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Lincoln County Sheriff Bill Elliott takes convicted cattle rustler Sammy Stoneman back to the jail after sentencing to two 2-10 year terms.

Stoneman who was out on bail was told his appeal bond would be \$50,000 with no 10 percent allowable.

## Stoneman draws stiff sentence

Sammy Stoneman, convicted Lincoln County cattle rustler, was sentenced to the state penitentiary Tuesday by Judge George Zimmerman.

The Lincoln County courtroom was filled with ranchers many of whom had been friends of the former state brand inspector.

Rejecting a request for a strict probation sentence so that Stoneman could work and repay the cattlemen's losses, Judge Zimmerman said that the cattle industry deserved the same protection and consideration as manufacturing industry did.

Stoneman was sentenced to two consecutive terms in the penitentiary to two to ten years and one probation term of two to ten years conditioned on his repaying the loss of approximately

\$3000 suffered by Lincoln County Rancher Don Dose.

Stoneman's bond was cancelled and a \$50,000 appeal bond was set. He was taken into custody by Sheriff Bill Elliott.

Judge Zimmerman said, in passing sentence, that Stoneman had used and abused his office (as brand inspector) to cover up the cattle thefts. He said that the sentence should act as a deterrent to others who might contemplate violating the law.

Stoneman is under indictment by a Bernalillo County Grand Jury on 12 counts of disposing of stolen property and two counts of forgery. Those trials are set for March according to his attorney Scott McCarty.

The cattle losses involved in this case

The News offered all of the candidates in the Carrizozo School Board election the opportunity to make a statement on their candidacy and have a picture in this week's paper.

We were unable to reach a sufficient number of Capitan candidates to make such a program feasible in that election.

Elections in Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo are set for Feb. 1.

The two Carrizozo positions have seven candidates. Contending for Position One are Alton Whittaker, Bettye Dean, Sterling Spencer and Wayland Hill, Jr. In the Position Two race are Gail Stackpole, Jerry Hourigan and Richard Vega.

The Hondo positions are all unopposed and only one position in Corona has a race. Contending for Position One are Thomas A. Huey and Ronald Lewis Merritt.

In Capitan Place One are Ralph Barber and Linas Vigil Hall, Jr.; Positions Two, Claudio B. Montoya and Eugene Earl Parker; Position Three, Horace Montoya Cordova, Sally Tolbert and Mrs. Ralph Edward Womack.

Here are the statements of the candidates who responded to the News:

were suffered by Don Dose and the Harvey Sheep and Cattle Company. Other thefts believed to involve Stoneman involve numerous other ranchers and are thought to amount to over \$100,000 by Lincoln County ranchers.

Assistant District Attorney Pat Kennedy who prosecuted the case which was tried in Sady County on a change of venue expressed his satisfaction at the outcome of the trial. He thanked Warren Harris who assisted in the trial on behalf of the New Mexico Livestock Board.

Some law enforcement officials have told the News that they believe Stoneman had one or more accomplices. "It takes more than one person to handle cattle. The cows don't want to leave home," said one officer who asked not to be identified.

has always been professional and ethical."

Asbury further described Matotan's charges as a "viscious personal attack". He said that Matotan had been "doing this to other engineers for 20 years and should be stopped." The former Matotan employee said that a desire to eliminate competition was behind the Matotan charges.

Matotan told the Capitan trustees that Asbury had been employed as primarily a public relations expert with his firm. That he had been trusted to obtain contracts for the firm and to work as a "front man".

The contract involved in the charges was for a preliminary feasibility study of the proposed Bonito to Capitan pipeline. Asbury was responsible for obtaining the engineering contract for Matotan.

In April of 1976 Asbury resigned from the Matotan firm and shortly after the trustees of Capitan terminated the Matotan contract for the project.

According to Mayor Jay Johnston, the village officials asked Asbury who had joined the firm of Dean Hunt and Asbury to accept the water project but that Asbury had refused. Under pressure, after the Matotan contract was terminated, Johnston says that Asbury was persuaded to accept the work.

Matotan contends that it was unethical for Asbury to even discuss doing the work since he had been working on the same project for Matotan.

Asbury says that the Matotan contract was for a feasibility study while his contract is for a design of the system.

Mayor Johnston said that on a previous water project Asbury has been their contact and the village had been pleased with him. "As far as we were concerned Asbury was Matotan."

Johnston said that the village had never received any report from Matotan on the pipeline.

Because of what the mayor termed an office procedure error Matotan failed to receive notice of termination of its contract until sometime in November. The mayor said he accepted full responsibility for this clerical error and further accepted full responsibility for the village's action in firing Matotan and hiring Asbury.

"The trustees go along with me as long as they think I am doing the right thing," he said.

The trustees after hearing Matotan said they felt Asbury had been perfectly ethical and were not inclined to become involved in any dispute between the engineering firms.

Matotan told the trustees that he could not believe they would fire his firm for no cause and without a hearing. He said he could not believe they would condone what he termed unethical conduct and a betrayal of trust when they had heard the facts. He asked that the village join with him in requesting a



Gail Stackpole

"Gail C. Stackpole is a new-comer to Carrizozo. Very few people know her by that name -- to most she is familiar as "Sister Gail". Since her arrival in Carrizozo to work for Santa Rita Church, she has gotten involved in the



Alton Whittaker

six years in Luzerne County, Penna. Have three grandchildren attending Carrizozo Schools. There is no better way to become interested in what kind of education your children are receiving than to involve yourself."

Background for experiences in life consist of hardware merchant, stock broker, oil refinery operator, products pipeline supervisor, hospital administrator.

Summary, I can read and write, make change for a buck and sign my own name."

the role of Board Member for the Carrizozo School System."

