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Partly cloudy tonight with lows 10 to 15. Variable cloudiness Thursday with highs near 30. Outlook: fair Friday; increasing cloudiness Saturday with chance of snow. National weather map on page 8B.

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A young skater appears just about set to join the group skating on the pond in Charter Oak Park. Public skating is permitted today at the park and two other locations in Manchester. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Skating season begins

Sunny but cold weather made today a good one for ice skating, and three ponds in Manchester will be open until 9 p.m. today for public skating. The start of the skating season marks the official opening of the winter outdoor recreation program. The pond at Charter Oak Park and the annexes at Center Springs Pond and Union Pond opened at 10 a.m. and will remain open until 9 p.m. As

long as there is no major change in the weather and the ice remains skatable, these hours will be maintained until schools open again after the Christmas vacation. Once school begins, weekday hours for skating will be from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weekend hours will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Herald will carry a daily report on winter recreation and the

times, if any, for skating and skiing. The Recreation Department also has a special telephone number, 643-4700, that can be called to obtain information about skating and skiing hours. The town ski slope at the Nike Site has not opened yet this season. A Recreation Department employee said that the slope is ready to open as soon as there is snow.

School funding case eyed throughout state

By BARBARA RICHMOND Herald Reporter

Boards of Education around the state will be awaiting with interest the results of a hearing to be conducted by the state Board of Education on request of the Vernon board. The formal hearing is scheduled for Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Hartford to try to settle a disagreement with the Vernon board as to what is a reasonable cost for towns to pay for special education. The case will be a test one for many of the other school systems around the state also feeling the pinch of having to pay large amounts for outside placements. The hearing was called in the late fall but due to a misunderstanding about legal procedures it was postponed. Atty. Coleman Casey of Hartford will be representing the Vernon board. The Vernon board is upset about state demands concerning tuition fees for outside placements. The

board says it will only pay full tuition cost for those students placed in schools outside the system by its own Planning and Placement Team. And for students referred by other agencies, such as the Department of Children and Youth Services (DCYS), it will pay only what it would cost to educate that child in the Vernon system, or about \$3,100. The state board contends that neither the Vernon school system or any other system in the state can arbitrarily limit the amount it will spend for children placed by other agencies. The local board said sometimes it isn't even informed of the outside placements made by other agencies but it receives the bills. Local officials feel the state is unclear on the subject of financial responsibility for non-educational placements and said until this is clarified or new legislation enacted, they will stand by their own interpretation of state statutes. Mrs. JoAnn Worthen, a board member, termed the state's action a

'flagrant usurpation of the rights of local boards' control over the education of their students. Some of the students placed outside the system could be handled in the local schools which have many special education programs. Mrs. Beverly Cochran, head social worker in the local system, has told the board that it is being discriminatory to the special students by taking the action it has, no matter who places them. She said the board pays \$8,000 a year for a student its Planning and Placement Team places but only wants to pay half of that for one placed by DCYS. The tuition fee for the student in question is about \$4,422 a year. When the controversy started, Martin Burke, who was town attorney, advised the board that he didn't think it could pay an arbitrary amount under the state statutes. The local board adopted its policy after it had received bills from institutions where students from Vernon were placed without the local board having prior knowledge.

Death toll still climbing in grain elevator blasts

GALVESTON, Texas (UPI) — Workmen slowly moving tons of concrete and twisted metal with a giant crane today found the ninth victim of the third major grain elevator explosion in a week. Five persons still were missing. Sgt. Raymond Perry, a Galveston County sheriff's department medical examiner, said two more bodies were found after rescue operations resumed today, bringing the total of confirmed dead to nine. He said three federal grain inspectors and two men who had been working near the elevator were missing and presumed dead. The quick series of explosions at the Farmers Export Co. elevator Tuesday night injured another 20 persons. The blast was felt miles away.

'We're looking for bodies or survivors,' said Galveston Fire Chief H.R. O'Donohoe. 'It's company people in there. They don't want any outsiders.' Rescue operations, delayed since before dawn by a lack of equipment, resumed at midmorning with arrival of a crane. Perry said rescue operations were 'still at a very slow stage.' Officials said the blasts Tuesday night apparently began in a loading area near the wharf, tore through an underground tunnel connecting the grain elevator to the loading area and ripped up the side of the silo. A 200-yard area around the base of the grain silo was sealed by police. The FBI, already investigating the grain elevator explosion at

Westwego, La., five days earlier which killed 35 persons, immediately will begin an investigation of the cause of the Galveston explosions. Workmen of the Farmers Export Co., operator of the elevator, handled the heavy and sometimes dangerous excavation work. O'Donohoe said the cause of the explosions was not known, but that his department, law enforcement agencies, federal agencies and company investigators have started a 'thorough investigation.' Tuesday's disaster was the third major grain elevator explosion in a week. The third was at the Sunshine Mills and Grain Inc. elevator at Tupelo, Miss. It killed two and injured 17.

Israel stands firm on no withdrawal

By United Press International Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said today there was 'no chance' his army would pull back from the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip but Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said he would ask President Carter to put pressure on the Jewish state to reverse its stand. Sadat said war between Egypt and Israel was now 'unthinkable.' Earlier, he predicted a Middle East peace settlement within two months. An Israeli official disclosed that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan flew to Tehran Tuesday to report to the Shah on the Christmas Day summit meeting between Begin and Sadat. 'You can assume it's significant,' he said in Jerusalem, noting that Carter and King Hussein are visiting Iran next week. Dayan's absence from a cabinet meeting Tuesday gave rise to speculation he had left the country on a secret mission. Begin, outlining the peace plan he presented to Sadat in Ismailia, Egypt, told the Israeli parliament he proposed autonomy for the Arabs on the West Bank and Gaza Strip but a continued Israeli military presence to assure security for Jews. 'There is no chance we will remove our army,' he said. 'Let all who want peace with us hear this announcement. 'With the close of the Ismailia meetings we have done our part, and now the second side has the floor.' But the official Cairo daily Al Ahran said Sadat had enlisted Carter's backing in reversing Israel's refusal to accept Egypt's key demand for the creation of a Palestinian state. 'It is for Prime Minister Begin to tell his people to re-evaluate the whole situation, especially after my (November) visit to Jerusalem and his visit to Egypt,' Sadat said at a joint news conference with visiting West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. He added: 'I told Chancellor Schmidt war now is unthinkable.' Schmidt repeated his unqualified support for Sadat's peace drive and said he shared his optimism. But he said Bonn — with close ties both to Egypt and hardline Arab parties opposing Sadat — thought it was crucial to bring the holdout Arabs as well as the Soviet Union into the current peace process. 'I believe that a meeting of all parties involved in the conflict is really necessary,' the chancellor said.

In Beirut, two leftist newspapers said hard-line Arab leaders would hold a second anti-Sadat summit meeting in Algiers next month to chart their strategy against the Egyptian peace moves. But Sadat, in a broadcast interview Tuesday, said Begin offered to withdraw from Egypt's Sinai peninsula captured in the 1967 Middle East War. The Israeli leader confirmed that today, saying the pullback would

be gradual, with some areas set aside as buffer zones and others as 'limited force zones.' Sadat said he held off accepting Begin's offer to keep the pressure on Israel to withdraw from the West Bank of Jordan and allow creation of a Palestinian state. Despite this remaining disagreement, Sadat said Begin negotiated 'fairly and openly' and predicted speedy progress toward a full Middle East peace.

Carter taps Texan to head Democrats

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter today recommended Deputy Agriculture Secretary John White, one of a few Texas Democrats to support the party's ticket in 1978, to be chairman of the Democratic National Committee. 'He has the attributes that will make him an outstanding chairman of our party,' Carter said in a telegram to the committee, which must make the actual appointment. 'He has my fullest support, and I hope he will have yours as well.' White would replace former Maine Gov. Ken Curtis, who is resigning amid party budget troubles and reports of White House dissatisfaction. Spokesmen for the president have denied Carter is unhappy with Curtis, an early supporter of Carter in the 1976 presidential primaries. During a picture-taking session in the White House Oval Office, Carter thanked White for the job he had done

at the Agriculture Department. 'I've heard nothing but praise for you,' Carter said. Curtis also was present and told Carter, 'I've enjoyed it very much.' When Curtis announced his resignation a few weeks ago, he agreed that the chairmanship was a 'lousy job.' White's nomination, which must be confirmed by the Democratic National Committee in what is expected to be a routine action, was confirmed by UPI through several administration sources. White, 53, born on a tenant farm in Clay County, Texas, still operates a small cattle farm in central Texas. White served as Texas agriculture commissioner from 1950 until this year, getting re-elected 13 times. Since taking his current post he has been helpful to Carter in pushing White House policies with fellow Texans.

