts cannot get a cash loan for a year after the bankruptcy is completed, but can

get a loan for a home. He said he feels credit is too easy for persons who finish going through bankruptcy proceedings.

"We're getting people coming through a second time—we've had four so far. That should not be. Credit is too easy when that happens," McNairy said.

## Aston Martin Co. Quitting

LONDON (AP) — The Aston Martin company, manufacturer of prestige sports cars including one used in a James Bond movie, has become the latest victim of the hard times afflicting the world's automobile makers.

The company announced Sunday it is ceasing production today and going into voluntary liquidation because it couldn't raise enough cash to stay in business. Five hundred workers at the company's plant in Buckinghamshire will lose their jobs.

Chairman William Wilson told newsmen the company needed \$2.3 million, had orders worth twice that but could only raise \$920,000. He said the Labor government rejected a request at the beginning of the year for a loan of \$1.6 million.

"It seems a tragedy that companies of this kind should be lost for the sake of a few hundred thousand pounds," said Wilson.

He said he is asking for a receiver to be appointed as soon as possible to wind up the company, founded more than 60 years ago.

Aston Martins cost from about \$25,650 for a V-8 to about \$32,000 for a Lagonda five-sea-

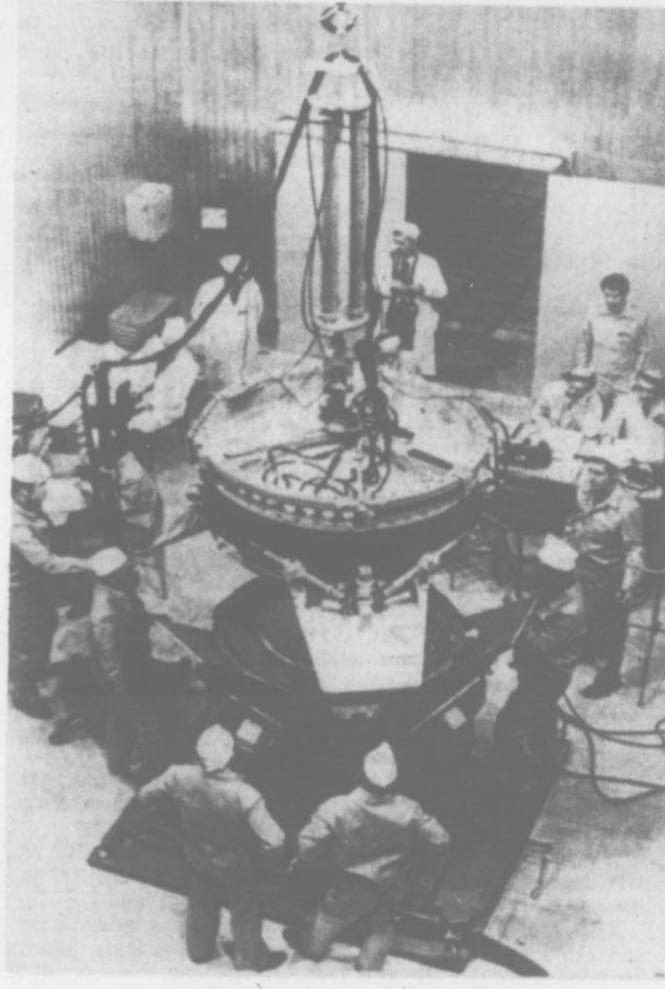
ter in the United States. Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, is among the owners. But the cars have a high gasoline consumption, and in recent months orders have reportedly dropped off.

The company was started in 1913, named after its founder, Lionel Martin, and the Aston Clinton hill climb on which his cars scored major successes. Auto companies throughout the world are suffering severe financial problems. In the United States, more than 200,000 auto workers have been laid off this month due to a prolonged sales slump.

The American industry reported sales for November were 35 per cent below those in November 1973. Analysts say the slump is the worst since the 1958 recession.

In France, the government is lending more than \$200 million to the Citroen company so that it can pay its debts and merge with the Peugeot firm.

West Germany's Volkswagen reported its first loss since World War II in 1974. Its chief manager, Rudolf Leiding, quit, the company laid off 30,000 workers for a week before Christmas and plans to lay off another 86,000 for eight days later this week.



READYING FOR SPACE VENTURE—Technicians check prototypes of the docking units of the Soviet Soyuz and the U.S. Apollo spacecrafts as they prepare for a joint U.S.-Soviet space flight set for July, 1975. The checks were made at the Institute of Space Research of the Soviet Academy of Sciences in the USSR. (AP Wirephoto)

## Junior Samples On Close Diet

By BILLIE BROWN  
Associated Press Writer  
TUCKER, Ga. (AP) — The doctor who put rotund television comedian A. J. "Junior" Samples on a diet two weeks ago says his cholesterol level was so high his health was in jeopardy.