"Bettye Dean, 28-years-old, resident of Carrizozo 4 years, husband Larry, daughter Casey 2 1/2 years old. Graduate of Socorro High School.

I feel since Casey will be in school in a few more years I would like to strive for better goals for Carrizozo not only for my child but every child in the community. Each one deserves an equal opportunity for better education. Not only the school board but the parents and the teachers should become more involved."

"Sterling Spencer attended Carrizozo Schools through tenth grade, graduated from high school and junior college at New Mexico Military Institute with an Associate in Arts Degree in 1968. He graduated from New Mexico State University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in chemical engineering and minors in mathematics and chemistry.

"Due to his active participation in leadership roles with student activities at the various educational levels combined with a varied background in business management, corporate research activities and extensive national exposure; he feels that his background has given him the necessary tools for recognizing a basic and sound educational program and at the same time accomplish a program with scrutinized expenditures."



Sterling Spencer

"Jerry Hourigan was born 50 years ago, the third son of Irish immigrant parents. He was raised in the Catholic faith and graduated from Bennett High School. After serving four years in the United States Navy he attended the University of Buffalo. He rejoined Bell Aircraft where he served as senior Flight Test Crew Chief on all experimental projects. This brought him to Alamogordo in the early 1950's and he has resided in New Mexico for most of the last 27 years.

"Jerry has resided in Carrizozo for the past 3 years where he is engaged in small endeavors to augment his disability pension. As we knew he has been most vocal about the affairs of city and school government. He feels that his election to the School Board will provide a voice for those people who could not be heard from before. Among his many ideals he believes that a students "Bill of Rights" with a workable grievance procedure, acceptable to faculty, students, and parents be studied. He believes that each and every parent should have a direct voice in the running of the Carrizozo Schools and will provide each parent with the means to submit their views to the School Board, this will happen whether he is elected or not."



Jerry Hourigan



Engineer Bill Matotan (left) asked the Capitan Village Board of Trustees to dismiss engineer Ted Asbury from his job as pipeline consulting engineer

and to hire the Matotan firm. Matotan said that Asbury's conduct in obtaining the contract had been "unethical". Listening is Trustee Otero. (see story)

## Shafer named bank officer

J.S. Stearns, President, Citizens State Bank, announced that at the January Board of Directors meeting held in Vaughn, the Board elected Scott M. Shafer to the position of Assistant Vice President.

He is a graduate of New Mexico State University where he received a BS in Animal Science; MS in Animal Science and Agricultural Economics and in 1976 became one of the first graduates of New Mexico School of Banking, the first session of this school was held at University of New Mexico in May 1975. He has been Manager of the Estancia branch, Citizens State Bank since February 1, 1975.

His wife Rosemary is a teacher in the Estancia School system, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Casabone of Hope, New Mexico. Scott's parents are Bob and Jane Shafer of Carrizozo, grandparents Bill and Edna Gallagher and Mae Shafer, all of Carrizozo.



Scott Shafer began service with Citizens State Bank on January 2, 1973.

**weather**

BY L.Z. MANIRE

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## Mothers will march

Lincoln County will have a Mothers March for the March of Dimes on Sunday, January 30, 1977. Many people think the March of Dimes activities ended when Polio was eradicated, but that is not so. The March of Dimes is organized to fight birth defects.

Some of the March of Dimes Activities in New Mexico are:  
 Provided a two year, \$36,690 Basil O'Connor Starter Research Grant to Dr. Andrew Evans, UNM School of Medicine for Birth Defects Research.  
 Funded a \$27,000, three year grant to the UNM Department of Pediatrics for the training of over 300 New Mexico doctors and nurses in the care of the sick newborn.

Provided a \$41,679 grant over a three year period, to Dr. Robert Waterman, UNM School of Medicine for research to prevent the Cleft Palate Defect.

Provided a \$2,000 educational grant to the Albuquerque School System's New Futures School for a "Fathers to Be" class.

Co-sponsored the first State March of Dimes 4-H Teen Health Conference for 170 NM Teen 4-H Leaders.

Awarded scholarships to deserving New Mexico Medical students from throughout New Mexico.

Provided free educational materials and exhibits at several County, State and Health Fairs throughout New Mexico.

Sponsored pre-natal care classes in several New Mexico counties.  
 Be watching for the March of Dimes volunteer when she calls at your home on Sunday and be generous.

## Meet candidates

Carrizozo school district voters will have an opportunity to meet and question candidates for the two school board positions Sunday.

A meet-the-candidates coffee is planned for 2 p.m. at the RFA Building and the public is invited to attend and ask questions.

The meeting is sponsored by the Carrizozo Lions Club, the Rotary, the Junior and Senior Extension Clubs, the Baptist Church, the Church of Christ, St. Rita's Catholic Church, the Lincoln County News, the American Legion New Mexico Economic Developme



Bettye Dean

(administrators, teachers, and students) make her confident that she will responsibly and creatively fulfill

## Zozo FFA named "Top"

The Carrizozo Future Farmers of America Chapter, in Carrizozo, New Mexico has won the Farm Journal TOP CHAPTER Trophy for the state of New Mexico. The Carrizozo Chapter earned this distinction by their excellent performance in Farm Journal's 1976 program for FFA. Led by Top Salesperson, Vince Vega, they had the most dollars in subscription sales for any participating chapter in the state.

Arrangements are now being made with Mr. Dan Ware, the chapter advisor, for presentation of the silver cup award. The Carrizozo Chapter will retain possession of the trophy for one year at which time it will be turned over to the 1977 winner. Any FFA chapter which wins the TOP CHAPTER award three years in a row will be awarded a permanent trophy for their chapter room.