Trade deficit better

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States narrowed its trade deficit with foreign nations to \$2.1 billion in November, indicating the nation will sustain a record deficit of about \$27 billion for the year, Commerce Department data showed today. The annual deficit will fall below administration projections of a \$30 billion deficit and suggests there may be further improvement in 1978. The Commerce Department said the United States cut imports 11 percent from October when the trade deficit was a record \$3.1 billion. None of the improvement was in

petroleum, however, which is the root of U.S. trade problems. In addition, the average \$2.3 billion deficit for the first eight months of the year has contributed to a quadrupling of the \$6 billion deficit of a year ago. When a country imports substantially more goods than it exports, the value of its money in international markets declines. The impact of this devaluation is often felt in the home market in the form of inflation or in jobs lost to foreign imports. Inflation in the United States was rampant following dollar devaluations of the early 1970s.

Today's news summary

BERLIN, N.H. (UPI) — A man, woman and child were killed early today in the crash of a single engine plane at Municipal Airport. Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin. Assistant airport manager Gail Tommesen said the Cessna 180 had just taken off about 9:30 a.m. when it nosed back down into the runway. She said the plane did not catch fire. NEW SALEM, Mass. (UPI) — An Air National Guard fighter jet that crashed in a wooded area of this western Massachusetts community had developed 'mechanical problems' shortly before it went down, a spokesman says. The pilot, Capt. David Clark, 36, of Indian Orchard, headed toward an uninhabited area not far from the Quabbin Reservoir and bailed out before the crash Tuesday. Clark was rescued unharmed by an Army National Guard helicopter which homed in a radio signal from a beeper he carried. The cause of the crash was under investigation. WASHINGTON (UPI) — A lawyer for former Rep. Richard Hanna, D-Calif., a key defendant in the alleged Korean bribery scandal in Congress, has asked for a postponement of Hanna's upcoming bribery and conspiracy trial. The move inadvertently could help federal prosecutors, who hope to make fugitive Tongson Park a witness against Hanna. Hanna is accused of conspiring

with Park as long ago as 1967 to lavish congressmen with cash, gifts and favors in an attempt to affect U.S. policies toward Korea. Justice Department officials have said they are near an agreement to return Park from Seoul to testify for the prosecution against Hanna and other present and former congressmen. Park, allegedly the central figure in the secret Korean influence-buying operation in Washington, would testify under immunity from prosecution. STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI) — A powerful earthquake rocked the northern Arabian Sea today near the border between Ethiopia and Sudan, the Uppsala Seismological Institute reported. The institute said the quake hit 6.9 on the open-ended Richter scale — strong enough to cause major damage if it was close to an inhabited area. Professor Oto Kulhanek said the quake, recorded at 9:45 p.m. EST Tuesday, appeared to be identical to the one that the Swedish Defense Research Administration observatory at Hagfors said had a Richter scale reading of 6.5. LONDON (UPI) — Two children died in a blazing house in suburban London today despite rescue efforts of neighbors and police in the absence of striking firefighters. Meanwhile, police worked to identify the victim of a blaze at a hospital chapel late Tuesday. The deaths of the children and the unidentified casualty — thought to be a young woman

between the ages of 17 and 21 — brought the fire-related death toll to 127 since the nation's 35,000 firefighters walked off the job Nov. 14. Firefighters, seeking a 30 percent wage hike, said they would have abandoned their seven-week strike temporarily to battle the Edmonton home fire if police had asked. WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans enjoy longer lives with more money and free time than their forefathers, but those benefits of 20th-century life often are spent watching television or race horses. The portrait of American life by the Census Bureau also documented continued instability in the American family. Income and leisure time have increased, the report noted, with the average worker retiring at a younger age than his parents and grandparents. WASHINGTON (UPI) — Negotiators for the soft coal industry and 130,000 striking miners are back at the bargaining table after a five-day Christmas recess amid some indications of progress. In addition to the miners that struck at the end of the three-year contract, the walkout also idled another 40,000 to 50,000 union members, including construction crews, who do not work under the main contract. Discussions to end the three-week walkout resumed Tuesday and were scheduled again today under continued supervision of federal mediators.

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## Opinion

### New Anglo-French thaw

Anglo-French relations are in an interesting condition these days.

They are improving. Again. Prime minister Callaghan and President Giscard and President Chirac got together in mid-December at the former's country hideaway, Chequers, for a personal entente they were happy to report was very cordial.

They not only got along very well together, it appears, but were able to agree on some measures to bring their countries closer together. They are setting up an industrial cooperation committee and considering linking their national electric power grids with a cable beneath the English Channel — perhaps a symbolic substitute for the much-discussed but never built tunnel.

It is all very tentative, however, a case of present good intentions with future concrete results yet to be seen. What makes it subject to extended comment at this point is thoughts it prompts on the nature of human relations, particularly between humans in that collective sense known as nations.

The British and French have been identified as allies on the world scene for more than a century, their battlefield partnerships dating back to 1844 and the Crimean War. Except for some minor misunderstandings over the carving up of Africa during the aftermath of their empire-building day, this association continued through two civilization-conquering world wars. Americans, who were also associates in the latter events, still tend to think of the United States, Britain and France as the basic Western alliance, the Big Three.

Yet it is an ironic fact of today's Europe that both the British and French are on better terms with their common enemies of the two wars — the Germans — than they are with each other.

Not so ironic, however, in the longer historical view, the century and a quarter of Anglo-French alliance is a relatively brief period compared to the centuries during which the two peoples were at each others' collective throats, rivals for European and world power.

### Jimmy Carter's first year

WASHINGTON — Nearly one year ago Jimmy Carter, with First Lady Rosalynn and daughter Amy in tow, strolled the one mile between Capitol Hill and the White House to inaugurate a new era in American politics.

The casualness symbolized by that walk — and re-emphasized in Carter's fireside chat while wearing a cardigan — served him well with voters. By March, opinion surveys indicated 75 percent of them approved of the way he was handling his job.

In a similar Gallup poll this month, however, the president's approval rating had dipped to 56 percent, with 29 percent disapproving and 15 percent undecided. Perhaps more significant, the percentage of those strongly approving Carter's performance has plummeted from 82 percent in March to about half that today.

What has taken the bloom from the rose? The most obvious thing is that Carter now is judged less on style and more on performance. And to many — especially those with higher incomes, more education, and better



### Misdirected public anxiety?

By MARTHA ANGLE and ROBERT WALTERS  
WASHINGTON — (INEA) — What disease or illness do you fear the most?

For nearly 40 years, the answer from a substantial majority of Americans asked that question in one form or another has remained unchanged: "cancer."

No other disease even approaches the degree of dread inspired by cancer, which was cited by 58 percent of those polled last year about "the worst thing that can happen to you."

Blindness, in second place, was mentioned by 21 percent. This deep-seated public anxiety is the principal reason why more federal dollars are devoted to cancer research than to any other form of health research.

Priority set by Congress  
Federal spending priorities, after all, are set by elected members of Congress. Like all politicians, they respond to the perceived will of the public.

Yet an important recent study for the Institute of Medicine, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, suggests our continuing emphasis on cancer research may not be the wisest use of the government's limited resources.

Although cancer remains the nation's second worst killer each year, behind heart disease, it ranks no higher than fourth in its contribution to the total burden of illness in the United States, according to this study.

Circulatory ailments, including heart disease, rank first, followed by respiratory system diseases and — this is a real shocker — violence, accidents and poisonings.

The analysis was done by Dorothy P. Rice and Jacob J. Feldman, of the federal National Center for Health Statistics, and by Kerr L. White, of the Institute for Health Care Studies, United Hospital Fund of New York.

Surprising insights  
Even though some burdens of illness are set by Congress, action is not taken until after the president's approval rating has plummeted from 82 percent in March to about half that today.

### Almanac

My United Press International Today is Wednesday, Dec. 28, the 362nd day of 1977 with three to follow. The moon is between its full phase and last quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn. The evening star is Jupiter.

On this day in history: In 1832, John Calhoun, at odds with President Andrew Jackson, became the first vice president to resign.

In 1866, Iowa was admitted to the Union as the 29th state. In 1969, William Temple of Mount Vernon, Ohio, was granted a patent for chewing gum.

Open forum  
Dworkin out of step  
To the editor: Any further legal appeal by the opponents of the J.C. Penney complex will serve only to negate the democratic process.

Thought  
Between holidays  
Christmas is over and New Year's is coming up. It's time to clean up after one big holiday and to prepare the heart and mind for another.

Ask MACC  
Editor, Fr. Steve Jacobson  
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other way dissatisfied with their lives so that they do not create for their young children a healthy environment.

Some mothers may "need to be needed" and, therefore, avoid child care. Other mothers are able to develop even better relationships with their young children after they have placed them in child care and have taken jobs, simply because they have met some of their own needs and are, as a result, able to give more of themselves, be more relaxed, etc., than before.

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Yesterdays  
25 years ago  
This date was a Sunday; The Herald did not publish.

10 years ago  
The Capitol Region Planning Agency officially opposes the granting of a zone change from Rural Residential to Industrial for about 200 acres of land including the bed of Laurel Lake.

### Bill sought to stiffen road laws

HARTFORD (UPI) — Legislation to revoke the drivers licenses of habitual traffic offenders has the support of House Minority Leader Gerald F. Stevens, R-Middletown, who wants his colleagues to consider the issue next session.

