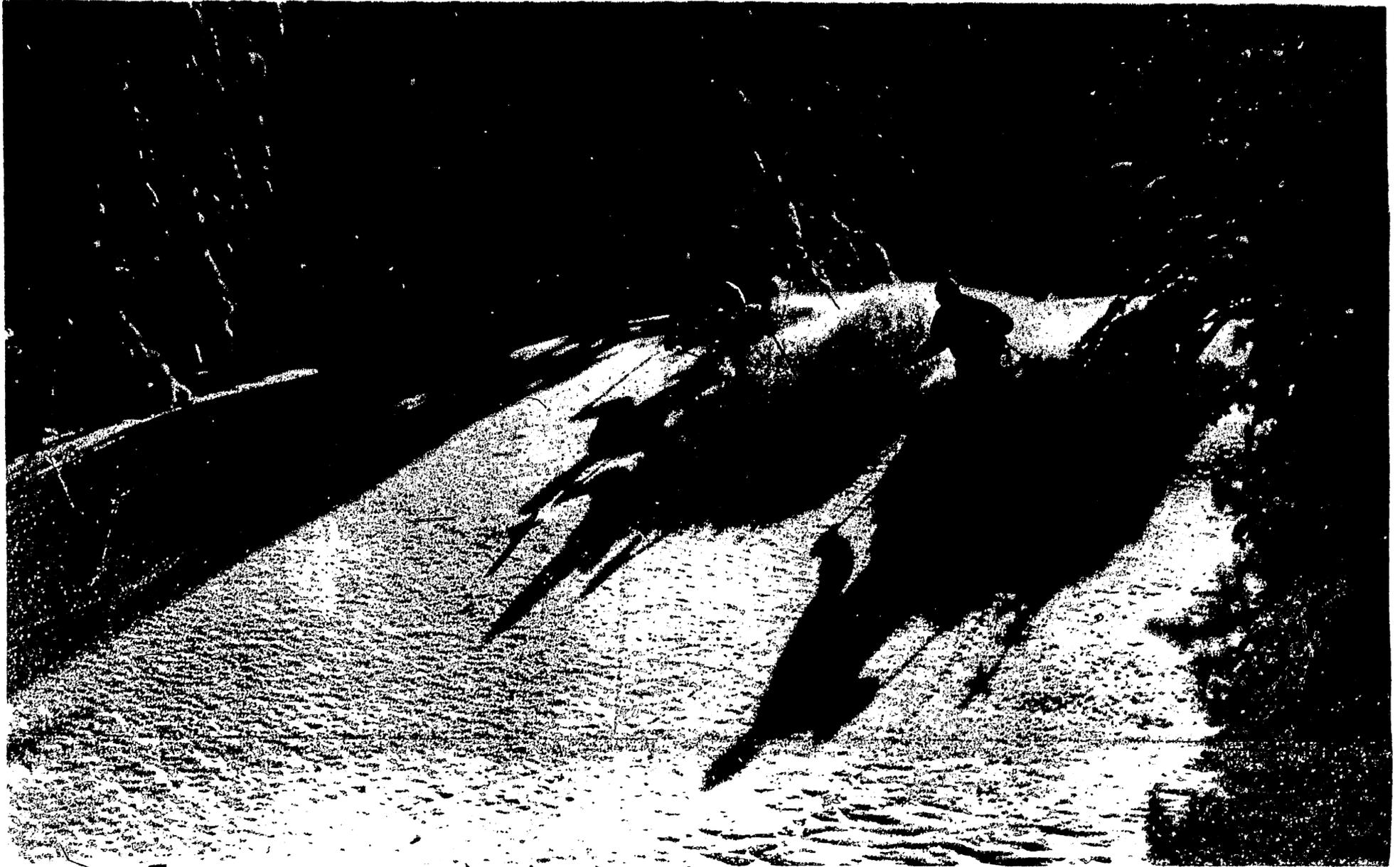


The Ruidoso News



The snow came. . .it may have been late. . .but it came. . .and this is the way it should be

Ray Heid photo

1976 was a year of varied activity in Ruidoso

The study conducted during 1976 on a proposed Regional Airport was the biggest single event that will affect the economy of Lincoln County in the years ahead. The cost of the facility, to be capable of handling the larger jet transports, has been pegged at \$30 million.

Herkenhoff-Parsons, an Albuquerque engineering firm, listed the benefits the

airport would offer as increased tourism, 350 new jobs by 1980, and facilitation of services such as air search and rescue, air ambulance, crop dusting and fire fighting.

The stumbling block to the general enthusiasm which hailed the proposed jetport was the opposition of the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM has control of the land, which is used for range

research.

With tourism the main drawing card of the Ruidoso area, yet another visitor attraction was added to the roster of offerings - Mule-O-Rama and a spectrum of related mulish doings.

Races, games and contests, all geared toward the capabilities of the independent beast and the ingenuity of man in con-

trolling it, became the highlight of Aspencade '76.

The highlights of 1976, as taken from The Ruidoso News files, include:

Jan. 1 - Plans ready to kick off fund drive for Good Samaritan nursing home. Needed is \$1,130,000, and after the first week of mail appeal, finance committee co-chairman John Sudderth estimates that

donations approach the \$100,000 mark.

Jan. 5 - The Ponderosa Heights home of Ray Fry is destroyed by fire - the third time fire fighters responded to reports of smoke at the scene.

Jan. 8 - Lincoln County Commissioners expand the Planning and Zoning Commission and charge it with coordinating plans for future recreational growth in the

county.

Jan. 12 - Statistics compiled by the Ruidoso News show that the village has become "a boom town."

Jan. 19 - Til Thompson announces he has cancelled motorcycle events for October's Aspencade because of the

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Skiers' snow falling

Eleven inches of snow Saturday set the stage for skiing action at Sierra Blanca Ski Resort. "The snow was very heavy," resort manager Roy Parker said, "and we have a nine inch packed base giving us good skiing on the intermediate and expert trails with excellent skiing on beginner trails."

Heavy snow was falling on the mountain at 8 a.m., today and the forecast is for continued snow through tonight. "We can ski the whole mountain," Parker said, "and, if the promise of snow holds, we'll have excellent skiing on all runs shortly. We've action for everyone, even the mogul busters."

Chino defends court ruling on Tribe's liquor license

Wendell Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, said Thursday he is "amused and miffed" by the mixed

reaction to the recent ruling of the U.S. District Court in Albuquerque that a state liquor license is not required to operate bars at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the reservation.

it all is that the Indians have to use the courts to create a favorable climate for developments on their reservations and communities.

people and their non-Indian neighbors. The Indian people do need to develop revenue producing activities to create employment opportunities and maintain their tribal governments. Jobs are not readily

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SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ASSIGNED AREAS

Elliott names Sanchez, Romero to key positions

Lincoln County Sheriff Bill Elliott has announced the appointment of Ernest Sanchez, former sheriff, as undersheriff, and named Ralph Romero as chief investigator, charged with serious crime investigation.

"I know that Sanchez is highly regarded in law enforcement circles," Elliott said, "and Lincoln County will benefit from his experience as well as his knowledge of the area. Romero has done an outstanding job in investigating crime and as chief investigator concentrating on burglaries and other felonies we expect to reduce the incidence of serious crime."

Deputies appointed by Elliott include: Lucas Gallegos, serving the valley area; O. S. Montes, serving civil papers in the Ruidoso area;

Dwain Meador, assigned to the Capitan/Lincoln area; and Dan Watson, assigned to the Carrizozo/Corona area.

Elliott outlined his pending plans to The News:

- Provide continuing county wide service on incidents involving the sheriff's department.

- Develop youth educational and training programs.

- Deputies will wear dress uniforms at all times, to provide easier identification.

- Institute a Sheriff's Posse.