## Movie is Saturday

This weeks CGAPA movie at the Lyric in Carrizozo will be Saturday, 2 p.m. Treasure Island, a full length animation; 7 p.m. Cat Ballou starring Lee Marvin (Children 13 and over and adults).

# Around town

By Eleanor Payton

The Dave Collins, of Artesia parents of Mary Spencer, visited the S.T. Spencers over the weekend.  
Mrs. Dee McDaniel of Phoenix is in Carrizozo this week visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Degner, (Ethel) and Vic Pomer of Pagosa Springs, Colorado flew in to Carrizozo last weekend and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Williams of Nogal.  
Mrs. Mary Shrum returned Saturday from Flagstaff, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Stamps and family. They spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Knight at Mexican Hat, Arizona. Mrs. Shrum stayed on at Flagstaff to take care of the family while Mr. and Mrs. Stamps went with a group of Williams Oil Co. employees on a vacation trip to Nassau in the Bahama Islands.

Martin of Lubbock, and Lorene Sands of Plainview were also there.  
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Vigil and children, Evonne and John of El Paso were in Carrizozo last weekend visiting John's mother, Mrs. Mabel Vigil. They came to attend the funeral of Alfred Richardson in Tularosa Saturday morning. Mr. Richardson was an uncle of Mrs. Vigil.  
Members of the Carrizozo Fire Department entertained their wives at a dinner at the Four Winds Restaurant Saturday night.

## Lincoln

By Hattie Phillips

Irene and R.C. Barham stopped in Carrizozo Monday to say "Hello" briefly to friends. They were enroute home after attending a horse show in El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. Barham recently moved to Oregon. They said they missed the blue skies of New Mexico but that greenery of Oregon was like a story book.  
Mrs. Truman Spencer and Mrs. Wesley Dross and Randy enjoyed skiing at Cloudcroft on Sunday. Georgia and Faye Harkey's granddaughter is employed at the ski site.  
Sgt. Alton Whittaker of Denver spent the weekend in Carrizozo with his family.  
Mrs. Welcorm Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Armstrong of Albuquerque flew from Albuquerque to Dallas last weekend to attend the World Furniture Market. It turned into a family reunion as Mrs. Armstrong's four sisters, Ruby Goat of Odessa, Dorothy Powell, of Midland, Betty

Pat Griego has joined the Army and will be leaving for his first assignment on March 2nd. He was a 1976 graduate of Capitan High School.  
His brother, Henry who graduated from there in 1976, has been working since graduation so that he could go to school. He has decided to go to Vocational School at E.N.M.U. - in Roswell to learn the meat cutting grade.  
We are very happy to know that they are now able to start training for their careers. They are both very nice boys I know very well as they were close school friends of my grandsons Richard and Kirk and were part of the group who we enjoyed having around, so very much, and wish them lots of luck.  
Sawyer Ward is still at Durango, Colorado in college and is teaching youngsters to ski three days a week.  
Schar Ward has now joined the professionals and is presently at Taos for the big ski event there this week.  
Kathy and Albert Booky went back to school at NMSU in Las Cruces last week. They enjoy being at the same university so they can travel home together and see each other some times.  
Mary Lucero is at home now after being in the hospital in Albuquerque for several days and we certainly hope she doesn't get sick again.  
Mrs. Rufina Maes is has not been too well but she is able to get around and do quite a bit, now.



Nurse Nancy Gueck brought the Carrizozo ambulance to the Carrizozo Woman's Club meeting on emergency medical training. Nancy said anyone

could save lives without fancy equipment if they had training in lifesaving techniques.



Elinor Olson moderated the panel on 'how to save a life' which was the main topic at last week's meeting of the Carrizozo-Woman's Club.

# Everyone can make a miracle

"Buckley Zumwalt was dead from an electrical shock. The man working with him knew what to do. The lineman for Otero Electrical Coop is alive because his partner had CPR training."

"My six year old daughter fell into a glass door and cut through her face. Blood was spurting and although the hospital was only a few blocks away, she would not be alive today if my wife and I had not know how to stop the bleeding."

An 18 month old baby fell into the Ruidoso River and drowned. The baby was dead. A 12 year old Boy Scout knew what to do. He had first aid training in CRP and now that baby is alive and healthy."

"The breathing had stopped. There was no heart beat. The man was dead from a heart attack. Today, five years later, he is doing well."

"Fatalities from heart attacks have been greatly reduced in Seattle. The people decided to learn crucial life

saving techniques on a mass scale. Now if you were to have a heart attack on the street of Seattle, someone will know what to do to save your life."

There are the statements that were made Thursday at the Carrizozo's Woman's Club program on emergency medical techniques.

Sitting on a panel of experts were State Policeman Dale Housley, Nurse Nancy Gueck, County Health Nurse Hazel English and Red Cross Emergency Medical Instructor Don Means.

Elinor Olson chaired the panel discussion on life saving techniques that any person from 10 to 100 learn can and us.

The American Red cross is offering courses in this field free of charge. The first course takes eight hours and covers the broad field of first aid treatment including mouth to mouth resuscitation, moving injured persons, stopping bleeding and other first aid techniques.



Don Means, Nancy Gueck and Hazel English (from the left) were members of a panel which urged Carrizozo citizens to take a course in first aid and CPR. Also on the panel was Officer Dale Housley.

