

Grasso backs completion of Interstate 84

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gov. Ella T. Grasso today said Interstate 84 should be completed from Hartford to the Rhode Island border to open up the last rural area in Connecticut to economic growth.

Mrs. Grasso, the third governor to face the issue of whether to approve the proposed highway through eastern Connecticut, which abounds with farmland and wooded areas, said the Connecticut Department of

Environmental Protection has approved the roadway.

She said the department determined the proposed highway meets the criteria for state standards.

"I am therefore announcing my support for the completion of Interstate 84 from Hartford to Providence," she said at a news conference today in Willimantic.

The statement will be sent to Washington for federal approval. The state is relying on federal funds to

begin the design phase of the multi-lane superhighway.

She said because Rhode Island is not ready to endorse construction of its section, the Connecticut Transportation Department will push for the road to be connected to Route 52 which shoots northward from Interstate 95 in Waterford, headed towards Boston.

Mrs. Grasso said there is no public transportation available now in eastern Connecticut and it does not

appear there will be any in the foreseeable future.

"It is an area that has suffered all too long from high unemployment and low per capita income," she said.

Rep. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said at the news conference he is not sure the highway will necessarily create jobs, but "if we don't have this highway we won't have economic growth."

Rhode Island Gov. J. Joseph

Garrahy has made no public statement on his state's official position concerning the completion of Interstate 84 from the Rhode Island-Connecticut border to Providence.

A Federal Highway Administration spokesman said even if Rhode Island does not approve building another highway to Providence, the federal government still might fund construction of Interstate 84 from Hartford to Route 52.

The only environmental impact statement that has not been completed for Interstate 84 within Connecticut is for the East Hartford-Manchester interchange, the spokesman said.

Labor and business leaders have been outspoken in their support for the building of the road. They say it would attract industry and result in new jobs.

Outside today

Fair tonight with lows in the teens. Becoming mostly cloudy Friday; highs around 30. Outlook: chance of snow and rain Saturday, ending Sunday. Fair Monday. National weather map on page 15.

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Summary

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Business executive G. William Miller was named by President Carter Wednesday to replace Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and is portrayed by his colleagues as a savvy bank director and "pragmatic and balanced businessman."

Miller won immediate acceptance from Burns' critics and allies alike, but the impact of the change on the nation's economic policy will take considerably longer to assess. The nomination must be confirmed by the Senate.

GOLDONNA, La. (UPI) — A log truck and a chemical-laden freight train collided in the center of Goldonna Wednesday killing the train's engineer and brakeman and injuring eight persons in the ensuing explosion and fire, which burned more than 10 hours destroying eight houses and one store in the hamlet.

SEOUL, South Korea (UPI) — A Foreign Ministry source said "a joint announcement ... will definitely be made tomorrow (Friday)" in both Seoul and Washington, of a final agreement reached by the United States and Korea for alleged influence peddler Tongsun Park to return to Washington to testify before a federal grand jury.

The highlight of the agreement, the source said, will be a provision granting immunity to Park, a former Washington-based, rice buyer for Seoul firms, who has been indicted on multiple charges of paying bribes and giving gifts to U.S. congressmen in a bid to influence their votes on issues affecting Korea.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — With striking coal miners becoming eligible for food stamps next month, negotiators for miners and the soft coal industry are tight-lipped about their talks.

Striking union members received their last paychecks Dec. 23 and will become eligible for food stamps Jan. 8.

Negotiators for the industry and 130,000 striking miners met again Wednesday — with federal mediators apparently not taking part — and had little to say afterward.