Stevens, a candidate for the 1978 Republican gubernatorial nomination, said Tuesday surveys showed that five percent of drivers are responsible for half of all traffic fatalities.

The habitual offenders must be taken off our roads, and it should be done now," he said. "I would support legislation that will not only revoke the license of anyone who is a habitual offender, but in addition, require a mandatory prison term for anyone convicted of driving after his license had been revoked," Stevens said.

The law should cover drunk drivers, speeders, those driving without licenses and hit-and-run drivers, Stevens said.

Senators seek spending delay for computers  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — A planned budget request for a huge Internal Revenue Service computer should be delayed to insure adequate precautions for taxpayers' privacy, a group of senators says.

A smaller IRS computer was used for surveillance and harassment of citizens during the Watergate period," said Sen. James Abourezk, D-S.D., chairman of the Senate administrative practice and procedure subcommittee.

Thought  
A Very Special Friend  
Andre Jennings makes growing up the hard way a little easier for a group of 34 kids to whom he's sort of father, friend, and counselor.

Most of them are from welfare families in Hartford. Some have never known fathers. A few are battered children.

To all of them, Jennings gives love, guidance, and wholesome experiences whenever he has time off — nights, weekends, holidays — from his job as a project coordinator in the Space Systems Department of United Technologies' Hamilton Standard division in Windsor Locks.

He takes them on visits to local companies, theaters, amusement parks, and the like. He and his wife Judy, who have two children of their own, put on picnics in the summer and parties at Halloween and Christmas.

Besides entertaining the youngsters, Jennings tries to set them on the right path. He teaches them how to interact with people,

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### Houley asks why cities differ in welfare cases

Hartford has almost twice as many recipients in its local welfare program as does Bridgeport, but Connecticut's two largest cities have about the same number of people.

"You've got to raise serious questions what one city is doing different from another," says Sen. Robert Houley, D-Somers, co-chairman of the Appropriations Committee, which approves all state spending.

There seems to be an entirely different approach to the administration of the Bridgeport program," says Rep. Joan Kemler, D-West Hartford, who heads the appropriations subcommittee that oversees welfare spending.

Environmentalists push pilot farmland program  
HARTFORD (UPI) — A \$5 million pilot project aimed at proving the need for a state farmland preservation program is being pushed as a compromise by environmentalists who say they realize their original plan won't pass the Legislature.

Environmentalists estimate the difference in the market and agricultural property values at up to \$1,500 per acre. At that price, the pilot program could buy the rights to a little more than 3,300 acres.

Anderson said he had spoken with leaders of the Appropriations Committee, which oversees all state spending, but had not gotten a commitment of support for the \$5 million in requested funds.

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# 1977 was unusual in energy crisis

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans faced energy extremes in 1977 ranging from a fuel shortage of crisis proportions to a surplus on a grand scale.

Neither the most painful scarcity since the 1973-74 oil embargo, nor climbing prices, nor repeated exhortations of a new president could curb the nation's increasingly voracious appetite.

Total U.S. oil consumption averaged a record 18.4 billion barrels a day through August, up 5.7 per cent from 1976, as the economy began to emerge from a long slump. Each added drop drove the nation deeper into the clutches of the foreign oil cartel.

Yet there were hints something — maybe a real conservation ethic, maybe the pinch of higher prices — might be starting to slow the growth of consumption.

**More gas than ever**

American motorists burned more gasoline in 1977 than ever before, averaging about 300 million gallons a day, 2.6 per cent above the previous year. But Energy Department figures showed slightly less was burned per car than in 1976.

Record-breaking cold savaged the nation in the dawning weeks of 1977, closing thousands of schools and factories for want of oil, natural gas or coal and threatening home heating fuel supplies as well.

The government responded with emergency measures. Public belief in the energy crisis wavered. But the shortages disappeared with return of mild weather, the emergency measures were dropped and the crisis mood evaporated.

By year's end, at least on the surface, shortages had given way to surplus.

**World oil glut**

A still-slow U.S. economy and economic stagnation in Europe led to a worldwide oil glut, with global production capacity exceeding demand by some 4.5 million barrels a day. Transportation problems created an additional regional surplus of Alaskan oil on the U.S. West Coast.

U.S. gas production stabilized near the 1976 level of 19.5 trillion cubic feet after a three-year decline and experts said final figures might show a slight increase. In part the improved picture reflected a late-1975 policy change that let new gas prices rise from 55 cents to \$1.46 per thousand cubic feet.

But gas consumption dropped 4.8 per cent from 1976 levels to 14.1 trillion cubic feet. Storage reservoirs drawn low during the winter crisis, were recharged and an estimated surplus of 2 trillion cubic feet developed.

**Home conservation**

Energy Department and American Gas Association officials traced the lower consumption to home conservation caused by price increases, less use of gas to fire electric utility boilers and a marked shift to other fuels by industries made skittish of gas during the winter crisis.

Pipeline companies made preliminary arrangements for future gas imports from Mexico and for liquefied natural gas imports from Algeria and Indonesia.

The gas surplus touched off a drive for new customers by utilities across the nation. It worried energy officials, who said gas supplies looked adequate for the coming winter but the new demand might cause problems in the future.

President Carter and Arab leaders alike warned Americans to save energy and prepare for real shortages in the 1980s. But Energy Department studies showed the public, long used to getting all the energy it could burn, doubted the dire predictions and was more concerned about inflation and unemployment.

**Foreign oil supplies**

With domestic oil production declining, the United States turned increasingly to foreign supplies.

Nearly half the nation's oil came from abroad in 1977 — driving imports to a record average of almost 8 million barrels a day, 50 per cent above the pre-embargo level — despite the first flow of oil from Alaska's North Slope.

Most of the additional oil was supplied by Saudi Arabia and Iran.

It cost the nation some \$45 billion to buy foreign oil at prices surpassing \$13 a barrel. Economic experts said the drain on the balance of payments caused by overseas oil purchases contributed to both inflation and unemployment.

Measures on which congressional negotiators reached tentative agreement would shift many industrial consumers away from oil and gas to coal, promote reduced energy waste place high taxes on gas-guzzling cars and encourage such electric rate reforms as price breaks for off-peak consumption.

**Stalled on controls**

They stalled on the issue of whether to phase out gas price controls, as the Senate proposed, or to follow the House and administration proposal retaining controls and expanding them to cover intrastate as well as interstate sales.

Conferees indicated they were unlikely to do anything about energy taxes, including Carter's proposal to increase U.S. oil taxes so the domestic prices equal the world price without further enriching producers until they reverse the natural gas dispute.

O'Leary called 1977 a productive year despite the disappointingly slow action on the energy plan.

**"A lot smarter"**

"We've gotten a lot smarter as a nation for one thing," he said. "There's been a lot of education... in the last year — education of Congress, education of the public at large, education of government officials including this one."

"Last winter, to take one narrow piece of it, we learned in a real setting more

than we would in 20 years of theory how to handle an emergency."

Although the new Energy Department made little public impact, O'Leary said it already is more than many older federal agencies to understand the issues facing it and to influence the outcome of those issues.

Congressional work on the national energy plan has produced "a respectable" new conservation program, "a very respectable" coal conversion program to replace a totally ineffective one and "a start" at utility rate reform, O'Leary said.

If the year ends with only those three having been agreed to, that is solid progress — much more than I think we could have anticipated realistically from the standpoint of a year ago, and more than has been accomplished in any like period since the beginning of the 1973 embargo," he said.

O'Leary said coal and nuclear problems will get high-priority attention from the administration in 1978.

**Nuclear licensing**

One threat will be a proposal to cut nuclear plant licensing times from the present 11-12 years to about nine years by having early, simultaneous approval of several tentative plant sites and of standardized reactor designs for those sites, O'Leary said. He predicted Congress will approve the speedup.

The other threat, he said, will be forceful action to boost coal consumption.

It will be aimed partly at things like improving rail roadbeds, resolving air quality questions, turning more to river transportation or slurry pipelines and possibly even putting more power plants in the coal fields, O'Leary said. But it also will try to change attitudes and clear away legal roadblocks.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries threatened to split over pricing as the year closed. Saudi Arabia and Iran urged a 1978 price freeze, but Kuwait, Algeria, Nigeria, Indonesia, Venezuela, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea presented a 10 per cent hike while Libya demanded a boost of 23 per cent.

U.S. oil production declined to about 8 million barrels a day during 1977, not counting Alaskan oil, a drop of some 1.3 percent from the 1976 peak of 9.37 million. Experts forecast continued declines.

**Coal strike hit**

A coal strike hit the nation Dec. 6, threatening to last for months, but coal-burning utilities built up 90-day stockpiles in advance and non-union mines in the West stayed in operation.

Prices climbed for everything.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission records showed that through mid-year, the latest data available, utilities were paying 12.3 percent more for coal, 6.3 percent more for oil and 24.3 percent more for gas than they did in 1976. Home consumers and businesses saw similar increases.

A mixture of economic problems, reduced forecasts of power demand, licensing delays and a vocal anti-nuclear movement combined to virtually halt the expansion of nuclear energy. Only one order was placed for a new reactor during 1977, and experts said two or maybe three orders at best were expected in 1978.