## Women set Founders day

On Monday, the 17 of January, Xi Beta Epsilon held a regular business meeting in the home of Pam Owens in Corona. Answering the roll called by secretary, Bennie Crist were Kathy Williams, Betty Donohue, Penny Knapps, Jean Sultemeier, Geraldine Perkins and the president, Eva Mae Holleyman. During the business session plans for the Junior-Senior tea were discussed and it was decided to hold Founder's Day on May first in a restaurant yet to be designated. The Easter Dance will not be given this year and members will donate ten dollars to the treasury instead of organizing this traditional fund raising event.  
An excellent program on movies was given by Kathy Williams who lace their beginnings to the discoverer of

the principle of persistence of vision in 65 B.C. Lucretius, the Roman poet, Millstones in the movie industry were discussed and the movie which made the greatest impression on sorority members was "Gone with the Wind."  
After the closing ritual, refreshments of fruit cocktail, cake and spiced tea, sandwiches, and party snacks, were served.

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## Craft show entries open

Entries are now being accepted for the 1977 Southwest Crafts Biennial competition sponsored by the Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, N.M. This juried show is open to craftspeople from Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and New Mexico.

Judging will be done from slides, a practice begun in recent years as the number of entries grew to sizeable proportions. All slides, entry forms and fees are due March 21. Notification of judges' decisions will be mailed April 12, and the exhibition for winning works of art will be June 19 through September 6.

Serving as jurors are Ken Shores, chairman of the art department and professor of art (ceramics) at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Ore.; Ramona Solberg, professor of art (jewelry) at the University of Washington, Seattle; and Mel Somersok, professor of art (fibers and enamels) at Kent State University, Kent State, Ohio.

Prize money totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, provided through a grant from the International Folk Art Foundation.

The competition is open to craftspeople in all media, but entries must be submitted by an individual rather than a dealer or other commercial group. Works must be original and have been made within the past two years.

A complete set of entry forms and rules is available at no cost by writing to the Museum of International Folk Art, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, N.M. 87503.

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## Citizen law info asked

A district citizens' conference on the courts will be held February 12, in Roswell. The Roswell conference will be the sixth conference sponsored in the state by New Mexicans for Improvement of the Judicial System, Inc., a non-profit citizens' organization. The purpose of the conferences is to provide the public with information on how the courts function and how they might be improved.  
The faculty for the conference will include leading New Mexico judges, and there will be opportunities for questions and answers and discussion. The meeting will last from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and be held in Room 205, Wilson Hall, at the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a luncheon is included. The public is invited. Further information is available from David Gardner, P.O. Box 4007, Albuquerque, N.M. 87106.

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# West

By: Mary Rich

A man's best friend may be his dog but when it comes to dealing with governmental problems a friendly congressman is a lot more helpful than a tail-wagger.

Fortunately for the American people, our elected officials are like the father of the prodigal son. Sometimes they seem to give preferential treatment to the guy who voted against them, hoping maybe to be elected unanimously next time.

Recently one of our gals, Esther Hein, had a big problem. Her husband, a former serviceman, was notified that he owed the army a big sum of money. The government said he had made a loan while overseas and never paid it back. They wanted their money by return mail.

Now, as every service man knows, it's hard for this to happen. Loan payments are deducted from pay, per agreement, and certainly before handing out a final discharge, the accounts are pulled out and there is a settling-up.

Esther and her husband knew the loan had been paid long ago but the cool service representative said, sorry, we don't make mistakes. "Our records show..." and everyone knows government computers are infallible.

When you are just an ordinary John Q. Public and face the massive legal force of the whole United States government it is a lonely feeling, like setting sail for China in a canoe with one paddle.

Fortunately for Esther and her spouse, Sen. Pete Domenici's press representative happened by the office and asked, "Is there anything we can do for you folks?" I looked out the office door and there was sweet Esther typing away and I remembered, "As a matter of fact, there is."

Not so very much later, the government found the records of that loan and sure enough it had been repaid. Esther and Frank have a few unnecessary gray hairs but I bet they never again throw away a single piece of paper concerning the government. And I'll bet they and all their relatives remember Pete the next time there is a vote to cast.

I once knew a fine senator, as honest as the day was long. He always voted with the welfare of the people in his mind. He could not be bought and he left Washington poorer than when he went—that is unusual.

But he finally went down in defeat. Now it is pretty difficult to defeat incumbent senators. They have to make a lot of mistakes. The office carries so many ways and means to help the folks back home that a man who gets there should be able to stay if he wants to and try to take care of the folks back home.

That is just what that senator failed to do. He was a good honest man but his staff was so busy with national problems that it failed to take care of the personal problems of the voters back home.

The unanswered letters cost him too many votes.

I think that is fair. Our civil servants, those necessary products of massive government are not always responsive. Contrary to a lot of opinion, the bureaucrats are mostly not bleeding hearts. I have known many fine people in government and a few whose concern for individual problems has been primary, but most of them have pretty tough skins. Some are downright arrogant and arbitrary in dealing with the public.

Perhaps, because their jobs are so well protected, these public servants forget they are just that—public servants. Can you imagine an accountant in General Motors telling a big General Motors stockholder, there was no procedure for handling his problem.

A fellow newsman, recently retired, went through a nightmarish experience trying to get his social security started. He discovered that the government representative who has done personal dislike for him, had accepted without verification misleading and untruthful statements.

It has taken him many months to uncover the reason behind his troubles. Perhaps his case will soon be straightened out. This was a man of community position who understood how to find the facts and yet he has been a victim. Think about the people who don't know who to see or where to appeal.

Once I started to recommend that an agency be set up to serve as a sort of people's place to handle all the people problems in dealing with other agencies. But that would be just another agency costing money and staffed by people who are like the rest of us, often mistaken.

Then I remembered: there is a people's agency. It is the staff of your senators and congressmen. And when the civil servants forget who pays their wages, the elected representatives are there to remind them.

They may have job protection but the top man in that bureau is appointed and the man who passes the bill that appropriates the money that pays the salary is your old buddy from right here in New Mexico.

He knows you are as big a stockholder in USA as anyone.