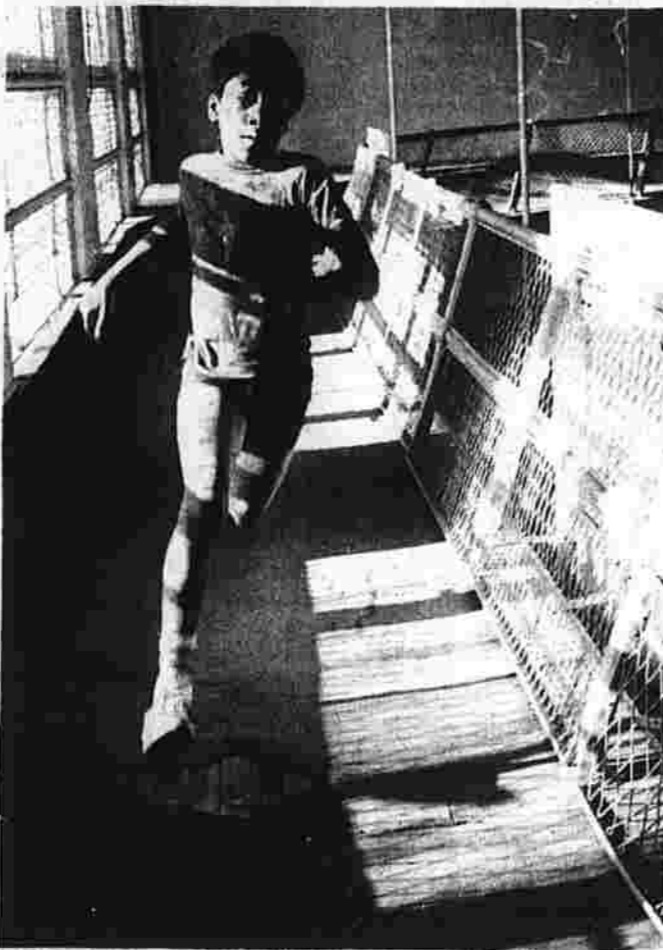
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Measures tightening federal water pollution standards and directing the White House budget office to provide the public information on federal assistance programs have been signed by President Carter.

The Clean Water Act of 1977 amending similar legislation enacted five years ago was needed to "make the necessary mid-course corrections in our national water pollution control program," Carter said.

The bill "will help states and communities plan and implement effectively programs to clean up backlogs of municipal pollution," Carter said.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In a television interview Wednesday night, President Carter said his biggest mistake so far in office has been raising hopes beyond what he was able to do and as a result "dashed some hopes. I underestimated the difficulty and time required for Congress to take action on controversial measures."

Carter, on the eve of a nine-day foreign trip, predicted a strategic arms limitation pact would be reached with Russia in 1978, said he would consider U.S. guarantees in the Mideast if it was needed to prevent talks from breaking down, finds unemployment and inflation to be stubborn, difficult problems and conceded he "obviously" no longer can guarantee a balanced federal budget by 1981.



'Super Star' at Rec

Clarence Zachary hurdles a badly worn spot in the track at the East Side Rec as he runs two laps during the "Super Star" competition held Wednesday for Manchester youths. In the 9 and 10-year-old group, Zachary finished the laps in 19.8 seconds. The event was co-sponsored by the Manchester Recreation Department and Burger King. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Egypt gets support on Israeli pullout

By United Press International

Jordan joined Egypt today in rejecting Israel's proposals for the occupied West Bank of the Jordan river. The Soviet Union denounced the Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations as heightening tension in the Middle East.

The Jordanian rejection was announced as Sadat said Egypt definitely cannot accept Israel's insistence on keeping troops in the occupied West Bank. President Carter in a television interview Wednesday night sided with Israel. He said he opposes creation of a "radical" Palestinian nation in the heart of the Middle East.

In Israel, a powerful bomb apparently set by Palestinian guerrillas exploded near an open-air market in the Mediterranean coastal town of Netanya, killing two persons and wounding five others, one of them critically.

It was the fifth such blast in Israel since Egyptian President Anwar Sadat made his historic visit to Israel last month.

Jordan's cabinet met for several hours late Wednesday to review the proposals announced Wednesday in the Israeli parliament by Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The Begin plan offers autonomy to the West Bank and the Gaza strip, but stresses that "public order will be the responsibility of the Israeli authorities."

Begin said an Israeli military presence on the West Bank and the

Gaza strip were "an unnegotiable part of Israel's peace plan."

The Jordanian cabinet, summing up its deliberations, announced today, "There is nothing in the plan which differs from the Israeli position of the last 10 years."

"Jordan rejects, and will not cooperate with Israel in any peace offer under which we are called upon to hand over Arab land to them," a cabinet statement said.