Deputy Energy Secretary John O'Leary says major reforms in regulatory procedures and are needed to keep the nuclear power industry alive and to keep Carter's ambitious coal production goals — doubling U.S. output to about 1.3 million tons a year — from being frustrated.

"I think it's a fairly gloomy outlook," he said.

"And of course, the (Carter) national energy plan is designed to deal with precisely that gloomy outlook. If it had been a nice, sprightly outlook we wouldn't have had to put ourselves and the Congress through all of this travail."

Carter took office just as the fuel crisis hit its peak last winter. The president made energy his No. 1 priority.

He quickly pushed an emergency gas bill through Congress to ease the immediate problem. It was followed by legislation that fulfilled a campaign promise by merging energy programs from some 20 agencies into a new Department of Energy, a step which Richard Nixon proposed first but could not sell to Congress.

But trouble — born partly of the administration's inexperience in working with Congress and partly of the controversy surrounding basic energy issues — snared Carter's key energy initiative of the year.

Carter proposed a new U.S. energy policy centered around an unprecedented emphasis on conservation, new oil taxes, higher gas prices, heavy reliance on coal, electric utility rate reform and — as a last resort — expansion of nuclear power to reduce imports by filling the gap between supply and demand.

Critics called the energy plan's goals impossible, said its methods looked more like an income redistribution program and urged Congress instead to grant new financial incentives for oil and gas producers to increase production.

The House finally accepted Carter's major proposals, but the Senate rejected most in favor of new industry incentives. A House-Senate conference committee found rapid resolution of the conflicts impossible.

Conferees worked out compromises on three sections of the plan — conservation, coal conversion and utility rate reform — but acknowledged in late December they would be unable to resolve the gut issues of natural gas pricing and oil taxation before 1978.



1. When the holiday season is over, a natural Christmas tree may be burned in the fireplace:  
(A) If a protective screen is used.  
(B) If an adult is present.  
(C) Never.

2. An extension cord may be used outdoors if:  
(A) It has adequate capacity to carry power needed.  
(B) It will only be used a short time.  
(C) Only if it is clearly marked for outdoor use.

**ANSWERS**

1. (A) Correct. A protective screen is provided as a safety feature. (B) Correct. An adult should be present when the tree is used. (C) Incorrect. The tree should never be burned in the fireplace.

2. (A) Correct. The extension cord must be marked for outdoor use. (B) Correct. The extension cord should only be used for a short time. (C) Correct. The extension cord should only be used if it is clearly marked for outdoor use.

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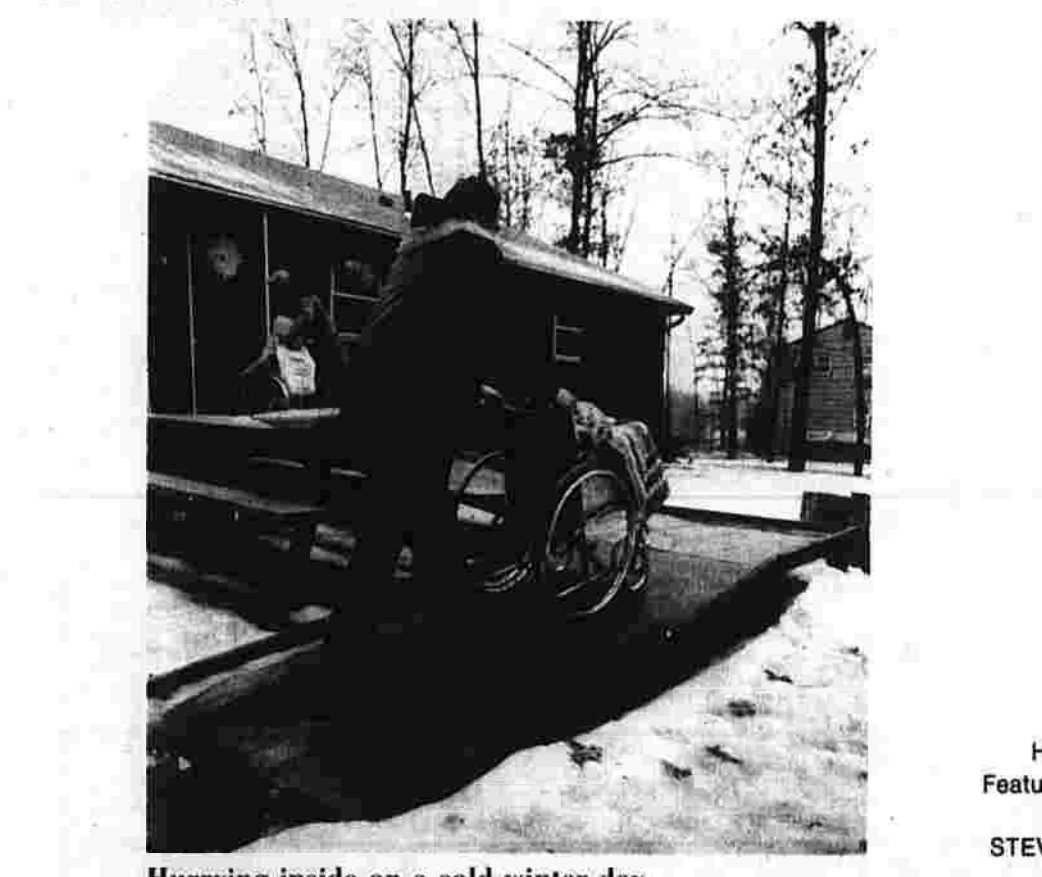
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A family conference

## In the Alpha and Omega Family All God's children are loved

By BETTY RYDER  
Family/Travel Editor

The small brown ranch home nestled among the trees at 13 Lanz Lane, Ellington, is not unusual in itself, but the family which it houses is unique.

The home of Rachel and Carl Rossow is also the home of 10 children, five boys and five girls, all with multiple handicaps.

Rachel, an attractive woman who wears her hair tied back in a pony tail and her husband, Carl, cofounded the Alpha and Omega Family in 1974. It is a non-profit organization chartered to protect handicapped children by providing a home environment and family setting so the children can receive basic education, health care, and stimulation of their physical and emotional capabilities.

The youngsters are a part of the family and call the Rossows, their foster parents, mom and dad.

It is obvious a warm bond exists among them and as Rachel explained, "Their doctors are surprised at the progress most of our children have made."

The multiple-handicapped child who enters the Alpha (beginning) and Omega (end) family has not previously had an alternative to custodial care within an institution.

At the very least, these children require constant supervision, extraordinary care and professional knowledge for their physical needs.

Of the 10 children, five are in wheelchairs and five are ambulatory.

One child, now 8½ years old, went to live with the Rossows three years ago. She has a tutor and her class work is up to third grade level. The youngster uses a television monitor for reading because she has such tender bones that just the weight of holding her own book could fracture her ribs. A bright-eyed little girl, she was especially happy recently when her dad took her and one of her "sisters" to see the "Nutcracker Ballet" at the Hartford Civic Center.

"I had been given three tickets," Carl said. "I hadn't been to a ballet in 25 years, but the girls had a great time. Especially staying out till 11 p.m."

The living room of the Rossow home has become a multi-purpose room.

"This is where most of the children do their school work, have their physical therapy, and join together to talk or read with Rachel and me," Carl said.

Rachel, a registered nurse with a master of science degree in nursing, is well qualified to care for her family. Carl was in computer science work before the couple decided to

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Rachel listens to a youngster's reading lesson

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Bell-Carter

Susan Mary Carter of Andover and William A.F. Bell of Hebron were married Dec. 10 at South United Methodist Church in Manchester.



Mrs. William A.F. Bell

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a satin A-line gown with mandarin collar, long fitted sleeves studded with pearls and rhinestones, hemline edged with lace and extending into a chapel-length lace train. Her mantilla was double-layered and edged with lace.

Consumer Code of Ethics

Of consumer concern

At this time of the year, if we pause a moment and consider, we realize that many of the nation's businesses have risen to the challenge of consumerism in the last few years by launching consumer information programs, complaint hotlines, improved warranties and through industry self-regulation.

on payments and similar acts. 2. Be kind and courteous in all dealings. Give store employees a smile and a pleasant attitude. Besides, it is dishonest to return used goods and claim they are new.

Births

Thomas, Christopher Lee, son of Warren S. and Bonnie O'Shan Thomas of 21 Harlan St. He was born Dec. 11 at Hartford Hospital.

Rockville. Her maternal grandparents are Marion Webster of Hull Street and James Moriarty of 90 Hilliard St. Her paternal grandmother is Mary Moranovich of 96 Kensington St.

In the Alpha and Omega Family

(Continued from Page 1-C) found the Alpha and Omega Family. "Our goals are to make them as independent as possible, to make them an active part of our family," Rachel said.

are told," Carl said. "Sometimes a parent will come and profess love for the child and in the same breath say she doesn't want the care and responsibility. For this child, it would be better if the parent didn't come."