That is what Harry Truman meant when he said that the voting booth was the most valuable piece of real estate in America—too valuable to be sold for any price.



Sammy Stoneman and his wife wait for sentencing in the Lincoln County Courthouse. The case was tried in Eddy County after a change of venue.

Dear Editor,

The attached letter was sent to each of the seven school board candidates. The public is urged to attend this "Meet your school board candidates" meeting to help prepare themselves to vote in the Carrizozo school board elections on February 1, 1977.

County after a change of venue. Stoneman was convicted on three counts of cattle theft.

each candidate to cover all 3 points, adding any other information the candidate may wish to share if time permits. Following these timed statements from the candidates will be open questions from the audience. A moderator will be present to field questions and to keep candidates within the set time limits. In the interest of an informed public we know each of you will want to cooperate and be present.

Woman's Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Junior and Senior Extension Clubs, The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary.

### LEGAL NOTICES

There will be a special meeting of the Capitan Schools Board of Education on Thursday, February 3, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of canvassing the election.

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## Gas company gets relief

U. S. Sen. Pete Domenici has announced that the Federal Power Commission has informed him that El Paso Natural Gas Co. will be able to use its interstate pipeline to transport state-owned natural gas to fuel-starved communities in southern New Mexico.

Domenici had asked the FPC to rule as quickly as possible on the request by EPNG and the State of New Mexico. Jack O'Leary of the state energy office had asked Domenici to intercede in the deliberation by the FPC.

"This is very good news for those communities in New Mexico that are being hit by natural gas curtailments and shortages," Domenici said.

"The ruling is conditional, but my discussion this afternoon with the FPC leads me to believe that we will get a final ruling in our favor soon. Meanwhile, EPNG can transport state royalty gas," he explained.

The state owns large amounts of natural gas because it has been paid royalties on some state-owned gas-producing land in the form of natural gas. This so called "royalty gas" has not been sent to gas-short communities in the past because the law prohibited use of the interstate pipeline for transport of intrastate gas.

"The state's natural gas can now be used to help our communities, since the interstate pipelines are being used at less than full capacity," Domenici said.

Domenici had criticized federal regulations for allowing eastern and northern states to buy natural gas in bulk amounts directly from producing states like New Mexico, but prohibiting communities within producing states from getting the natural gas they need to service customers.

Last year a Domenici-sponsored amendment to allow permanent use of interstate pipelines to transport royalty gas passed the Senate, but a natural gas bill never was sent to the President.

Kenneth Stone of the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company said he was looking three years into the future in participating in the program.

There is no present shortage in this area although prices have increased sharply, Stone said, his company had made a minimum order of the state-

owned fuel in order to hold an allotment position open. With population expansion forecasted for Carrizozo and Capitan, it seemed prudent to leave participation open as protection, he said.

Most home owners found about a 20 percent hike in their gas bill this month. This was caused by a "cost-of-fuel adjustment" and a "storage" fee. The public service commission allows gas companies cost of purchasing from a supplier. This is not subject to the usual fuel price increase hearings.

The storage fee represents the charge to the gas company for storing gas in the depleted wells of the Calrisbad area. Excess summer production is pumped into these wells for use in the winter months.

### He's Got A System

During an attack of laryngitis a woman lost her voice. Her husband tried to help her by inventing a system of communication. A certain number of taps would tell him what she wanted him to do. One tap meant "Yes." Two taps mean "No." Three taps meant "Fix me something to eat." And ninety-five taps meant "Take out the garbage."



## Letters

To the Editor:

Many news articles have been written recently regarding a variety of issues, priorities, and problems about which the 1977 legislature should concern itself. It is time something was said about the increasingly serious plight of senior citizens, the older retirees, in New Mexico. There are approximately 100,000 of us. Large numbers are dependant in part or entirely on fixed incomes. The Joint State Legislative Committee of NHTA-AARP is composed of twelve members whose function is to support the legislative needs of the members of these organizations. This Committee represents the 3,500 members of the National Retired Teachers Association and 45,000 members of the American Association of Retired Persons in the state.

Priorities which we are committed to support in this legislative session are: an expansion of the programs sponsored by The Commission on Aging, some form of relief with property taxes and soaring utility bills, and an automatic annual cost of living adjustment in retirement benefits for former educational employees.

It is the thesis of this writer that the annual surplus in state tax receipts, a surplus largely caused by inflation, should be appropriated to offset the inflationary erosion in the value of retirement dollars derived from fixed incomes. This need should be appraised by the legislature, and if valid, should be satisfied before voting across the board tax refunds or reductions. Retirees on PERA and Educational Retirement funds have suffered a severe decline in the purchasing power of their retirement checks. Credit for some small relief provided by past legislatures should be noted, but this represents only a small portion of the total loss. A lowered standard of living has been the inevitable result.

If those still actively employed and operating a business had been similarly affected, there would be less basis for complaint. However, economic reports indicate that, in general, employers have been able to increase the selling price of their goods and services, and employees have received salary increases which have compensated for inflation. For example, salaries for state and educational employees were increased 10 percent and more by the 1976 legislature, and similar increases are being proposed for the 1977 legislature. This is as it should be.

It seems logical, however, and morally right, that a necessary part of inflated state receipts should be used to offset the eroded benefits of the various retirement funds. Most federal retirement funds have a cost of living adjustment provision—Social Security, Civil Service, Military and others. We urge the legislature to consider this priority plus the others listed above before voting a tax refund or reduction. Hopefully, those gainfully employed who have been able to maintain a stable standard of living will join with us in encouraging their representatives to make provisions for lower New Mexicans to enjoy a similar stable life style.