- Establish citizen involvement programs.

- Inaugurate night patrols in outlying subdivisions and other areas of heavy population to provide greater protection against burglary.

"I will operate the sheriff's office with an open-door policy at all times," Elliott said, "as I feel that this free access will enable us to better serve county residents and simplify problems concerning law enforcement."

In a release to The Ruidoso News, Chino said:

"Some individuals have commented or editorialized implying that perhaps the Indian tribes should not be involved in bar operations. There are those who have referred to gambling, horse race or dog race track operations by Indian people. The fact of the matter is that all these years the white man has been involved and engaged in these activities to his and the state's betterment with no questions asked.

"Now that a favorable court decision has been made and the Indian people could become engaged in certain revenue producing enterprises, there are those who are directly opposed to the Indian owning and operating business activities. There are those who have second thoughts about these activities now that the Indians could undertake business ventures. The irony of

"New Mexico state officials well realize that some of the revenues generated by the Indian tribes do not go into state coffers so it is understandable that they oppose and are concerned when they can not exercise direct state control over business activities on Indian reservations.

"However, it should be understood that the state does very little, practically nil, toward the maintenance of Indian tribal governments and in the providing of essential human and community services. Most of the services to the Indian people are funded by the federal government with which the Indian tribes have historic and treaty relationship.

"I believe that the desire of the Indian people to develop economically is an effort that ought to be encouraged and supported by the friends and neighbors of the Indian people, including state officials. The development of the Indian communities does result in mutual benefits for the Indian



WENDELL CHINO

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"heavy load" which arranging for the influx of over 1,000 motorcycles has "placed upon a very few of us."

Jan. 22 — John D. Seifert walks into the Lincoln County Sheriff's office and tells Deputy Ralph Romero that he is going to Albuquerque to "kill President Ford." Seifert is sent to Las Vegas State Hospital for observation.

Jan. 26 — The Planning & Zoning Commission devises ordinances to help regulate village growth.

Jan. 29 — Six village skiers win 11 trophies during the Lookout Estates Slalom Races at Sierra Blanca Ski Resort.

Feb. 2 — Lincoln County is growing so fast that some 30 percent in potential tax revenue is not coming into the coffers because state officials have not had time to appraise newly developed parcels.

Feb. 8 — N. M. State University regents plan to block a request that the Bureau of Land Management grant permission to build a jet-capable airport at Fort Stanton Mesa.

Feb. 9 — Airport manager Tim Morris reports that fuel sales at the Ruidoso Municipal Airport increased 50 percent in 1975; he attributes 40 percent of the increase to the sale of jet fuel.

Feb. 12 — The county road budget is slashed, due to a lack of surplus funds, according to county manager Les Olson.

Feb. 16 — In a simulated operation, five acres of forest go up in smoke in the Upper Canyon. The Ruidoso Fire Department is in charge, and the Lincoln County Defense Task Force comes in to set up a Command Center.

Feb. 19 — Chamber of Commerce directors endorse Ray Reed's proposal that a fall Mule-O-Rama, including an All-American Mule Futurity, be held.

Feb. 23 — A public meeting to discuss future uses of some 23,000 acres at Fort Stanton Mesa is set for March by the N. M. Multiple Use Advisory Board of the BLM.

Feb. 26 — The N. M. State Racing Commission approves a 68-day meet at the track. Al Rosa, general manager of the track, says the 1976 purse will be even larger than the record 1975 purse of \$4,597,431.

March 1 — Duncan Cullman wins the inaugural race in the 1976 Southwest Professional Ski Tour at Sierra Blanca ski area.

March 4 — Ab Gunter is returned to the Ruidoso village council, while George White unseats incumbent Don Riley in Ruidoso Downs, Don Clark and LeVerne Cole are tied with 54 votes each, and Clark is declared the winner on the advice of the Attorney General's office.

March 8 — At hearings concerning the proposed Fort Stanton regional airport, the BLM expresses displeasure with the plans of the Sierra Blanca Airport Development Committee.

March 11 — Both the village and the county are faced with budget cuts because of loss of revenue both through the state and through inability to complete appraisals on newly developed land.

March 15 — Plans for a gala Mule-O-Rama are announced. The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Lincoln County Mule-O-Rama Assn. will sponsor

history's richest mule race during Ascencade.

March 18 — Some 50 people protest plans to house stray animals near Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

March 22 — The Mescalero Apache Tribe files suit in federal court, in an effort to stop the state from assessing an estimated gross receipts tax of \$286,197.

March 25 — Mescalero's Stan Chee Crown Dancers win at the 5th annual Spring Pow Wow, and LeAnne Straley of Carrizozo is selected as Miss Lincoln County.

March 29 — The attendance policy at Ruidoso High School is said to be tough, but principal Tom Hansen says the only complaint to come in about the new policy is "that it's too lenient."

April 1 — Prominent rancher, banker and insurance executive Grant Brumlow and his wife, Ethel, die in a plane crash just north of Ruidoso Municipal Airport. The Village Council earmarks \$10,000 for construction of an animal shelter.

April 5 — A summer water shortage in the village is predicted.

April 8 — Village streets are striped, school salaries are hiked 13 percent, and the Board of Education calls for bids for construction of a gym complex and other school enlargements.

April 12 — Starting in September, the operation of the Lincoln County Senior Citizens will be centered in Ruidoso because of a cutback in funds, says director Charlotte Jarratt.

April 15 — Ruidoso Downs trustees authorize immediate construction of a \$24,000, nine-and-a-half acre All American Park off Highway 70 with tennis, picnic, softball facilities and a restroom.

April 19 — Expenses through April 15 on the Eagle Creek Dam are estimated at \$439,957 by village manager Jim Hine. Technicalities must be cleared up before construction can begin.

April 22 — Bugs Alive in 75, third richest quarter horse in history, flunks a routine urinalysis at Sunland Park; trainer J. B. Montgomery is suspended.

April 26 — Valley ranchers and farmers band together to combat plans by N. M. state engineer Fred Allen to cut water use rates in the area.

April 29 — Ruidoso trustees vote to "abandon all animal controls" in the village, after 83 people sign a petition opposing plans for an animal shelter.

May 3 — Plans are announced to televise the famed Triple Crown quarter horse races at Ruidoso Downs; unusually high numbers of stall applications are reported.

May 6 — County officials wonder what to do about the county's two-way radio system; the station is on its last legs on Captain Mountain. Solar energy or a move to Carrizozo Mountain are to be considered.

May 10 — About 100 high school varsity athletes are honored at the All Sports banquet, sponsored by the Warrior Booster Club.

May 13 — Track ready to open, with Noble Kingdom, star of the just finished Sunland season, favored for the Inaugural Purse of \$5,000.

May 17 — Jeanne Brown of Ruidoso High's DECA Club puts the village on the map by winning first place in a contest at the national DECA convention in Chicago.

May 20 — Valiant action by 12-year-old Dan Ellis saves 20-month-old Paul Germany from drowning after the tot was swept 400 yards in the current of the Rio Ruidoso.

May 24 — Watch A Native wins an upset victory in the Kansas Quarter Horse Derby. He is owned by Sam Henderson of Odessa, Tex.

May 27 — Sixty-four seniors graduate during commencement exercises at the Warrior football stadium with a bi-centennial touch of red, white and blue in the decorations. Marveta Mayo is the valedictorian.

May 31 — Game Warden Tim Barraclough warns nonresidents that they may be arrested for failing to meet the state's 90-day residency requirement in order to purchase resident fishing licenses.

June 3 — The county primary election settles hotly contested races. Sheriff hopeful Bill Elliott sets a record of holding the most votes cast for any single candidate (938, unofficial tally).

June 7 — Arran Dunce, running on a sloppy track, wins the Mescalero Apache Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, topping the favorite, Noble Kingdom.