On second thought

By JAN WARREN

I resolve not to resolve

Yesterday, under a pile of junk on my desk, I found my list of 1977 New Year's resolutions. What a depressing sight! Would you believe, I haven't accomplished a single one of those well intended resolutions!

"They come on," said my husband, waving his fork for emphasis. "You can't stop trying. Those New Year's resolutions keep you on your toes." The kids were quick to agree with their father.

to record the information on your stubs." While I nibbled quietly on my spinach salad, my family continued to come up with ideas for making me a better person in 1978.

College notes

Daniel Groman of Manchester was among 18 students recently initiated into Beta Alpha Beta honorary business fraternity at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, W. Va.

Institute of Technology of California in Northridge, Calif. U.S. residents returning from a stay abroad of at least 48 hours are usually granted customs exemptions of \$100 each.

Q. I'm a television repairman and I plan to set up my own television servicing business. Would I be able to get Social Security coverage if I work for myself?

About town

Manchester's Senior Citizens Pinocchio Group will sponsor a game Thursday at 8:45 a.m. at the Army and Navy Club.

The "I Am Responsible" group of Alcoholics Anonymous will meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Silver Lane, East Hartford.

The Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls of the Presbyterian Church will meet tonight at 7 at the church, 45 Spruce St.

The Prayer Group of Emanuel Lutheran Church will meet Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church library.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, will have its regular meeting, including testimonies of healing, tonight at 8 at the church, 447 N. Main St.

Social Security

Q. My son and I were getting monthly Social Security survivor checks until he reached 18. My payments have now stopped, but I understand I can get widow's payments when I'm 60.

Q. My wife has a serious kidney problem and may need dialysis. The doctor also told her that she might be able to get Medicare to help pay for this treatment.

Q. My mother has lived in this country for many years but never became a citizen. For the past 28 years, she has worked in a job covered by Social Security.

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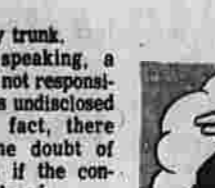
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In a court hearing, Harold demanded compensation when the lot took responsibility for his car. It also took responsibility for "normal" contents — such as golf clubs.



Harold's car, stolen from a parking lot, was quickly recovered only a block away. But his beloved golf clubs were missing from the trunk. Could he hold the parking lot liable for his loss?



But the court turned Harold down. Even though many motorists are golfers, said the court, a parking lot need not assume there is a set of clubs in every trunk.

In another case a man who left his car overnight in a parking garage reported the theft of \$25,000 in jewelry. Claiming damages from the garage, he pointed out in court that he had called the attendant's attention to the jewelry.

But the court denied his claim, saying it was unreasonable for him to think the night attendant at a garage would have the authority to take on such a major responsibility.

"The (company) is in the business of storing cars," said the court, "not jewelry."

In most cases, however, an attendant's promise to "keep an eye on" a car's contents is held legally binding on the company. One woman, leaving her car in a parking structure, asked the manager if the dresses she had in the back seat would be safe.

"Definitely," he replied. But the dresses did vanish and the woman did sue. At the trial the company protested that the manager had "exceeded his authority" under company rules. But the court said it must pay anyway. The court said the woman, knowing nothing of the company's internal arrangements, had every reason to rely on what the manager told her.

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# Research tells why we have to shake the ketchup bottle

LONDON (UPI)—Some scientists are concerned with such cosmic matters as the birth of the universe or the search for the ultimate particle of the atom. Some are concerned with more immediate problems such as getting the ketchup out of the bottle before the hamburger gets cold.

Dr. Magnus Pyke recognizes the importance of research into the largest and smallest entities within our comprehension. On the other hand, he also feels for the hungry citizen smacking the bottom of the ketchup bottle to urge out the reluctant contents only to find his burger drowned in a red tide.

"Generations of people have been puzzled, and many of the more timid-minded of them worried as well, at why it is that tomato ketchup does one of two things," alleges Pyke, a widely quoted food scientist.

"Either it won't come out of the bottle at all or it comes out in a large dollop. The answers to these questions are by no means trivial."

The key word in all this, he said, over a lunch at which he demonstrated the proper ketchup technique, is thixotropy, a word new to many laymen when he used it. In a recent book, *The Delights of Science* (Sterling), he describes a number of substances which cannot make up their minds whether they are liquids or solids and at various times fall from one category into the other.

"To start with what do we mean by a liquid?" he said. "The answer is that a liquid is any sort of stuff which flows when you pour it. On the other hand, take a bottle of ketchup from the shelf, unscrew the stopper, turn the bottle on its head—and it does not flow. Must we take it from this that it is not a liquid?"

"Now take up the bottle, replace the stopper and vigorously shake the bottle, but vigorously in the style of a barman shaking a cocktail, when the stopper is removed it will be found that the ketchup can readily be poured out of the bottle. At this stage, therefore, we must undoubtedly accept that the ketchup is a liquid.

## Science

### NASA sets launches for 1978

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Two spacecraft to explore Venus, 10 communications satellites and 13 other assorted spacecraft are on the federal space agency's launch schedule for 1978.

In addition, the space agency plans to carry out major ground tests for the space shuttle rocket planes in the new year and deliver the first spaceplane to the Kennedy Space Center next fall for preparations for its initial orbital flight in 1979.

Fifteen of the unmanned 1978 shots will be for paying customers who will be reimbursing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration anywhere from \$6 million to \$28 million each for the rocket and launch services.

The agency budgeted 16 unmanned launchings during the past year, including two spectacular back-to-back rocket explosions at Cape Canaveral, Fla., Sept. 13 and 29.

A \$16 million Delta carrying a European communications satellite was lost first when it blew up 54 seconds after lift-off. The satellite was destroyed two weeks later when its \$28 million Atlas-Centaur rocket exploded a minute after launch.

Backups for both those lost satellites are among the launchings on NASA's schedule for the new year.

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## Cheney Tech honor roll

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**Academic honors**  
Timothy Clark, David Jeffcoat, Brian LeBel, Richard Leclerc, Denis Nadeau.

**Shop honors**  
James Bodrean, Brent Lisk, John Morianos, Peter Nowak, Eric Orsinalinski, Ricky Ross, James Waltman.

**Seniors**  
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**Academic honors**  
Michael Cameron, Donald Coffin.

**Shop honors**  
Steve Chmelowski, Lue Rochon, Steven Seiders.

**Pinocle**  
Manchester  
Top scorers in the Manchester Senior Citizens Pinocle Group game Dec. 22 at the Army and Navy Club are Bob Hill, 63; Lillian Carlson, 68; Arvid Peterson, 59; Ed Scott, 58; George East and Jennie Fogarty, 57; Floyd Post, 57; Martin Bakstan, 57; Robert Schreiber, 57; Andy Lorenson and Sam Schors, 56; John Phelps, 55; and Ann Fisher, 54.

**VA news**

Q — Can I collect veterans educational assistance for completing work on my high school diploma?  
A — Yes, and as an added bonus, veterans and eligible spouses may receive the assistance for high school training without charge against regular GI Bill educational entitlement.

Q — How do I get a release of liability when someone assumes my GI home loan?  
A — Simply write VA giving your loan number and stating you are selling your property, or have sold it, and want to be released from liability of the loan. VA will send you a list of requirements. If these are fulfilled and your buyer meets VA's income and credit requirements, VA can release you from liability on the loan, even though your lender may not release you.

Q — Is a veteran who is totally blind due to a service-connected disability entitled to the automobile grant?  
A — Yes, a veteran whose blindness resulted from a service-connected disability is eligible for an automobile grant, provided the individual who will operate the vehicle is licensed by the state in which he or she lives.

## Bye-bye, blackbirds

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal and state officials have reached agreement on a plan to kill thousands of blackbirds beginning their annual descent on western Kentucky and Tennessee.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials say the roosts of about 80 million red-winged blackbirds, starlings, and other birds have begun to infringe on areas used for livestock, farming or housing.

In addition to crop losses, the birds are believed to present a health hazard because of a fungus, which thrives on their droppings, causing a disease called histoplasmosis.

"While their population has not grown since 1960, the birds are more concentrated, probably due to urbanization, loss of old habitat or climatic factors affecting their range," said the National Wildlife Federation.

Plans call for the spraying of the birds with a detergent called PA-14, which removes insulating oil from their feathers.

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**Vernon**  
 High & Middle schools  
 Tuesday: Tomato soup, hamburger on roll, french fries, onion sticks, spiced applesauce

**Secondary**  
 Tuesday: Ravioli, salad, peas, Italian bread and butter  
 Wednesday: Roast beef submarine with lettuce, tomato, orange juice, pickle chips, soup, potato chips  
 Thursday: Pizza day  
 Friday: Chef's day

**West Windsor**  
 Wednesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, soup  
 Thursday: Pizza day  
 Friday: Chef's day  
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**Westbrook**  
 Wednesday: Juice, grinders, potato sticks, fruited gelatin with topping  
 Friday: Taco-burgers, diced tomato and lettuce, corn, peaches with cherry  
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 Wednesday: Shells with meat sauce, spinach, bread and butter, pudding with fruit  
 Thursday: Juice, grinders, potato sticks, fruited gelatin with topping  
 Friday: Taco-burgers, tomato and lettuce salad, corn, peaches and cherry

## Head of biggest agency 'likes to run the place'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — HEW Secretary Joseph Califano says he was surprised during his first year in office that there was no Joe Califano down in the White House telling him how to run his department.