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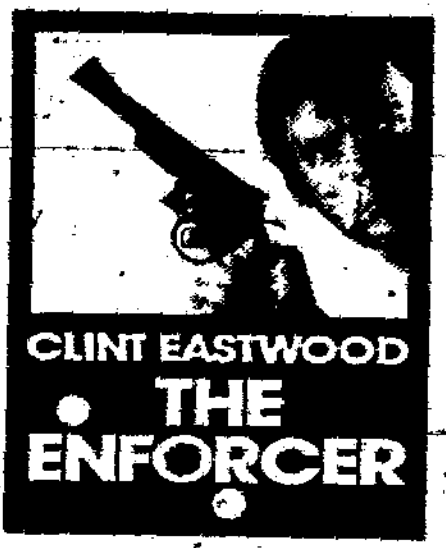
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# A bowl of activities

From Nogal

by Reby Burke

In this beautiful new year lets take a handful of speculation about the house wife!

There are many housewives, most of these are trying to get out of the house. Why? Because they are just "housewives" when they could be warm, happy homemakers. The art of homemaking often gets confused with the business of house keeping.

Housekeeping orders and keeps it going, but homemaking ah, there's the challenge!

Being a wife is the nicest pinch of spice in homemaking and of course many times you change into a nurse, a gardener, a cowgirl, (if your a ranchers wife) and there are many other roles that may be participated in if your are willing to take this beautiful challenge, far more happiness will be felt in the home and you will never want to leave it, when you can be fulfilled in every way, then your family will be fulfilled also!

Here's that dash of gardening! African violets are fun! It is a mature blooming violet plant that is 6 inches tall and seven inches in diameter—use a 4 inch pot. They prefer a light area out of direct sunshine, from April-October. From November to March give them all the natural light possible. In warmer months, a north window, move to east window where they will get warmer morning sun in cooler months.

Water with warm water, room temperature, water from the bottom,

most of the time but occasionally water from the top.

Do not allow water to stand on leaves, keep the soil constantly moist but not soggy—too much light will burn the leaves.

The plant should be bathed with soap and water. The plant should be bathed occasionally to keep bugs off. Just use plain soap and water and rinse. Use the commercial potting soil.

ROBBIES BOX

A bit of reading!  
Kate - The life of Katherine Kepburn, by Charles Higham (New American Library; \$1.95) Memorable biography of a private personality.

Good Things for Babies, by Sandy Jones (\$4.95) read all kinds of goodies for children 2-years of age.

Say Robbie - No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor. S.

Dear Robbie,

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong. S.T.

Dear Robbie,

If you really want the last word in an argument, try saying, "I guess you're right."

How 'bout getting someone else to blow your horn - it will carry twice as far.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. That you are invited to a special weight loss meeting on Feb. 7th at 7:30. Refreshments will be served with calorie talk, new ideas, not old books, weight loss charts, and health scales, to be used as you come into the Medallion room. All you need to enter is a little change to put in the pot then the one who loses the most weight will win the pot. If you weigh over 135 come one come all and we will all get skinny together.

Call Liz McVeigh

2. That handsome young doctor who is needed in Carrizozo forever.

3. The hospital that is needed so desperately!

4. The vagabond in Nogal!

5. Nogal misses the Warrens?

Our recipe this week is for the weight

watcher. Chocolate Chiffon Pie.

1 envelope unflavored gelatin  
1/2 cup nonfat dry milk powder  
one-third cup plain cocoa  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1-one-third cups water

3 eggs separated  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla, sugar substitute to equal 1/4 cup sugar.  
Packaged 8 inch graham cracker pie shell.

Combine gelatin, nonfat dry milk powder, cocoa, salt and water in a medium size saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin is dissolved and mixture is smooth. Cool slightly.

Beat egg yolks slightly, stir into warm mixture. Cook stirring constantly, over low heat just until mixture comes to boiling. Remove from heat. Refrigerate, stirring occasionally. Beat egg white until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar. Beat until stiff.

Stir vanilla and sugar substitute into cool chocolate mixture; beat at high speed for 1 minute; fold into egg white. Turn mixture to graham cracker pie shell. Refrigerate 3 hours garnish with low cal whipped cream. Cover with finely chopped nuts if desired.

AROUND THE BOWL

Things are going along as usual. However Nogal did have some visitors from Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Compton came up for a visit on Saturday. "Come back soon and stay longer." How about a visit from Anne and Tommy Hall I understand they are very busy these days. Slow down a little and get back to Lincoln more often.

UPW met at Agnes Croises this last week with our new president presiding, Leora Zumwalt. Any who are interested please come.

Christy, Nogal's little shelly is being missed. Ma Stearns Dog Kelly looks for her every day and Dutch is very lonesome. If anyone would like a beautiful shelly call Robbie, Dutch still needs a good home.

Bye now till next week.

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| \$7.81     | 6,112            | 1 in 1,538              | 1 in 118                | 1 in 43                 |
| \$3.90     | 12,224           | 1 in 769                | 1 in 59                 | 1 in 21                 |
| \$1.95     | 24,448           | 1 in 384                | 1 in 29                 | 1 in 10                 |
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# Capitan

By Margaret Rench

There were 100 visitors last Sunday at the Smokey Bear Museum. They came from Texas, New Mexico, Minnesota, Maine, Kentucky, Ohio, New York and South Carolina. We would also like to thank Mr. Charles Edgren for making us a lovely plaque for the museum. It is greatly appreciated. We counted out visitors for the Park and Recreation representative and found from January 1, 1976 to January 1, 1977, we had 36,556

visitors that registered. Some do not register. We are very proud of that number. I am certain we will have more next year.

The election for our village for 1/4 cent tax did not pass. Forty-nine against and twenty-seven for. Many did not vote as they forgot. I enjoyed the day working with Geraldine Randle and Emelne Beck. I always enjoy working with all of the ladies. Also enjoy meeting all of the people.