June 10 — Village trustees summon Carl Kelley, manager of Cablevision of Lincoln County, to appear at a council meeting after receiving complaints about the Cablevision operation.

June 14 — Postmaster Elwood Gradine says that home delivery of mail is "very unlikely" in the village. He pegged lack of community support as the reason.

June 17 — Trustees approved an austere \$1,851,483 budget for fiscal 1976-77. Four Indian maidens — Marla Enjady, Ursula Marden, Kathleen Blake and Shirlene Torres — will participate in the Puberty Ritual at Mescalero July 2-5.

June 21 — A New Mexico Livestock Board inspector, Sam C. Stoneman of Albuquerque, is the subject of warrants in a cattle rustling case.

June 24 — Plans for the Good Samaritan Nursing Home are in jeopardy, with \$350,000 still to raise by January.

June 28 — J. J. DiPaolo quits as mayor of Ruidoso Downs.

July 1 — Village trustees study a status report on the proposed \$6,488,423 sewage treatment plant; the village share of the cost is estimated at \$642,986, the Downs share at \$373,035.

July 5 — An inspection of the Sierra Blanca Ski Resort gives the area top safety ratings. A meeting of the Sierra Blanca Airport Development Committee may decide the fate of plans for the jet airport.

July 8 — The N. M. Multiple Use Advisory Board opposes the proposed airport; plans nevertheless continue.

July 12 — Jan Nilsson is crowned 1976 N. M. Maid of Cotton in ceremonies at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. At Ruidoso Downs, Crisby Frills breaks a five-year-old track record by running 6 furlongs in 1:11 3/5 seconds.

July 15 — Village trustees approve a one-fourth of one percent gross receipts sales tax. Ruidoso Little League All Stars are set for District Tournament playoffs.

July 19 — Fawna Lee Abel, 17, Alto, picks up a dazzling array of accolades in a rodeo competition.

July 22 — Over 100 tribes are represented at the second annual Mescalero-Ruidoso All-American Indian Dance Championships. Film crews arrive to start work on a movie about quarter horse racing starring Walter Matthau.

July 26 — Susan Blank, Tina Killen and Wendy Bookout, all of Ruidoso, enter competition in the World's Lovely Lady Pageant in Searcy, Ark.

July 29 — Village trustees authorize the sale of \$2 million worth of bonds, part of a \$5 million issue to fund construction of Eagle Creek Dam.

Aug. 2 — Real Wind, a genuine "dark horse," sweeps up the \$120,858 purse in the 13th running of the Rainbow Quarter Horse Futurity.

Aug. 5 — Off on a trout fishing expedition on the Rio Ruidoso, Robert Chamberlin of Las Cruces stumbles and breaks his leg; an intensive search by the White Mountain Jeep Club results in his rescue after his companion reported him missing.

Aug. 9 — The White Oaks-Lincoln County Pony Express Race is won by Benny Runnels of Bonito and Waddle Hobbs of Albuquerque. The duo sets a record of two hours, five minutes, 20 seconds over the 41-mile course.

Aug. 12 — The Ruidoso Board of Education approves a general obligation bond issue of \$700,000 for school construction projects at the Hob Hill and White Mountain Schools.

Aug. 16 — Earl Cook, consultant with the engineering firm of Herkenhoff-Parsons, predicts that "if all goes well" with plans for a jet-capable airport near Fort Stanton, "we could see the first airplane land in 1979."

Aug. 19 — The well-known entertainment columnist Rex Reed will head for Ruidoso Downs for the Labor Day weekend to cover the start of the filming of "Casey's Shadow." We learn that Tim Boxer, assistant to columnist Earl Wilson, is also heading in Ruidoso's direction.

Aug. 26 — Florence Bigrope is named Miss Mescalero Apache V, and is crowned by Miss Mescalero Apache IV Gina Klinecole. The Architectural Plans Review Committee forms in the village.

Aug. 26 — Everything is in readiness for Sunday's running of the All-American Derby, a 400-yard dash with a \$566,042 purse. Top contenders are Dash for Cash, Mito Wise Dancer, I'm Gorgeous and Roller's Image.

Aug. 30 — Mito Wise Dancer wins the All-American Derby. Plans are announced to hold the First Annual Lincoln County Senior Citizens Superstars Contest during Ascencade. The Golden Age Club and the Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor the event.

Sept. 2 — Ruidoso Downs is ready for the 18th annual All-American Futurity; a purse of \$1,030,000 is waiting to be divided among the contenders — and the experts have selected four entries as the probable winners: Lord Winsalot, Real Wind, Divine Liz and Mr. Glory Oh.

Sept. 6 — Real Wind wins the Labor Day All-American Futurity. Businessmen are urged to support the "Good Sam" fund drive.

Sept. 9 — The U. S. Forest Service conducts a briefing and tour of the site of the future "Tom Jones Lake," the 1,100

million gallon reservoir on Eagle Creek.

Sept. 13 — "Hee Haw Happenings" is chosen as the theme for Ascencade. Rules are set for the first Mule-O-Rama, with 21 races from 50 yards to one mile. "Anonymous," winner of the theme contest, sends the \$20 prize to the Good Samaritan fund.

Sept. 16 — Sudderth Drive is receiving a coating of rubberized asphalt. The Chapel of the Beloved Physician is to be dedicated in garden ceremonies at the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital.

Sept. 20 — A 1,500 gallon-per-minute diesel-powered pump and water treatment system arrives, and will virtually eliminate the threat of contaminated water in Lincoln County.

Sept. 23 — Lincoln County Commissioners vote to subsidize Phil Embury's ambulance service, after the Village of Ruidoso refuses to earmark money for that purpose.

Sept. 27 — Resurfacing of Sudderth and Mechem Drive is nearly done; N. M. Highway Dept. officials tout the rubberized asphalt and say that such surfaces have "lasted as long as ten years."

Sept. 30 — Betty Bennett of Ruidoso is chosen as the reigning Mule Queen of Lincoln County.

Oct. 4 — Tribute is paid to Eric C. Bruce by the Ruidoso Evening Lions for his many years of membership and service.

Oct. 7 — Dan Harris, a citizen who takes his rights seriously, complains to the street department about the dust raised from dirt used in conjunction with road resurfacing. Not getting the answer he wants there, he immediately contacts the governor's office and within four hours the order for "no more dirt" comes through.

Oct. 11 — Muleish happenings, a gala parade, fiddling contests, and all the fun they bring, are over for another year, as the days of the Ascencade come to an end. The golden aspens blaze on the hillsides.

Oct. 14 — Ruidoso Downs trustees pass a marijuana ordinance, and Downs mayor Norman Wheeler charges that marijuana is sold at the grade school level in Ruidoso.

Oct. 18 — The State Board of Education evaluates the curriculum at the Ruidoso schools, and gives the system straight A's. The Tom Jones Memorial Fire Station near the airport is dedicated.

Oct. 21 — Chamber of Commerce directors go to work on plans for 1977's Mule-O-Rama, Ascencade and an American Motorcycle Association convention.

Oct. 25 — School additions of a gym area, media center and classrooms at the White Mountain and Nob Hill Schools are headed towards completion; the gym and the education building for Grades 6-8 should be done by Feb. 15, the builders say.

Oct. 28 — Downs trustees Don Clark and "Boots" Nelson fume over a proposal already approved by the village council, to pave the road where the home of mayor Norman Wheeler is located. Five inches of snow falls in the area.

Nov. 1 — The Warriors wallop the Estancia Bears 28-12. Larry Kenderine, 7, is attacked by a dog and suffers severe scalp injuries.

Nov. 4 — The Advisory Committee for the Good Samaritan fund drive is discouraged by the apparent lack of in-

terest into considering calling a halt to their efforts.