Back in the Johnson administration, when Califano was called "deputy president of the Great Society," the White House told the departments what to do, and the departments did it.

"Are you getting less interference — a reporter asks.

"Than I imposed?" Califano says, laughing, finishing the question. "Absolutely," he replies, delighted. "It's a different world I'm operating in this department. I think it's right for these times."

Califano reflected about the change during an interview on his first year as boss of the biggest civilian department — 140,000 employees, a budget of \$10 billion.

He wore a tan cable-knit sweater and sat in a padded rocking chair in the sparkling new, still half-occupied Hubert H. Humphrey HEW headquarters. He kept the thermometer at 65.

In his first year, he said, an aide like Califano had intimate knowledge — Johnson demanded it — of what every agency was doing.

"This president has kept meticulously on his promise of cabinet government," Califano said of Jimmy Carter, whom he referred to simply as "Carter."

"When you're sitting where I'm sitting, that's terrific. I like running this place."

During the Republican interlude, Califano became a powerful Washington lawyer. He earned \$50,000 in 1976.

He wrote a book, "A Presidential

Nation," arguing the way to deal with a top-powered presidency was to enhance the strengths of Congress, the courts, state and local government and the press.

"That's the way to pass, he says. The White House interferes less. Congress and its staff are smarter and play more of a partnership role in directing government. And the press is more skeptical.

He welcomes a tougher press, he says, it keeps the government on its toes.

In the Johnson years, he could recall only one instance "where someone said, 'Gee, I'd better not cut that corner because it wouldn't be proper."

"But I sat in hundreds of meetings where someone said, 'Gee, I'd better not cut that corner because the press might find out about it."

"I don't think there's anything atypical about that," Califano said. "I think that's the way human nature works."

He said he wishes the press would cover HEW more thoroughly.

Every morning he reads "The Green Sheet," a compilation of news clippings dealing with matters of concern to HEW — and every time, he says, he finds things about the department he should know.

Califano, 46, born in Brooklyn, is the grandson of an Italian immigrant fruit store operator. His father was a middle-level IBM executive and his mother a teacher.

Califano's job involves him in touchy issues ranging from right-to-life to right-to-kill.

In a recent speech, he said an HEW secretary always would look out his window and see somebody demonstrating about something.

"HEW is the only department of government in which both

motherhood and apple pie are controversial," he said.

His answer is to advocate community-by-community decisions on questions of values and morals.

"In a free, pluralistic society," he said, "there are some questions which have no single ready (national) answer."

During his first year at HEW, Califano said he lost 16 pounds, dropping from 196 to 178 pounds — not because of the pressures of six 12-hour days a week... but because of a cartoon.

Drawn by David Levine, the famous caricaturist, it showed up on page one of the Washington Post — a chubby, jovial Califano.

Then came a note from Post executive editor Benjamin Bradlee with the cartoon as Levine had originally drawn it, showing an even jowlier Califano. The Post, in mercy, had erased one level of fat.

"Don't say I never did anything for you," Bradlee wrote.

"That decided things. Califano went on a diet. Fruit for breakfast, chicken or a tuna salad for lunch (no bread), a normal dinner. He dropped from 196 pounds to 178.

That was typical. On Oct. 21, 1976, he quit smoking — he'd been a three-pack-a-day man — because his son, Joe III, said what he wanted most as a birthday gift was a non-smoking dad.

In his office, he keeps a framed document taking note of that achievement. It is not far from the Levine drawing of a once-jowly Joe Califano.

### Read Herald Ads

## Cleaned Monets now on exhibit

BOSTON (UPI) — That's not a new exhibit of Claude Monet's impressionist paintings at the Museum of Fine Arts. They're the same ones that have been on view before — but with a fresh look.

The exhibition, one of the largest collections outside the Louvre in Paris, is on display at the museum through Feb. 4.

The museum's collection — never before seen as a whole — has been restored to the original brilliant colors that the French master used in the late 1800s during the height of his career.

Elizabeth Jones, the museum's conservator of paintings in charge of the revival, said it is the first exclusive Monet exhibition there in 20 years.

"There has never been enough gallery space to show the museum's collection at one time, so 10 paintings were rotated at a time. Essentially, the museum owns 35 oils and 2 pastels by Monet that are now clean of discolored varnish," she said.

Ms. Jones said cleaning the Monet collection was a 1 1/2 year effort by her and a two-man staff.

"I cleaned the first Monet picture of the varnish and the pollution and grime that collects from the air, and the results

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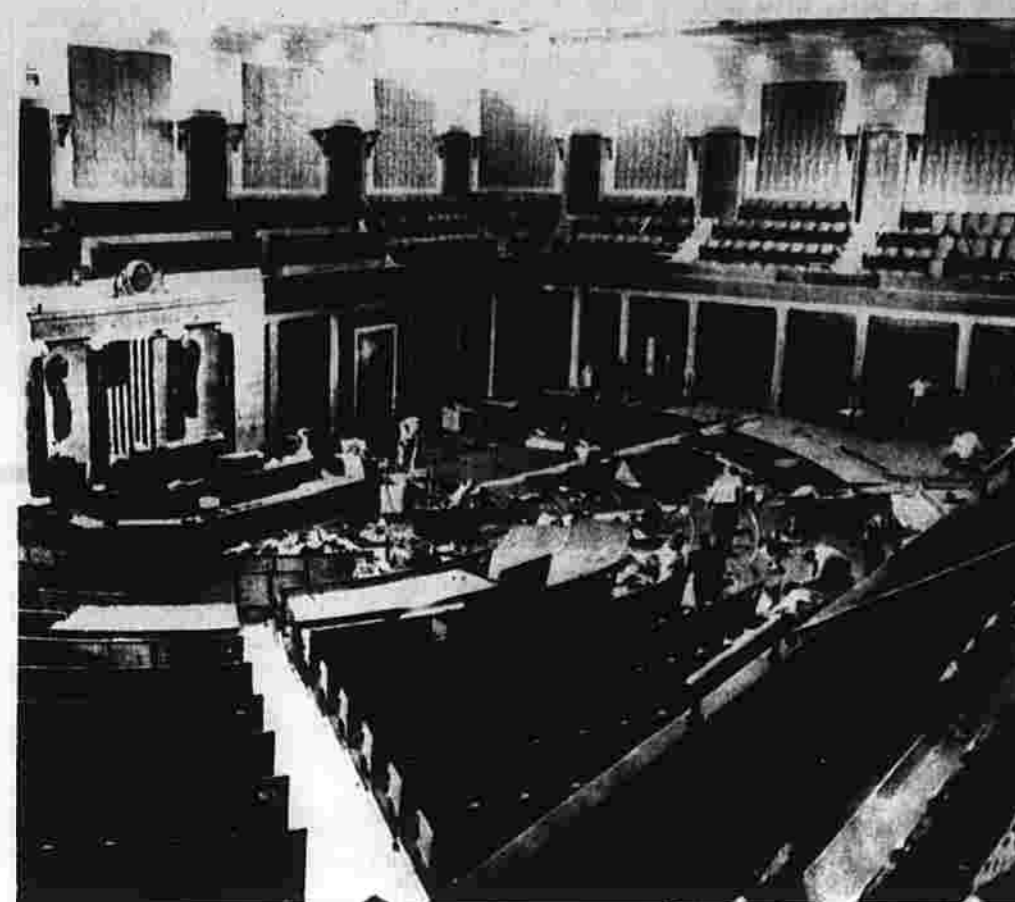
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Congressmen replaced

Workmen have replaced members of Congress on the floor of the House during the current recess for the most ambitious renovation of the spacious hall in more than a decade. New carpeting is being installed on the House floor at an estimated cost of \$69.135. (UPI photo)

Alcoholic relapses decline

NEW YORK (UPI) — When a Rand Corp. report last year suggested some recovered alcoholics could safely resume moderate drinking, critics charged it could give a fatal green light to heavy users. But a new study indicates alcoholics aren't so easily tempted back to the ways they tried to leave behind. Interviews with 244 alcoholics in treatment in the Boston area showed four had gone back to heavy drinking and only one relapse was attributed directly to the Rand report. But the researchers cautioned against generalizing from their results. The survey, funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, was conducted by scientists from the Boston University School of Medicine. It was published in the current Journal of Studies on Alcohol. The study was begun last January, six months after release of the Rand Corp. report, which said some alcoholics could eventually learn to handle small to moderate amounts of hard liquor, wine or beer. The report drew heated criticism from many involved in combating alcoholism. Dr. John Norris, Chairman of Board of Alcoholics Anonymous,

charged, "People are going to die as a result of this report." But Dr. Morris Chafetz, then director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, argued that the report might loosen some of the "rigid, stereotypic thinking about treating alcoholism." Of 244 patients interviewed in the Boston study by Drs. Ralph Higson, Norman Scotch and Eli Goldman, only four, who had been abstinent, said they had tried drinking again and suffered a relapse. The four patients said the Rand report was an influence.