February 1, 1977 the school board election will be held at the Fair Building. The Woman's Club is sponsoring a meet the candidate for the school board at the Capitan School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 27.

I have been asked to name the candidates in my column. It is unnecessary as you will find it in this paper. It was published last week as well. Do read it if you are interested. Do go meet the candidates. That is a good opportunity to know them. Do remember to vote February 1.

Happy birthday to Robert Miller who was 63 years January 19. Fern Carol

Bailey had her day January 7 and James Bailey had his day January 24 and was 63 years old. I do wish all of these people many more very happy and healthy years.

Seventeen year old Danny Chavez formerly of Capitan and son of Mrs. Thomasita Aragon entered the Army at Ft. Bliss Jan. 19. He went to school here for several years. I do wish him happiness therein.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Points for one week were his brother Mr. and Mrs. Phil Points and family of Colorado Springs. Also Mrs. Points sister, Mr. and Mrs. Zane Leslie and son at the same time.

Mrs. C.W. Ellis who was 87 years old last October, passed away a week ago, and was laid to rest in Capitan, Jan. 18, will be greatly missed as she was a dear sweet person and loved by everyone. She was very civic minded and always cast her vote. She always felt it was her great privilege and duty. She was a very good example. I will always remember her with the very best thoughts.

Mike and Vera Peralta of San Rafael,

N.M. named their new baby boy Miguel Demecio.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodruff of Cucamonga, California arrived Jan. 9 to make their home in Capitan. They are taking care of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Norman Renfro, business during their vacation. I do welcome them to Capitan and want them to enjoy many happy years here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harrison of Alamogordo visited Mrs. Bessie Cummins and attended the Weed and Capitan ball game played here Saturday, Jan. 15.

Janie Randle and Joe Paul of Reserve, spent last weekend here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dean Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, manager of Capitan Builders Supply is now in the process of moving from Carrizozo to the Lawrence ranch at this time. We do welcome you to Capitan to make your home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dean, Jr. and family attended a business meeting in Tucson last week and visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dean and family. They left

Wednesday and returned last Sunday evening.

Eighty-five year old John Phillips of Sweet Home, Oregon is visiting his sister Mrs. Robert Dean at St. Mary's Hospital Home each day and he lives in their apartment. His sister is two years older, than he and they really are enjoying their visit. The Dean family is so appreciative having him there.

Eltha Merrell visited friends in Roswell last week.

Lorene Ferguson took treatments all of last week in Roswell and will take two more this week. I do wish her a good recovery. Keep smiling on, Lorene. You will make it.

Mrs. Wayne Richardson held a pink and blue shower Tuesday night Jan. 18 at her home honoring Mrs. Jimmy Wright. A large crowd attended and there were many very lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Zamora and two children of Ft. Ord, California had 20 days furlough and is here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Boney Zamora and family and their friends. Will leave January 29.

Dean Ann McKay, I am sending my

The News, January 27, 1977, Page 5. prayers and constant good wishes for your good recovery. Take care of yourself and soon you will be O.K.

We did have light rain and snow showers last weekend. It did just that at Ruidoso too. Though the snow in that area still lingers. Skiers are having a good time. The traffic is heavy that way.

Mr. Forest Cool who has been in the Veteran's Hospital in Albuquerque returned to Capitan last Sunday evening. He is some better though must take it easy.

It is mighty muddy and we are so glad of that and hope more moisture continues to come. I do not think we can have too much. The drought has been long lasting and it will take lots of this to bring the country back to its good stage.