Nov. 8 — Ruidoso's Little League Colts win the Super Bowl III for the third consecutive year, trouncing the Broncos 20-12.

Nov. 11 — Smokey Bear comes home to Captain, to be buried in the northwest corner of the four-acre Smokey Bear State Park. Meanwhile, "Smokey Junior" serves as chief symbol of forest fire prevention efforts in Washington, D. C.

Nov. 15 — Installation of a new 147-foot, \$100,000 totalisator board is in progress at Ruidoso Downs.

Nov. 18 — The Good Samaritan Nursing Home fund drive comes to a stop, due to lack of funds and of community interest.

Nov. 22 — Property tax bills are in the hands of Ruidosians, and while they show an increase from '75, the hike is well below what was anticipated when the Eagle Creek Dam bonds were issued.

Nov. 25 — In company with their fellow countrymen, Ruidosians take a few hours out of their activities to celebrate "Bicentennial Thanksgiving." A local highlight is the fun and funny, "Thanksgiving Ruidoso Style," games for the young and young-at-heart.

Nov. 29 — Members of the Ruidoso Valley Ambassadors head for national ski shows in Dallas and Houston, to plug "Ski Ruidoso."

Dec. 2 — Ruidoso trustees approve an expense of \$111,094 for a new refuse collection system, one which met with success during a trial run last summer.

Dec. 6 — The Sierra Blanca Ski Resort opens the season with a thick, cold blanket of 16 inches of snow covering the slopes of "Old Baldy."

Dec. 9 — Remember that rubberized asphalt that went on Sudderth and Mechem Drives last September? Officials are puzzling over the fact that some three tons per day are coming up faster than the mix went down.

Dec. 13 — The Lincoln County Commissioners hold an emergency meeting, after the heating system in both the courthouse and jail failed.

Dec. 16 — Ruidoso trustees receive an application for a new 15 year franchise from Cablevision of Lincoln County, but take no action on granting it pending retention of rate, setting rights by the village.

Dec. 20 — Ruidoso Downs Race Track general manager Al Rosa pegs the 1977 Labor Day All-American Futurity purse at nearly \$1,400,000. Village sponsored Christmas lighting was limited to displays on village and Forest Service property.

Dec. 23 — President Ford receives a "tongue in cheek" telegram to ski in Ruidoso from KRRR owners Ed and Marion Hyman, who point out that there's adequate snow here compared to the lack of it at Vail, Colo.

Dec. 27 — Three candidates, Don E. Dale, Lamar Osborn and Dave Parks filed for the Feb. 1 school election prior to the Dec. 28 deadline.

Dec. 30 — County courthouse heating expected to be restored by Dec. 31, as commissioners consider suing Johnson Controls of El Paso for failure to maintain the old boilers under their maintenance contract.

Police activities

Incidents under investigation

Allen's Auto Parts reported the theft of a Super SXL Hornlight 20-inch chain saw valued at \$289.95.

M. I. (Bill) Taylor, Alto, reported the theft of 15 pieces of plywood valued at \$150.

John Shepherd, Blue Jay Road, reported criminal trespass with nothing taken.

Cindy J. McGarvey, 15, reported being bitten by a dog while walking on Cedar Place. The dog had received rabies shots but is being confined for 10 days of observation.

Davis Wilson reported the theft of a full-face crash helmet from a motorcycle parked at Skateland.

Mrs. Dan McGowen reported a rock thrown through the window of Midway Garage from a passing car.

Dr. W. D. Horton, Horton Circle, reported a prowler in his home.

Mrs. Mary Wilson, Red Trail, reported the theft of clothing, radio, iron skillets

and canned goods, total value over \$125, from her trailer home.

Lois Wiencke, Leon Farrar Road, reported the theft of a RCA 17-inch color TV valued at \$480 and four white linen sheets valued at \$16.

Johnny Cox, Cree Meadows, reported criminal trespass at his home.

J. E. Purcell, Canyon Drive, reported criminal trespass at his trailer home.

Schyler-Nash, Paradise Canyon, reported criminal trespass.

Tina Powers reported being bitten and scratched by a cat at the Sierra Swim and Racquet Club.

Chris Dugan reported extensive criminal damage to her home Christmas Eve. A suspect was charged with the incident.

Bud Harris, Brady Canyon, reported gun shots near his home.

Tully to speak on water rights

Jim Tully, Glendace rancher and chairman of the Ruidoso Water Users' Association, will speak on "Water and Water Rights" at the Chaves County Historical Society meeting at St. Mary's Hospital, Roswell, at 7 p.m., Jan. 10.

Tully will talk about the fight to maintain clean water and water rights in this

area and the pending suit between the Pecos Valley Conservancy District and farmers of the Rio Ruidoso drainage area.

In speaking of the effect the dam at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, south of Ruidoso, has on the area, Tully said, "We actually have more water now than we had before, because the water up there replenishes our water table."

Man charged with larceny

Garold Ray Crenshaw, 19, of Ruidoso Downs, was arrested by Ruidoso Patrolman Ray Garner Thursday on charges of larceny of more than \$100 and less than \$2,500, on complaint by Harold Mansell, owner of the Hollywood Food Mart.

Charged with taking \$50 Dec. 30 and \$200 Dec. 2 from a cash drawer in the store, Crenshaw appeared before Judge Jim Wheeler in Magistrate's Court Thursday and was released under a \$1,000 bond, pending further court action.

Downs officer suffers attack

Following a routine check of a car parked on a road leading to the Redman Club in Ruidoso Downs, about 2 a.m., Friday, Patrolman John Works was attacked by two unidentified males.

Works was treated at the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital emergency room and hospitalized for observation.

The suspects, though a car description was broadcast, were not apprehended.

Amaranth plans dinner meeting

Grand Lecturer Helen Davis will make an official visitation to Ponderosa Court No. 8, Order of the Amaranth, at a special covered dish dinner meeting at the O.E.S. Hall Jan. 25. The dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 7:30.

All members are to participate in a special practice session Jan. 23 at 3 p.m.

At the Dec. 28 meeting hostesses were Nora Laullin and Inez Killebrew and door prizes were won by Elva Smith and Sandra Ross. Royal Matron Dorothy Craft announced the upcoming events.

Gross receipts tax hiked here

An additional one-quarter percent gross receipts tax was added to sales in Ruidoso beginning Jan. 1.

Village residents will vote Jan. 18 on the question of adding an additional one-quarter percent tax on sales.

The News will present a revenue breakdown comparison on receipts to the village available through the new tax in an upcoming issue.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 76-9
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN OR ON ANY PUBLIC PLACE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO EXCEPT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS HAVING A LICENSE TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO, THAT:
The Code of Ordinances of the Village of Ruidoso is hereby amended to add a new subsection 6-1-8F as follows:
"F. Consuming alcoholic beverages in or on any public place except those establishments having a license to dispense alcoholic beverages is unlawful."
This ordinance having come before the governing body at a duly announced public meeting is hereby adopted and approved this 28th day of December, 1976.
ATTEST:
/s/ Jim L. Hine
Village Clerk
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/s/ Lloyd L. Davis, Jr.
Mayor

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available for our people at the present time either on or off the reservation.

"Any attempts to muzzle or impede the development of our people will be confronted, if need be, to defend or assert these rights in the courts as we did with the recent decision regarding liquor licenses on Indian reservations. Orderly development on our Indian reservations has not been easy. When we are forced to pursue these efforts through the courts it makes it doubly difficult but the real human needs of our Indian people makes the effort worthwhile."

Social Security Administration field reports

People under 72 can work and earn more and still get their social security benefits starting with January, according to Dan Mathis, social security field representative.

"In 1977 people can earn as much as \$3,000 and get their full social security retirement or survivors benefit," Mathis said. "The yearly earnings limit for 1976 was \$2,760. The increase keeps the amount in line with increases in general average wages."