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Look-up in the sky ...

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (UPI) — It's a bird, it's a plane it's — a state policeman. Rhode Island is buying its own Cessna airplane that will fly overhead spotting policemen in patrol cars who have radio contact with the plane, Walsh said. He predicted a definite increase in the number of speeders ticketed. The airborne policemen will have stopwatches and clock how long it takes for cars to move between marked points on state highways.

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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I hope you find the following worthy of your column: "As a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped." When that happens, do not attempt to install artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my "deathbed." Call it my "Bed of Life," and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives. YOU do? Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain. Give my blood to the teenager who has been pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play. Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week. Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk. Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window. Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow. If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all prejudice against my fellow man. Give my soul to God. If by chance you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

DEAR C.P.: Thanks for sharing. After this is published I hope the author will surface to claim his well-deserved credit. Meanwhile, it gives me another opportunity to repeat the address of the organ bank: The Living Bank, P.O. Box 6725, Houston, Texas 77065. Write to them and express your desire to will your organs after death. They will send you a card that should be carried at all times. I carry such a card and feel that there is nothing I could leave after my death that will be of greater value.

DEAR ABBY: My husband owns his own business and travels over a large territory, which means he must be away from home over the weekend quite often. He keeps asking me to meet him out of town for the weekend as he gets lonesome for me. Abby, we have three children, 8, 11 and 13, and although I can always get someone to take care of the children, I have mixed emotions about running off and leaving them just to keep my husband company. What would YOU do? TRAVELER'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: I would join my husband as often as common sense and practicality allowed. I would rather have someone taking care of my children than my husband.

Charles M. Schultz



DEAR ABBY: My new year's resolution is to remind myself every day what a sweet, loving, gentle, humorous man you are.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to know if it was so wintry last week.

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Win at Bridge

Some egomania never hurts

West opened the jack of spades. East played low and South took his queen. He needed to set up the spade suit so he led back a low spade at trick two. West won and had nothing better to do than to lead a third spade. New South could count to 11 sure tricks — four spades, three hearts, one diamond and three clubs. The 12th would come if club broke 3-3 or if a squeeze could develop. This time the squeeze worked. Not that it was a difficult one. South cashed three hearts and the ace of diamonds. Then he played his last two spades. The last spade squeezed poor West. He had to chuck a club in order to hang on to the king of diamonds. The queen of diamonds was thrown from dummy and the clubs were all good.

South admitted he was lucky, but also pointed out that if North played notrump a diamond lead would beat him.

South got away with the year's greatest example of egomania with today's hand. He elected to bid one no-trump with his partner's bid that included a five-card spade suit, because he wanted to play the hand if his side ended up notrump. That didn't matter. His partner raised to game he shot on to a slam based on his extra point and extra confidence in his own dummy play.

Ask the Jacobys
An old timer from Florida wants to know if Mrs. Betty Culbertson was a better player than Mrs. Hal Sims. Mrs. Sims was a good player, Mrs. Culbertson was one of the two best women players of the early days of contract.

Berry's World
The day you're lucky at things that have a slight element of chance. This doesn't mean that you should embrace far-out schemes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The day may start out slowly for you, but what begins as a fog may turn into a stream if you're patient and persevering. WINGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are realistic about your goals today. You stand good chance of reaching them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're very practical in your approach. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be neither obvious nor devious about your intentions today. The former will tip your hand to those who envy you; the latter would cause loss of respect.

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# Economy headed for another recession

## Business

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Carter administration believes the 1978 economy will be good, if business shows some confidence. Business says it has no reason for confidence in a soaring economy.

The truth seems to lie — along with the hopes of consumers and aspirations of jobseekers — somewhere between.

There is "ample reason for optimism," says Charles Schultz, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. Schultz quickly notes that 4 million people found jobs in 1977, inflation is stable and the economy is expanding.

But Albert Sommers, chief economist of the business-sponsored Conference Board, says financiers and industrialists have "grim" memories of the last recession. And a Gallup poll confirms the assessment, half suspect the next one is only 15 months away.

Confidence needed

Schultz and Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal worry that the gloom might become a self-fulfilling prophecy. The President's top economic advisers say the administration's biggest problem is selling confidence.

The economy expanded moderately (4.7 percent) in 1977 — although crankily with stalls in January, February and August. The consensus among economists is that the year-end government, business and

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Blumenthal says any price increase would be modest and there is even a good chance that OPEC will not raise prices at all. The treasury secretary bases his belief on OPEC statements that it wants hikes only in amounts sufficient to offset erosion of the dollar's buying power in the world market.

Loss by dollar

There have been many thrill headlines about the "plunge" or "decline" of the dollar, but they deal with its value against the currencies of Japan and Germany. According to the International Monetary Fund, the dollar lost less than 2 percent in value against all currencies in 1977.

IMF executive director Johannes Witteven considers the strength of the dollar to be the bellwether of the world economy because it was maintained in a climate of a staggering \$30 billion trade deficit.

The deficit, which represents more than \$100 billion worth of imported consumer and industrial goods, was accepted by the United States to help bring other countries from recession. As Japan and Germany move to surplus, the United States will have to stop its assistance in 1978, the dollar might well regain the lost 2 percent.

Energy policy

The trade deficit won't shrink in 1978 without an energy policy to slow

returns elsewhere.

The unemployment rate has hovered about 7 percent since April. There will be some improvement in the new year, but every forecast from the University of Michigan to the Business Council foresees that by next Christmas the rate will still be no less than 6.6 percent.

Term is "structural"

The new term for unemployment is "structural." That means it is now heavily concentrated among women, blacks and teen-agers — the newest entrants to the workforce.

Blumenthal says the administration's urban package and special incentives for business to hire and train workers will help to solve this problem. But it will not be a quick solution. Schultz says the White House sees unemployment of 5 percent as far ahead as 1981.

More important than government initiatives, however, is the investment that business makes, in new tools, machines and factories. Businessmen declare their confidence in the Democratic administration is shaky, but they are anxious to be wooed and won.

Talks to leaders

President Carter recently visited the Business Council, whose members represent the heads of the nation's biggest banks, factories and utilities. A photographer shot individual pictures of each executive grasping the president's hand in the receiving line.

"It is good for the president to meet and know these leaders," said American Telephone and Telegraph chairman John DeButts.

DeButts talks the business party line about confidence, but he announced that AT&T plans a record \$13.5 billion in capital spending in 1978. General Motors is also making a major commitment of \$3.5 billion, 50 percent more than its investment rate in 1976.

Predict increases

The corporate executives project profits will increase about the same as 1977, which was lower than 1976. But the quality of the 1977-78 earnings is much improved because of reduced inflation and new accounting procedures to factor out "paper" profits on inventories.

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# Mayor smiles as he reviews 1977

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East Hartford Reporter

East Hartford's Mayor Richard Blackstone went over the events of 1977 Wednesday afternoon.

The review brought him many smiles. "It's been a hard and busy year," he said.

"We've done a great deal — not all of which is completed — and we'll do a great deal more."

He ticked off the year's successes:

• The town's tax rate remained the lowest in the region. It is now 45.3 mills.

• The grand list of taxable properties continued rising and he expects the year to have added another \$10 million when all the figures are in.

• Tax revenues are coming in so far this year as hoped for, he said.

• The \$3.6 million in federal Public Works Act funds have greatly advanced the town's timetable on needed projects.

All over town the money is repairing roads, putting in storm drains, building a pool, and much more.

The mayor is hoping for more such money next year.

"I'm looking forward to President Carter's ultimate proposal on urban development. We have more projects we could spend it on."



Mayor Richard Blackstone

"The Public Works Act is a far superior type of program to the Community Development Act (CDA). When it's done, you've got something, a finished project."

• Unemployment in town has dropped a bit. He called the lack of jobs the town's major concern during his successful campaign for re-election this fall. The Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) allowed the town to hire 115 more workers this fall. They are doing several special projects including clearing out town streams, making a roadway to the town's 100 acres at Keeney Cove, and creating a home health/nurse's aide program.

The Public Works Act also is creating new jobs as the firms doing the projects will be hiring some local workers. Some of the firms are East Hartford-based.

• The fine performance of athletes in the town's high schools also pleased him. The whole town takes pride when a team does well, he said. Soccer is developing into a major sport in town, he said. Plans are to run a soccer program running from early in the spring through the summer and into late fall, he said.

• Voters gave the town government the power to join a regional solid waste disposal authority in the fall elections.

"We have to have it and the public recognized that. In the next two years we should see some pretty good results."

The town now burns its refuse in its own incinerator off Ecology Drive. The incinerator site may soon serve only as a way station for the refuse on its way to a regional plant. The landfill area may then be usable for town park land, especially along the Hockanum River.

• Keeney Cove by the Connecticut River may become a major park area for the town, he said. Land gifts to the town this year bring its acreage up to about 100 acres. CETA workers will work this winter and spring to clear a roadway to the land. It can then be used by townspeople for passive recreation, he said.