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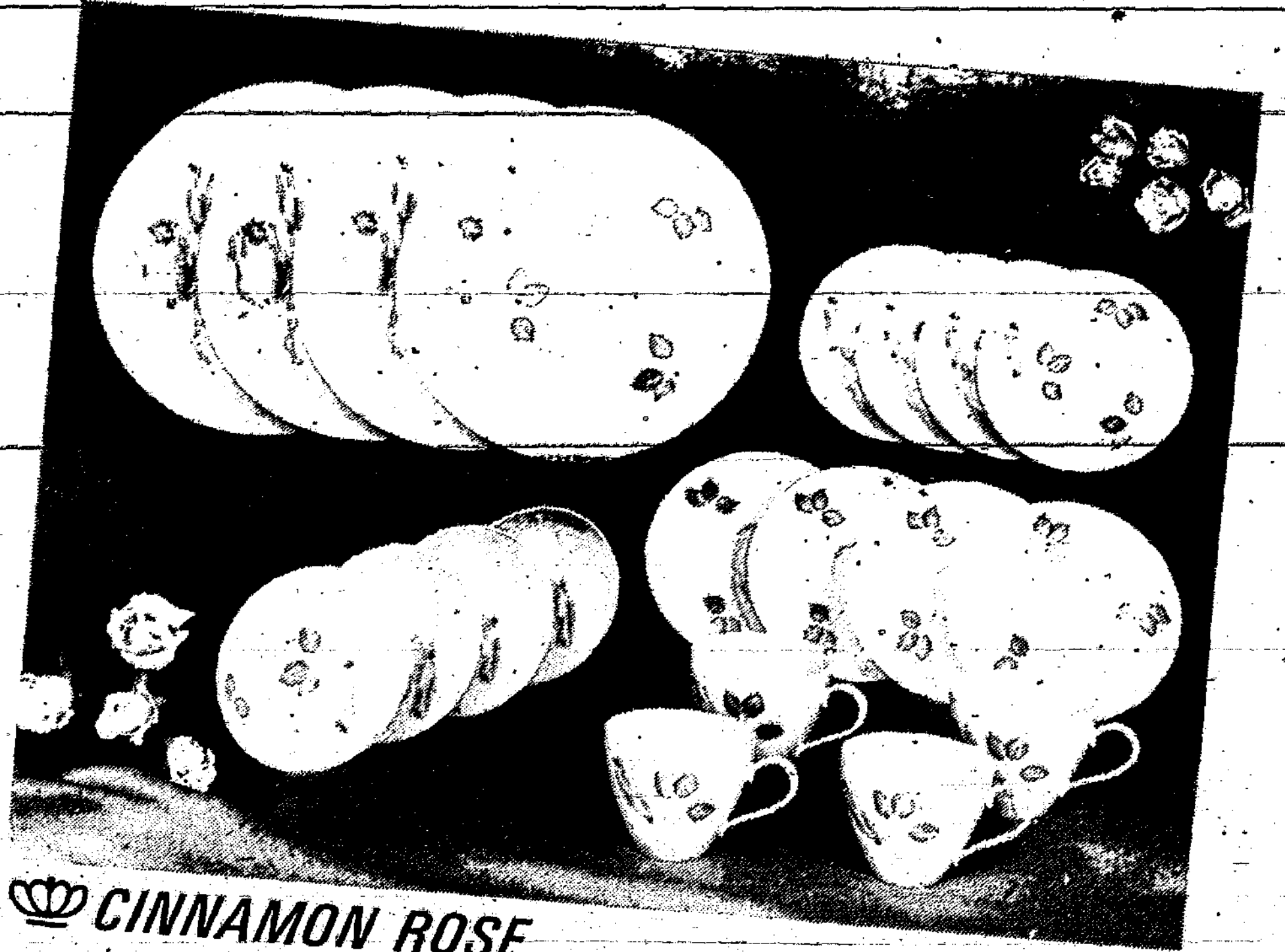
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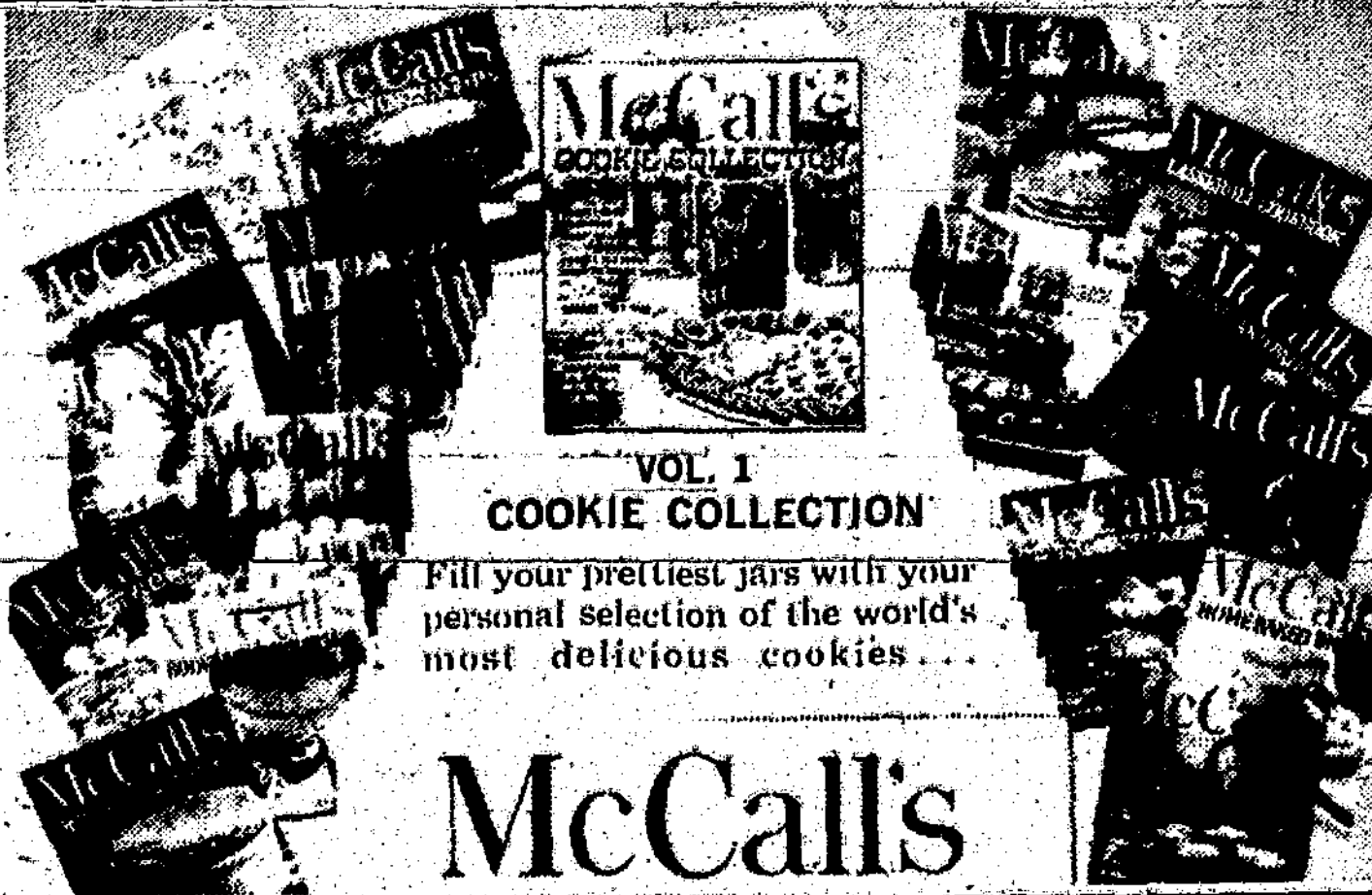
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