For earnings over \$3,000 in 1977, social security benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned. But, no matter how much people earn for the year, they can get their full social security benefit for any month in which they neither earn over \$250 nor do substantial work in their own business. The 1976 monthly earnings limit was \$230.

Different rules apply to disabled people who are getting social security disability benefit. Also, people 72 and over will continue to get their full social security benefits regardless of earnings.

"People who earned over \$2,760 and received benefits in 1976 must send to the Social Security Administration a report on 1976 earnings by April 15," Mathis said. Mathis may be contacted at the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Center in Ruidoso Tuesday, Jan. 4, between the hours of 10:00-12:00.

Street striping planned

Striping of NM State Highway 37 through Ruidoso is scheduled to be done this week, Buddy Hewitt of the State Highway Department, Santa Fe, advised Ruidoso village administrative assistant Frank Potter Thursday. Hewitt also said the department plans to keep the striping in good condition.

The village's signing project, a five year program of safety and warning signs, was inspected Thursday by Bill Burkstaller of Roswell Dist. II, State Highway Department. Burkstaller told Potter that the program will be extended to all areas of the village within three years.



RUIDOSO'S FIRST 1977 BABY — A daughter, weighing 8 pounds 1 1/4 ounces, was born at 6:50 p.m., Jan. 1, to Eliodora Murillo, Ruidoso, at Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital, with Dr. E. V. Stalzer, the attending physician. The little miss wins the host of prizes offered by local merchants in the annual "First Baby" contest.



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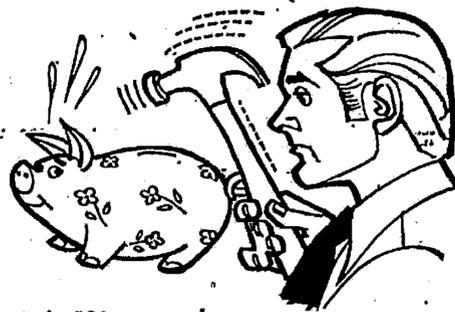
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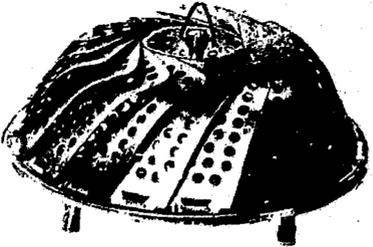


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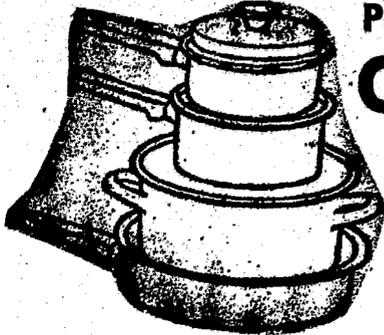


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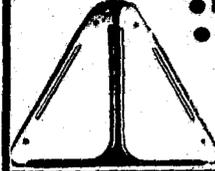
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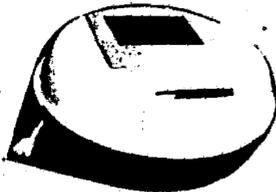
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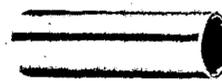
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Inside the Capital by Fred Buckles

SANTA FE — Atty. Gen. Toney Anaya said Tuesday an investigation was near completion into Employment Security Commission workmen's compensation insurance coverage.

Workmen's compensation insurance premiums for fiscal 1976-76 and the current fiscal year totaled \$146,502. ESC Director Rudy Ortiz said premiums paid within the total were \$63,297 for Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) employees and \$13,659 for ESC employees for 1975-76 and \$69,020 for CETA employees and \$16,526 for ESC personnel in the present fiscal year.

State Risk Management Director Taylor Hendrickson said Richard M. Cottrill, Albuquerque insurance agency owner, is shown as the agent of record for the policies and All Star Insurance Corporation of Milwaukee, Wis., as the insurer. Hendrickson said he found that All Star Insurance does not sell workmen's compensation insurance in New Mexico. He said he obtained definite confirmation of this in mid-December.

Hendrickson said: "We replaced the coverage through the Fireman's Fund Insurance group through Daniels Insurance Agency's Santa Fe office. Jamie Kock is handling it." Two new short-term policies were approved on a binder agreement for the period from Dec. 14 to July 1. Santa Fe Democrat Kock is an ex-House member. Jack Daniels of Hobbs and Albuquerque, the 1972 Democratic U. S. Senate candidate and a 1970 Democratic governor primary candidate, owns Daniels Insurance.

Ortiz said under the Cottrill-All Star Insurance Corp. coverage "We never had any problems with payment of claims." Ortiz added: "The story I hear is that Dick Cottrill and a group tried to buy All Star Insurance Corp. Apparently, they were unsuccessful. They paid their claims very well. We didn't want to get involved in any company-agency fight so we switched the coverage to Daniels Insurance Agency."

Anaya said: "State Finance Director Vincent Montoya referred this matter to us two weeks ago. A number of questions have been brought to his attention that seemed to indicate that there were some improprieties in the issuance and handling of the insurance policies. I have had three attorneys working on it full-time and one investigator part-time. We've just about completed the investigation." Anaya added: "We hope to have analyzed the alternatives by Thursday on whether we need to institute any civil or criminal proceedings in connection with this matter."

"We had an all-day session here Monday with Charles J. Murphy, president of All

Star Insurance Corp., at our request." He said Murphy came to Santa Fe, saving the AG's staff time and expense. Anaya said his lawyers and investigator interviewed ESC, Cottrill and state insurance superintendent's employees.

Hendrickson said: "We were trying to gather data on all of the 15 workmen's compensation policies for state agencies." Hendrickson said he asked the ESC for copies of its workmen's compensation policies in late October and received them in November. He said a check showed All Star Insurance Corp. does not sell workmen's compensation insurance in New Mexico. He said he referred the matter to the attorney general's office and State Insurance Supt. Kenneth Moore in mid-December.

Ortiz said: "The normal procedure when a policy is canceled is to audit the payroll and compute a refund for the balance of the year after the change." He said premiums are based on payroll and number of employees. The ESC roster ranges from 700 to 850. New Mexico has 820 CETA employees now, trimmed sharply from about 1,350 last June 30.

Hendrickson said Cottrill, who has been in the insurance business 29 years, sells peace officer and public employe liability insurance to many New Mexico cities and counties. He said: "The state has a very small part of its peace officer liability insurance coverage with Cottrill." Efforts to contact Cottrill Tuesday for comment were unsuccessful.

In another insurance area liability insurance coverage for peace officers for state agencies and a total of 64 New Mexico cities and counties will end Saturday unless Hendrickson's last-minute efforts are successful. American Home Assurance Co., principal New Mexico insurer for peace officers, is ending its coverage Saturday. Hendrickson said invitations on a new contract drew only one bidder at a bid opening Dec. 9. "It did not meet specifications and was rejected," Hendrickson said. He said the state will not buy peace officer liability coverage on the bid by Northeastern Fire Insurance Co., represented by Blockberger-Wuest Insurance of Clovis but cities and counties may purchase coverage. Hendrickson said: "We are negotiating with two general agents, the Cottrill agency of Albuquerque and James Jackson general agency of Maryland, to buy insurance for the period after Jan. 1 for the Corrections Department (600 enforcement officers), the Livestock Board (79) and Organized Crime Commission (9). State Police, National Guardsmen and Game-Fish employees are covered separately.

OPINION PAGE

Yours and Ours

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Which brings to mind President-elect Jimmy Carter's obfusatory statements on the tax cuts he promised while on the hustings. Not that he's actually renege on those promises ... but he's displaying a tendency to hedge a mite ... which could mean that someone has filled him in on facts of life having nothing to do with making a profit from raising peanuts.