"It was so high it was very difficult for the laboratory even to give us a reading on it," Dr. Andrew Trimble said Sunday. The 48-year-old Samples, one of the stars of television's "Hee Haw", weighed in at 318 pounds when he was admitted to Doctors Hospital here Dec. 16.

On Sunday, he had shaved off 26 pounds and Trimble said his cholesterol level was down in the 400s, which he said was in the normal range. Trimble said Samples also was being treated for diabetes, a condition he has had for years, and for mild hypertension.

He said that because of Samples' size, there is some stress on the heart but that there is no cardiac problem. Samples, whose working outfit consists of a mammoth pair of denim coveralls, plays a good-natured country bumpkin on "Hee Haw." In real life, said Trimble, he's a "good oil boy."

He was allowed to spend Christmas day with his family at their country home near Cumming, Ga., and Trimble said he is responding well to treatment and probably will be released from the hospital this week.

"I went to see him the other night and he told me, 'I didn't eat my meat tonight,'" Trimble recalled. "Why not?" I said, and he said, "Well, my wife brought me a boiled rabbit leg so I ate that instead." So I think he's pretty serious about sticking with this."

Mrs. Grace Samples, Junior's wife, said, however, "He gets

onto them (the hospital staff) sometimes on account of they don't bring him enough to eat."

And Samples says he isn't crazy about the fare. "I get stuff that ain't fit to eat," he said. "Skim milk. Rice crispies. A few carrots. Stuff like that."

## Oil Refinery Land Bought

COLUMBIA (AP)—Officials of Chevron Oil Co. of Kentucky say the firm has exercised its option to buy about 7,000 acres of land in Jasper County, S.C., as a possible site for an oil refinery.

Jody R. George, Chevron's vice president for public relations, said in a telephone interview Saturday that Chevron exercised its option but he declined to say if the oil company has any specific plans to locate a refinery on the site at this time.

George said some preliminary tests, such as soil borings and tidal search, have been conducted and the land is considered satisfactory as a refinery site.

He added, "We are going to wait on the government to act on its energy policies before we make any decisions."

The land is located east of U.S. near Savannah, Ga. There is an access corridor to the Savannah River which would permit ocean-going vessels to reach the site.

The announcement that Chevron had acquired an option to purchase the 7,000 acres was made a few weeks ago by Gov. John C. West. He said the acquisition held the promise of "major economic benefit to the people of South Carolina."

Willis J. Price, president of Chevron Oil Co.-Southern Division, said at that time if the company does decide to build a refinery on the site, it would have a production capacity of about 200,000 barrels per day. He said such a refinery would cost about \$400 million and would employ at least 600 persons, with salaries averaging \$10,000 annually.

RAINY SEASON  
TAIPEI (UPI) — Winter is the rainy season in northern Taiwan which has an annual average rainfall of 100 inches.

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TAKE A GANDER FOR YOURSELF.  
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT BILL RUSSELL COULD STOOP SO LOW?

**NUBBIN**  
BOLTHOFF 12-30  
THE BURNETT  
BY THE TIME I GOT TO PHOENIX...  
... IT HAD CLOSED

**BLONDIE**  
MR. DITHERS, IS DAGWOOD THERE, PLEASE?  
NO, BLONDIE—HE'S OUT RIGHT NOW.  
I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO KISS HIM GOODBYE THIS MORNING—PLEASE GIVE HIM THIS MESSAGE.  
SMACK  
THAT'S ONE MESSAGE THAT'LL NEVER BE DELIVERED!

**BEEBLE BAILEY**  
WANNA PLAY PING-PONG, BEETLE?  
I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT... I JUST CAN'T BEAT YOU.  
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEAT ME... I'M JUST A DUMB JERK AND YOU'RE A SHARP YOUNG KID.  
TAKE THAT, YOU DUMB JERK!  
I KNEW HE HAD THAT SENTENCE MIXED UP.  
CRACK!

**THE PHANTOM**  
AS MEN EXPLORE THE SECRETS OF SPACE...  
...AND PROBE SECRETS OF THE MOON...  
...THERE ARE STILL SECRETS HERE ON EARTH!  
BEGINNING: THE CAVE LANDS.