• The East Hartford Citizen Action Group (EHCAAG) was created this year.

"Citizen input is an important thing to have," he said praising the group.

But he cautioned, "I wouldn't want the public to believe they have to belong to an organization in order to be heard. Organizations often end up not speaking for the majority of their members. The citizens have to watch that."

The Call-A-Ride system, giving door-to-door rides to elderly and handicapped began last winter. The mayor called the service a big success.

**One whole community**

The mayor repeated his often spoken opinion that the federal CDA program offering block grants to the town of up to \$50,000 per year will split the town.

"Communities like East Hartford find it hard to take part (in the CDA). It takes a neighborhood point of view. We are not a town of neighborhoods. We don't have ethnic or racial segments. We are more homogeneous.

"The neighborhood approach is socially detrimental. You have to identify a neighborhood as low income and separate. This is hard to do in East Hartford."

Only the City of Hartford in this region can set off segments into separate neighborhoods as required by the CDA. The mayor said only the

city will be able to use the CDA funds to good benefit without hurting the city or the city leaders making lies in the applications.

**No end or beginning**

Mayor Blackstone said he had not even considered making a year-end statement this year.

"There is no end or beginning," he said.

So many programs begun during the year may not finish until the spring or even the fall. Others may never end.

"It's all circular, I believe."

The mayor won his fifth two-year term Nov. 5 in town elections as the leading vote-getter of the Democratic Party. He has been the leading elected official in East Hartford's strong mayor form of government since 1969.

## Trailways reduces fares

DALLAS (UPI) — Trailways Inc. has announced fare reductions in the Northeast Corridor from Boston to Washington, D.C., subject to approval by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The cuts are designed to compete with Amtrak which has taken a significant amount of traffic from the bus company," said J. Kevin Murphy, president of the Trailways.

The company said the fares, if approved, will be effective Jan. 9 through March 31 on several selected schedules.

The proposals include reducing the fare between New York and Boston from \$12 to \$9.70. Also proposed are reducing the fare between Boston and Washington from \$38.30 to \$17.95 and reducing the fare between New York and Washington from \$19.95 to \$9.95.



John J. Makowsky

## Vice president

John J. Makowsky of Vernon has been elected vice president of Alexander & Alexander Inc., worldwide insurance brokers, consultants and actuaries, with offices in Hartford.

Makowsky, who joined the firm in 1974, is presently an account executive. Before coming to A&A he was with J. Watson Beach Agency.

A graduate of Bates College, Makowsky is a member of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Linda, have three children.



Joseph A. O'Brien

## New law associate

Attorney Joseph A. O'Brien of Farmington has been associated with the law firm of Beck & Pagano, 791 Main St., Route 44, Ashford.

O'Brien is a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., and received his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is a member of the Hartford County Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.



Vincent Striano

## Joins realty firm

Vincent Striano recently became associated with the Real Estate firm of Frechette, Martin and Rothman, Inc., Realtors at 263 Main St.

Striano has owned and managed a number of restaurants in the greater Hartford area.

Striano will concentrate on residential sales in the Greater Hartford area.

He lives in Vernon with his wife, Vivian, and son, Thomas, at 39 Pearl Drive.



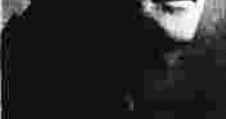
Joseph A. O'Brien

## Record fund sales

Sales of mutual funds are running at near-record levels, according to a report from Investment Company Institute of Washington, D.C. For the full year they will total around \$6.4 billion, about 50 percent higher than in 1976.

Sales for the year have exceeded redemptions for the first time since 1971. The peak of mutual fund sales was in 1968 when they totaled \$6.82 billion.

The substantial recovery in sales in 1977 reflects the widening choice of mutual funds open to investors, according to the institute.



Carol Eschmann

## Five years as clerk

Carol Eschmann of Manchester has received an award from Weight Watchers in appreciation of her five years of service as a clerk in area Weight Watchers classes.

Mrs. Eschmann was honored at a recent luncheon. Lenore Lippert, area director, said at the luncheon that the organization this year has set records both in weight losses achieved by members and in the number of people who earned lifetime memberships.

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## Court upholds PZC vote for restaurant near inn

There may soon be a Coco's Plankhouse Restaurant across Roberts Street from the Holiday Inn. Hartford Common Pleas Court Judge Barry R. Schaller released his decision Wednesday upholding an East Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) decision in 1976 allowing the restaurant.

The owners of the Holiday Inn, Poly Choke Company Inc. and the Hartford Motor Inns Inc., had protested the PZC approval of the restaurant. They argued in court the restaurant would cause traffic congestion and lower the property value of the inn.

Judge Schaller said the PZC's decision "was reasonably supported by the record."

He said evidence in the record showed traffic would not be too much. Also, the restaurant planners had met all town zoning requirements including those for the sale of liquor, he said.

Coco's would be one of about 100 restaurants of the Far West Services Inc. of Irvine, Calif. chain. It would have 13,000 square feet of floor space with a rustic veneer, fireplaces, five serving areas and a lounge. It would seat 347 people.

William Roberto, assistant corporation counsel for the town, said the town has lost many of its zoning cases brought to court this year. He was pleased to win this one. He noted the courts have most often supported the developers in each PZC case as they did here. But this time the PZC was on the same side of the case as the developers, he said.

Attorneys for the Holiday Inn could not be reached for comment about an appeal of Judge Schaller's decision.

## East Hartford police report

Several people began to notice their wallets were missing while they shopped at the Top Notch supermarket on Silver Lane Wednesday afternoon. The manager called police at 5:30 p.m. to say two customers were arguing about wallets, police said.

When police arrived, one of the customers had left the scene. But a man and a woman both complained their wallets were gone.

Police searched the area and arrested Thomas M. Shea, 19, of Springfield, Mass. walking on a road nearby. Soon after, they arrested Lawrence M. Murphey, 33, of Agawam, Mass. where he was parked in a car in the Charter Oak Mall.

Police charged Shea with conspiracy to commit larceny and Murphey with second-degree larceny.

Both were held overnight on \$1,000 surety bonds for appearance in Common Pleas Court 12 in East Hartford today.

Someone broke into the Quality Electric Co. at 96 Connecticut Blvd. sometime between Monday evening and Wednesday morning through a basement hatchway. Missing are 20 cartons of copper wire valued at \$400.

## East Hartford public records

**Warranty deeds**

Samuel D. Johnson et al to Elfreda F. Bell et al, property on Tolland Street, conveyance tax \$31.90.

Richard D. Ranney to John Ranney, property on Main Street, conveyance tax \$27.50.

John Ernest Kearns et al to Samuel D. Johnson et al, property on Wood Drive, conveyance tax \$44.55.

Elizabeth R. Kerr to Michael J. Carifiro et al, property on Mercer Avenue, conveyance tax \$40.70.

James R. Kinel et al to Steven D. Barnes et al, Lot 42 on Timothy Road, conveyance tax \$29.70.

Mary Rosio et al to James R. Kinel et al, property on Moore Avenue, conveyance tax \$41.80.

Lafayette Investment Company to Madalyne Tedone, property on Westery Terrace, conveyance tax \$34.10.

**Executor's deed**

George E. Wood (estate) to Raymond J. Noble et al, property on Milwood Road, conveyance tax \$56.10.

## Fire calls

Wednesday, 1:14 p.m. — Medical call to Casabella Circle.

Wednesday, 3:18 p.m. — Barn fire at 752 Silver Lane. The fire destroyed the barn. It was the second barn fire off Silver Lane this year. Another barn at the rear of Morris Court off Roberts Street burned down Friday night. That barn is less than a mile from the Silver Lane barn. Engines 1, 3, and 4 responded Wednesday along with Ladder 2.

Wednesday, 6:12 p.m. — Medical call to 360 Park Ave.

Wednesday, 6:56 p.m. — Investigation at 239 Main St.

Wednesday, 7:08 p.m. — Medical call to 65 Forbes St.

Wednesday, 7:11 p.m. — False alarm to Pitkin School.

Wednesday, 7:18 p.m. — Assist ill person at Dalgay Court.

Wednesday, 8:26 p.m. — False alarm to East Hartford High School.

Wednesday, 12:31 a.m. — Medical call to Village St.

Today, 8:32 a.m. — Medical call to Penney Drive.

Today, 10:40 a.m. — Medical call to 58 Plain Drive.



Roxanne Heineman

## Enfield beats EHHS women

The East Hartford High School girls basketball team lost to Enfield Wednesday 63-45.

Cindy Turcotte of Enfield topped all scorers with 25 points.

Sylvia Pennock led the Hornets with 16 followed by Sharon Rival with 10 and Amy Ranney with 9.

Roxanne Heineman played the best defense for the Hornets and made 11 rebounds. She also scored 8 points.

The 4-2 Hornets next play Conrad at Conrad on Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. Their next game after that is against Windham at home Jan. 10.

## YMCA programs

To join the YMCA pre-school movement program which begins Tuesday, Jan. 10, call the office at 289-4377. Children aged 3 to 5 are eligible.

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