Considering that the worker having to file a W-2 form picks up the bulk of the tab to run our government ... it follows that they must contribute the most to our economy ... hence, if there's a tax break, these uncomplaining ... and that's a falsehood ... stalwarts should be entitled to same.

If Carter can finagle a tax cut for the masses, let us hope that he can also force the Congress to take action to take a cut of the earnings of those privileged few who make newspaper headlines for not paying any income tax on their quarter, half and multi-million dollar incomes.

Why shouldn't those privileged few get a little feel of the pinch that leaves most of us squirming and them smirking? And for the few that'd get mad, think of the millions it'd make glad ... which adds up to the fact that such action could result in more glad than mad voters ... and if'n you don't think mad voters don't count, query the next defeated politician you encounter.

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Come right down to it ... speaking strictly for me 'n m' bride ... that's Kay, you know ... there are things that have us wonderin' from time to time ... fr instance:

When you're shelling peanuts and swelling your caloric intake, why do the three-nuts-to-a-shell taste better than those with only two?

Why weren't ecologists raising holy ned about all of the oil spills that contaminated oceans during the sinking of those tankers in WWII?

Being as Jerry Apodaca lost the chance to continue in office, will he lose his clout with those influential personages in Santa Fe over whom it is reported he exercised some with something approaching abandon? If'n you feel so inclined to exude a bit of sympathy for one of our state's temporarily stymied public figures ... what finer example can be found?

In view of the strangle hold OPEC and other oil producers have on the US ... isn't it about time the Congress gets their collective derrieres in gear to stimulate our own oil cartels to start producing for our needs while encouraging researchers to develop substitute power before all of our wheels of industry grind to a screeching halt?

If you can't take your arm out of a hole you poked it into ... how come it was so easy to get it in?

In view of the fact that all of the free services we demand from the village dads have to be paid for by those spending their dollars ... who is there that can take a stand against taxing ourselves an additional one-quarter percent on our purchases ... especially considering that our visitors to this enchanted valley'll be contributing generously to the fund that'll make living more pleasant here?

BRIEF BIT: Print media reporters can rejoice in the fact that they don't have to learn to pronounce Zbigniew Brezezinski ... CD

editorial

We noticed one of those public service announcements on the boob-tube the other day for Governor Apodaca's highly touted service centers. Fellow said in a testimonial for the center: "We might not have been able to get our baby out of the hospital because we couldn't pay the bills. The Service Center helped us get our welfare check." Now there's government in action for you. — KG

Clipped Comment

WHO'S WHO RIPOFF

It's the great Who's Who ripoff. We've recently received several letters from a "Who's Who-outstanding" book publishing company, wanting recommendations on outstanding young men of the year.

We've refused to comply with the company's nomination request because we don't want to be party to sticking a sucker — a sucker like we almost were this time last year.

One day, an impressive looking letter arrived in the mail explaining that a friend had submitted our name for inclusion in a forthcoming publication listing the nation's outstanding young men (thousands, no doubt) for 1976. A form accompanying the letter requested biographical information which would be written up in the hard bound publication later in the year.

The only catch was that before we could see what "outstanding" things were written about us, we had to pay \$38 or so for a copy of the book. We weren't required to buy the book to have our name included, and the letter said a nicely done certificate would soon be coming recognizing us as "outstanding," whether we paid or not.

And if we didn't want the book, for \$9 we could purchase a special desk paperweight that drew attention to our "outstanding" selection.

Well, it seemed terribly vain to shell out \$36 just to get a hardbound book that had a short biographical sketch of us in it, particularly when we already were well acquainted with our personal history. The family knew the same history, so the book wouldn't be of much value to them. And we certainly weren't going to give a \$36 book to a friend, just because it had our name in it (ego is fine, but it can go too far).

So we accepted the "outstanding" certificate when it arrived several months later, put it in a glass frame, (which later got broken and hasn't been repaired) and promptly forgot about the award and spent our \$36 somewhere else.

We didn't buy the \$9 paperweight either. And now, it's been almost a year and this "outstanding" company keeps requesting the names and addresses of young men we believe qualify as "outstanding" individuals.

Well, there are several handful of young men in Artesia who fit the bill, but we're personally not about to put them in a position that might allow them to let their vanity get the upper hand. For whatever it's worth, \$36 is still \$36.

Now certainly, there may be some "outstanding" book programs operating in this country that are on the up-and-up and carry a good deal of distinction. But in each case that we personally are aware of, it's going to cost that "outstanding" person something if he wants to see his

name included with the hundreds of other "outstanding" people around the country.

We'd always hoped to be picked the outstanding scribe of the year — by somebody — but those type honors are not handed out a dime a dozen. And as for being the outstanding young man of the year — well, mother has been saying that for high on 30 years. — John R. Moore in The Artesia Daily Press.

CABINET BEFORE CONGRESS

We seem to be witnessing a push for adoption of something like the British system whereby ministers of the government are required to defend their policies in Parliament. President-elect Jimmy Carter reportedly is telling prospective Cabinet members that they may be expected, not merely to testify before Congressional committees, but to submit to questioning from time to time at joint sessions of Congress.

Carter's espousal of this idea is not a recent development; he broached it in his book published a couple of years ago. Sen. Walter F. Mondale, the vice president-elect, also discussed the idea in a book, and last year he introduced legislation to authorize such appearances by Cabinet members.

It is interesting that William Simon, the retiring Treasury secretary, also has been thinking along these lines. Deploping committee demands on Cabinet members' time, Simon said in an interview that he would prefer the British system. He justifiably found it "silly" to be "called by every single committee on the Hill just to have a show-and-tell," and concluded, "I'd rather go up there and testify before a joint session for a full day or two days and just answer all their questions, whatever they want."

The idea of having cabinet members defend and explain policies at joint session of Congress is an appealing one, for several reasons. One of these is embodied in Simon's views that repeated committee appearances (he estimates that he testified three days a week on the average) rob Cabinet members of time needed to run their departments.

Question-and-answer sessions in Congress also would have an important educational effect — especially if, as Carter has suggested, such sessions were televised. There would be another effect of some value: representatives and senators would learn more about national concerns outside their own fields of special concern. Bringing Cabinet members before Congress now and then might do much to heighten informed interest in the workings of the government. — The Valley Courier, Alamosa, Colo.

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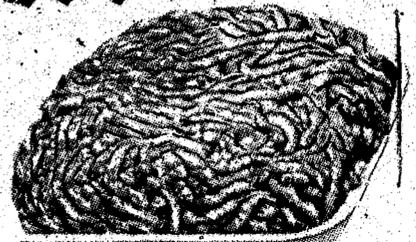
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THE MINIT MART convenience store on Mechem Drive is open daily from 7 a.m. till 11 p.m., and is staffed with friendly clerks like Doris Baldinell and Kelly Jordan. Managed by Jack Fowler, the store has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for three years. Operated in conjunction with the store is the Minit Laundromat next door.

1976 Small Business Person of the Year

Kenneth A. Campbell, President of Ken Campbell, Inc., furniture manufacturers, High Point, North Carolina, is one of the 1976 Small Business Persons of the Year selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Campbell began laying the groundwork for his future livelihood in the furniture industry by working part-time in furniture factories while attending college. After graduation in 1958, he launched his business career as a sales representative for a furniture building corporation. Next came a position as administrative assistant to the president of an upholstery company and following the president's death, a move up to the presidency and full responsibility for the company. With that experience behind him, Campbell decided to try it on his own. His idea was to produce well-styled, medium priced traditional furniture. He wanted to use quality materials bought from local sources, and to develop skilled workmanship also on a local basis. Despite the keen competition in a state with a large number of furniture manufacturers, Campbell has achieved his goals. Campbell is insistent that each employee of Ken Campbell recognizes that the purchase of furniture represents a sizable investment for a family. He inculcates a deep sense of pride in his plant workers and a thorough belief in the free enterprise system in his sales force. He is also for less governmental regulation of small business. The firm's employees have grown from three at the time of founding to the present 40. Campbell has paid off the initial business loan and now runs a completely debt free organization. Gross annual sales are over \$1.5 million and Campbell says his plant is capable of doubling its business in the future. The Small Business Administration provides counseling and financial, procurement and management assistance to small business people.