**JULIET JONES**  
EVE AND EARL NOW KNOW WHERE "HONKY" LITTLE DR. IAN MACINTOSH LIVES...  
—WITH HIS PRECIOUS COMPUTERS! HE ACTUALLY ROOMS WITH THOSE SCARY MACHINES!  
I CAN UNDERSTAND BEING INTERESTED IN YOUR WORK, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'LL BET HE ACTUALLY TALKS TO 'EM!  
DON'T BE SILLY, EVE.  
WANNA BET?

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# Waldheim Sees Spring Deadline On Mideast Peace

By WILLIAM N. OATIS  
Associated Press Writer  
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim says the chances of a new Middle East war will be "very real" unless there is a breakthrough toward an Arab-Israeli political settlement by spring.

Israel, Egypt and Syria. "I think the decision of the parties concerned would then depend on the kind of progress which has been made between now and that time," Waldheim said.

The mandate for the U.N. Emergency Force separating Egyptian and Israeli troops in the Sinai ends on April 24. That of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force between Syrian and Israeli troops is up on May 31.

On other subjects, Waldheim said he:

—Disagrees with the contention of the United States that the Asian, African and Communist members of the U.N. General Assembly exercised a "tyranny of the majority" in the session that has just ended.

—Does not expect a cutback in voluntary U.S. contributions to the world organization despite adverse congressional reaction to various Assembly votes.

—Believes the oil-price confrontation which has developed during the past year proves that cooperation is necessary between the producers of raw materials and the industrialized world.

Waldheim said on the basis of his recent visits to Syria, Israel and Egypt, he believes that all three countries want to negotiate a settlement. But they all emphasized that if a settlement is not reached soon, they are ready for war, he said.

The former Austrian foreign minister said Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger "and other governments" are continuing a step-by-step policy, seeking a peace settlement.

He said resumption of the Geneva peace talks — which the Soviet government is urging — depends on how the step-by-step negotiations go along. A key issue in the Geneva talks will be whether to let the Palestine Liberation Organization participate, Waldheim said. Is-

rael strongly opposes PLO participation.

Discussing the oil situation, Waldheim said the developing countries have shown they will no longer accept an "obsolete" economic order in which "one-third of humanity has everything and the other two-thirds are living in misery."

They must be given "reasonable prices for their raw materials," he went on, but "this should be done not through a confrontation but through a

reasonable cooperation, taking into account also the justified interests of the industrialized world."

**Faisal Time's Man Of Year**

NEW YORK (AP) — King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has been named Time magazine's Man of the Year for 1974. The magazine, which has been citing a Man of the Year

annually since Charles Lindbergh was first so designated in 1927, said King Faisal "now holds more power than any other leader" to control the price of oil throughout the world.

"Both in his own right and as a symbol of the other newly powerful potentates of oil, Saudi Arabia's King Faisal is the Man of the Year," said Time's cover story for the Jan. 6 issue.

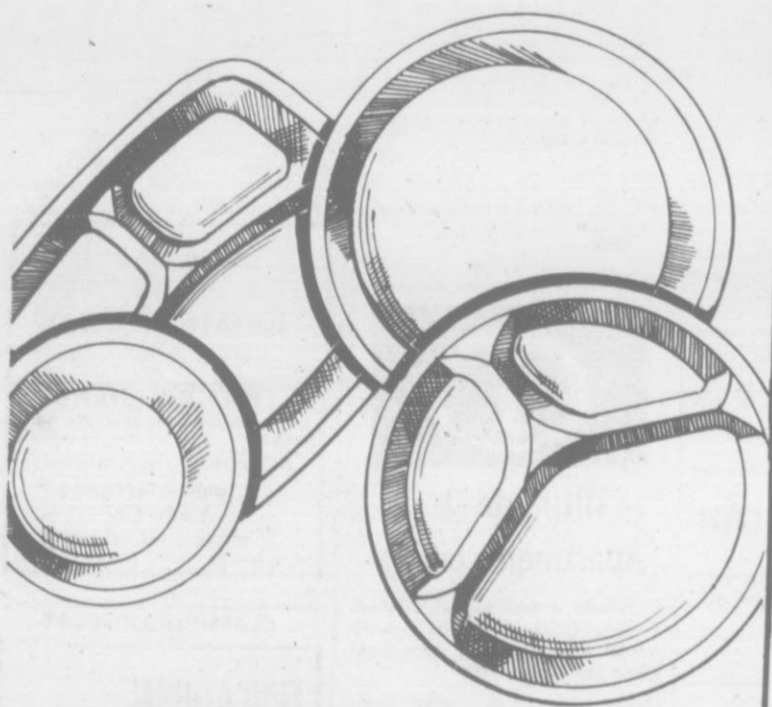
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