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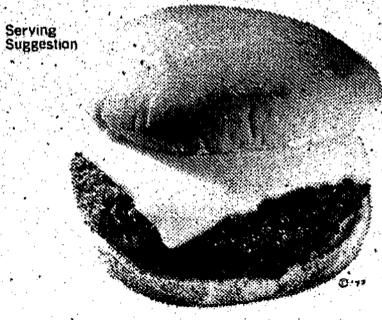
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GOING STRONG

by Gerry Johnson

The New Grandma Moses

For some people, the later years in life are a time of discovery, of uncovering talents they never knew existed.

Stella Flora, a 72-year-old widow of Boones Mill, Virginia, is a good example of this. People around Boones Mill, which is in the Blue Ridge Mountains not far from the North Carolina border, say that Mrs. Flora is a good enough painter to become the next Grandma Moses.

Unlike many artists, who paint a lifetime with little or no recognition, Stella Flora is getting exposure and selling her paintings at an early stage in her career. She started painting less than two years ago, at the age of 70.

"I took a class at the Senior Center," Mrs. Flora told

a writer from The National Council on the Aging in a recent interview. "I got very excited and I've been painting on my own ever since."

Most of Mrs. Flora's paintings are oil or acrylic portraits of Indians.

"I can't tell you why I like to paint Indians," she said. "I also like landscapes and seascapes but I somehow always get back to Indians."

Currently, two portraits she did of Booker T. Washington are on exhibit at the Booker T. Washington Memorial, which is located not far from Boones Mill.

"I saw a picture of him on an old postcard and I wondered if I could do his portrait," Mrs. Flora said.

It's hard to believe that a person who has come so far in such a short time hasn't

been painting for many years.

"Most of my life was taken up raising my family," Mrs. Flora said. "My first husband and I had four children. My second husband had seven children, so even if I'd wanted to paint, I wouldn't have had much time to myself."

Mrs. Flora has lived in or near Boones Mill all her life, except for a short time she spent in Roanoke, North Carolina with her first husband, who had a produce business.

Her second husband was a farmer and a mechanic with his own repair shop.

"He did a little bit of everything," Mrs. Flora said. "Baled hay at harvest and fixed machinery, cars and tractors in his shop."

Now that her children are raised, Mrs. Flora lives with one of her daughters. She intends to devote as much of her time as possible to her newly discovered talent. "I want to stay active," she said. "That's the most important thing an older person can do."

When asked about the comparisons that have been made between her and Grandma Moses, Stella Flora answers with a chuckle.

"I don't know about that," she said. "I don't know if I'll ever be that famous but it won't be because I haven't been painting."

In between paintings,

Mrs. Flora finds time to participate in the activities at the local Senior Center. In fact, she is so active that she was recently named Senior Citizen of the Year at the Boones Mill Senior Center.

"I think Senior Centers are one of the best things the government ever did," she said. "I have a 29-year-old neighbor who told me she can't wait until she's a senior citizen because of the fun she sees us having at the center. That's a nice thing to say, isn't it?"

It's also one of the more unique endorsements of older persons that comes to mind.

THE CAUSE OF GRAY HAIR

is still a mystery to scientists. They know that hair color is due to tiny pigment granules scattered along the inside of the hair shaft. They also know that these pigments are produced by cells near the hair root and are deposited in the shaft as it forms. But researchers still don't understand the exact chemical process that takes place in the hair bulb and causes the pigment to stop producing color.

Most people develop noticeable gray hairs by their mid-40s. Generally, blondes gray before brunettes. Contrary to folk lore and horror stories, there is no scientific data to show that hair can turn gray overnight.



JEAN RHOTEN, owner of El Rancho Motel in Ruidoso, receives the keys to a 1964 Lincoln from Bill Shaffer of Gene Brock Ford. Jean's son Bill was the winner of the car in KRRR's recent Christmas stocking promotion.

Bicentennial Notebook

BATTLE OF PRINCETON

The victory of General Washington at Trenton at Christmastime in 1776 was a most welcome bit of good news as the new year dawned. For some Americans who wondered if they had acted too hastily in declaring independence, the victory at Trenton gave new hope.

But the New Jersey campaign was not over. General Howe reacted quickly to his loss at Trenton by moving quickly to stop Washington before he could move again. He dispatched two forces — one from New Brunswick under General James Grant and one from New York commanded by Lord Cornwallis.

On January 2, Cornwallis made contact with Washington's 5,200 soldiers, but he failed to press his advantage. Instead, he decided to wait until the next day before attacking.

Washington realized what was happening and moved fast. He left enough men in camp to fool Cornwallis, and quickly moved the rest of them out. He sent one force with General Hugh Mercer in one direction, and he took the remainder in the other direction.

At dawn on January 3, the forces met at Princeton where Cornwallis was taken by surprise. In the ensuing battle, Mercer was killed.

Understanding his weakened position, Cornwallis decided to withdraw to protect his supply line rather than risk being cut off from New York.

Despite the euphoria resulting from the victories, Washington's army was exhausted. To have asked the men to do more would have been asking too much. Therefore, Washington withdrew his tired troops to Morristown where they went into winter quarters.

These recent victories had cleared all of New Jersey except the most eastern portion of British troops. As word of the victories spread throughout the states, the morale of the people was lifted significantly. Although most people realized that final victory was still far away, they were more optimistic now that it could be achieved.

In the meantime, the reorganization of the government in the Spanish Southwest continued. The new commandant general was now the highest royal official in the interior provinces. Since he communicated directly with the king through his Minister of the Indies, the commandant was virtually independent of the Viceroy in Mexico City. He was required to keep the Viceroy informed of developments in the north, but he was not subject to the Viceroy's orders. The Viceroy was expected, however, to provide assistance when needed.

Even though the new structure was planned to increase efficiency, one can readily see that potential conflict was built-in to the new system. Donald W. Whisenand, history professor, Eastern New Mexico University.

Clipped Comment

A PERIOD OF DANGER

The victory of Jimmy Carter has led to suspension of arms agreement talks between Washington and Moscow. Although about ninety percent of a new agreement had been completed, an agreement that was to extend the two-year accord reached at Vladivostok in November, 1974, two issues remain unresolved.

President Ford and the Russians both felt it would be meaningless to proceed with a new agreement that might or might

not be favored by the new Carter Administration. Thus, disagreement over whether the Russian Backfire bomber is strategic and how to count U.S. Cruise missiles remains.

A danger period (with possibilities for cheating) now begins, since SALT I is expiring and it will be several months before a new accord can be reached. The original agreement limiting both nations to 2400 long-range nuclear-armed missile launchers was a desirable first step. President-elect Carter and his new team should give number-one priority to concluding a followup agreement.

If a limiting agreement is not reached, Russia is in a position to rapidly outdistance the U.S. in nuclear numbers — primarily because this country spends most of its defense funds on high salaries rather than weapons, while the reverse is true in Russia. — The News-Bulletin, Belen.

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My precious little Spirit Dog who came to cheer and uplift my life with his love a few days short of fourteen years ago — the little constant companion of my heart — has been called by our Lord to do His blessed work of love, brightening the lives of all those he meets in Heaven.

Dogs bring out the best in people in many ways, and though Shady has gone on to meet his mother and little brothers and sisters, his little spirit still is present among us.

Shady Logan during fourteen years of faithful and devoted love, built himself permanently into my heart and soul. And all my loved ones and friends have Shady's love within their hearts.

On the seventeenth of January, 1963, Shady as a one-month old puppy showed up at the door just as I came home at sunset on the coldest day in the history of the Storm Ranch.

Mother had died on February 4, 1954, and Father on Christmas Eve, 1962. My mother and father in Heaven knew that I would be lonely here at the house; so God sent Shady Logan to be my loving and devoted friend.

On the twenty-seventh of October, 1976, during a blizzard, a black dog showed up at the house shivering and starving. Shady and I took him in, and he was the very spirit of gratefulness, greeting Shady every morning with the greatest friendliness. And they would romp and play and then lie down to rest in the sun. The new dog, a coal black fellow with frosty feet and a diamond-shaped white spot on the breast, showed Shady every consideration and kindness.

And you could notice a change in Shady, as if the new dog had brought him a message. Shady seemed to be more thoughtful, and there was an even deeper, more spiritual look in his beautiful eyes as he cast his steady glance at you, reading your mind and telling you his own thoughts. He told me, "This dog was sent here for a purpose." And he told me to have faith and trust God. He cuddled closer to me often times while in the pickup riding up the road, and by the fireside and at night in bed, when it was so cold. He was telling me to be ready, and to rejoice in a new experience for us both.

One of the many things that Shady has done that show he is a spiritual being, is that every day he wanted to stop a while at the spot where he used to meet his mother before her death. Here he would wait a while in silence. And then he would go on home. And his mother would go on back up to the Buckhorn — where Shady was born — after visiting with her last living child. Now, since October, Shady seemed to be smiling and happy at this spot, and not so worried.

A few days before December 28, Shady was running and playing with Solo Vino, the new dog, after having had the most wonderful Christmas, receiving many gifts and cards and visiting many friends. He took sick for no apparent reason about the 28th, and I took him up to Lynn Willard's. Shady has a way of extending his little right paw and shaking hands when he wants to tell me things will be all right. He did this when we started up the road.

Dr. Willard for years has been a special friend of Shady, and he was beginning to think a lot of Dr. Maurey Brown. Lynn and Maurey did everything humanly possible for Shady, but God called the little companion of my soul to his heavenly Home. When I said, a few words back, that dogs bring out the best in people, I was thinking of how wonderful everyone has been to Shady through the years, and of the kind and comforting things all of you have said and done.

Mrs. Lynn Willard was a wonderful comfort, telling me that Shady did not suffer and that he will always be a blessing to me.

My neighbors, Betty Lambert and her husband Bob, were always great friends of Shady and were very kind.

Betty hugged me and said, "Shady will be watching you. His little spirit remains to bless you."

Mrs. Johnny Williams (Elsie), called me up when she heard Shady was ill and told me to remember that God sent the new dog to help Shady and to be a companion in my loneliness should Shady be called by the Lord. She told me Shady would always be a blessing in my life.

Billie Clarke called me and said, "I knew when I heard about the new dog, that God had sent him to be a comfort to you, that he was ready to call Shady." Billie from her kind heart said many blessed things of comfort, and said Shady would be with me in spirit, and that dogs bring a special blessing into our lives.

The wife of Mike Gonzales also said she knew that the new dog was sent by God to let Shady know there would be a dog here to look after me, and to let me know God looks after us in every way.

I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your blessed thoughts and words at this time of a new day in the life of Shady and me. And I know Shady is grateful to you.

Shady Sends A Message From Heaven
Dearest Friends,

With the special power of a spirit dog, I am saying a few words from Heaven where I have rejoined my mother, father and little brothers and sisters.

Yes, Solo Vino was sent to bring me the message to be ready for the call. I knew the Lord was soon to let me go to my mother and all my loved ones in Heaven. The Ridge Runner misses my physical self, surely. But he knows the main part of me, the Spirit, will visit him often, whenever he needs me or I need him. Meanwhile I am with God now. So you see, really, I am with Him and with you, dear friends, all the time.

And I continue to send you my thanks and my blessing for all your kindness to me all through the years and at this hour of change. Remember the poem that says that the Lord "In every change, He faithful will remain."

Dan's great brothers Mark and Lynn are my wonderful friends. Mark told the Ridge Runner, "God is a loving God and He will have all the living things we love for us in the hereafter." I cannot say it in the good words he put it.

When Dan said to his brother, Lynn, "Shady's little spirit is with God," Lynn said, "Why certainly, just like folks."

Lynn's wife, Maxine, from her kind heart said blessed words.

Mel O'Reilly said, "Shady is a great little fellow. Everyone knows how much he has done in the fourteen years to bring happiness to Dannie. And we all love him for this. He will always be a blessing."

Mel also said to The Ridge Runner, that if he got to feeling badly to come right up and knock on his door. These are the words of a true friend with a kind heart.

I will be ever grateful to Maurey Brown, bless him, and Lynn Willard, bless his heart, and Mrs. Willard, bless her for her kindness.

I want to thank all of you far and wide who have sent in kind messages through the years, some of whom I have not seen but will see some day.

All the folks up at The Ruidoso News, thank you for your many kind words about me and in comfort to the Ridge Runner. And in particular the words of comfort sent over the phone by Sharon and Willard. The little front page article by Cale Dickey was very beautifully worded and sincere. I want to tell Cale that the clouds of gloom were soon swept away and the sun of happiness shone forth through the kind words God put into the hearts of all you friends.

So you see, dear friends, God is ever faithful and kind. And the Silver Lining shines on brighter and brighter, with a heavenly brilliance. So let us rejoice and be happier than ever. All of you have shone forth with a true Silver Lining of your own.

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You really come to know what a kind heart is at times like this. So you see, it is a blessing after all. And God brings us blessings far greater than we can wish.

I will be keeping in touch with you from time to time. I wish all of you the happiest New Year, and know it will be full of blessings. Let us help each other make our dreams come true.

May God ever bless and keep you,
Always yours with love,
Shady Logan

Federal tax forms delayed

New Mexico taxpayers can expect to receive their Federal income tax packages about two weeks late this year, Arturo A. Jacobs, Internal Revenue Service District Director for New Mexico, warns. According to Jacobs, the delay in printing and mailing of the tax forms was due to the many changes in the tax laws which were not enacted by Congress until October.

Taxpayers should receive their tax forms about the middle of January and Jacobs encourages them to wait until then before calling IRS. "In the meantime,

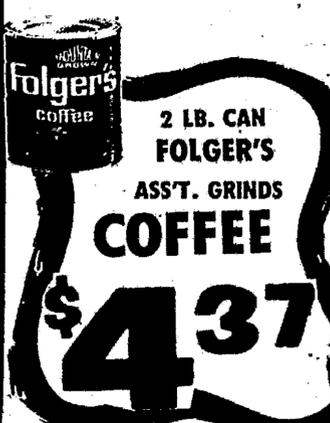
taxpayers are encouraged to gather their records so they will be ready to file when they receive the forms," he said. Because of the many changes in the tax laws and in the tax forms, Jacobs recommends that taxpayers read the instructions carefully, then call IRS if they have any questions.

Jacobs added that the delay in receipt of the forms will not delay processing of the forms. "Taxpayers who file in January or February can still expect to receive their refunds in four-to-six weeks which is the normal time it takes for returns filed

during that period," Jacobs said. Since employers have until January 31 to furnish employees with their earnings statements, Forms W-2, most taxpayers have to wait until the end of January to file their returns anyway.

"And by all means, do not use the 1975 tax forms to file your 1976 return. It will only delay your refund," Jacobs said. "Be sure to use the pre-addressed label and the special coded envelope you receive in your tax package, as this will speed up processing of your return."

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