In Moscow the Soviet Union said the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations were dividing the Arab world and were tightening the knot of Middle East tension. Two official Soviet newspapers, Pravda and Izvestia, said the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations served only to give Israel an upper hand and delay a settlement.

"Cairo hoped much for Israeli concessions which would show that direct separate talks of Israel with each of the countries it had attacked could lead to positive results," Pravda said in an editorial.

"The results proved to be negative," Pravda said. "Opening talks with Israel without consultations with the allies, without support of the Arab countries, Egypt had weakened its position at the talks..."

Begin met today with representatives of Jewish settlements on the Gulf of Aqaba coast of the Sinai and told them Israel would protect them with a defense force and maintain its

economic support.

Sadat and Begin reached an apparent impasse Wednesday in their public statements over the Palestinian issue, only days after their historic summit in Ismailia.

Begin, who won his parliament's overwhelming backing for his peace proposals, said there was "no chance" Israel would withdraw from the West Bank or the Gaza Strip.

Sadat urged Israel to "reevaluate" its position if it wants peace and today hardened his stand still further.

In remarks published in the official Cairo newspaper Al Ahran, Sadat said he would "definitely not accept" provisions in the Begin plan for continued Israeli military presence on the West Bank, or for limiting Egyptian troop positions in the Sinai after an Israeli withdrawal from the area.

U.S. Ambassador Hermann F. Eilts later met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kamel to present "the official text of the Israeli (peace) plan after (Israeli) parliamentary approval Wednesday," a ministry source said.

Carter, leaving today on an 18,000-mile, nine-day world trip, said in a national television interview Wednesday that Begin had taken "a long step forward" in agreeing to give the Palestinians self-rule while retaining Israeli military control.

"President Sadat, so far, is in-

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Board, teachers name arbitration unit

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

The three-member arbitration panel for negotiations between the Manchester school administration and the teachers union has been named, and an arbitration session has been scheduled for Jan. 17.

The third, neutral member of the panel is Peter Blum, an attorney who also served as the neutral arbitrator in the case of Joan Hoverman, a tenured teacher who was fired by the

Manchester Board of Education. The administration has selected Russell Post, an attorney and state representative, as its member of the arbitration panel. The Manchester Education Association, which represents the teachers, has selected attorney James Sandler as its representative on the panel.

Post and Sandler then attempted to agree on the neutral arbitrator. When agreement could not be reached, the state appointed Blum to serve as the third person on the

three-member panel. Blum also is an attorney who has served as an arbitrator for the state Labor Board, Wilson Deakin, assistant superintendent of schools, said. He also served as the third, neutral panel member in the arbitration hearing for Mrs. Hoverman, Deakin said. The panel voted 2-1 that the Board of Education had proper reason to fire her. Blum voted in support of the board's decision in that case. Deakin said that the administra-

tion and the teachers union are down to three major issues that will be discussed before the arbitration panel. These issues are salary, classroom size and a retirement incentive program.

Originally, the two sides had differed on a dozen items, but the dispute has been narrowed to the three issues. The salary matter includes two separate issues — annual pay and pay for adult education classes.

The three-member arbitration panel will listen to presentations from

both parties and will propose a contract agreement. The panel's proposal is not binding, however.

Deakin said that he felt the presentations by both sides can be completed at the Jan. 17 session, even though it will not start until 3:30 p.m.

If the two sides cannot agree to a contract after the arbitration panel's proposal, they start the negotiating process from the beginning.

"If arbitration doesn't work, we go back to ground zero, which would be terrible," Deakin said.

Many families face empty oil tanks

By ALICE EVANS
Herald Reporter

With winter just starting, many Manchester families are facing empty oil tanks with little money to pay for fuel and few places to go for assistance.

Most of the people in trouble this winter are those who still owe for last winter's fuel. These are the people who didn't know that there was a special federally-funded Connecticut Emergency Energy Program during the summer to help pay last winter's fuel bills. Some who knew about the

program didn't fully understand the procedure in applying for the emergency fuel assistance funds, according to Joanne Mikoleit, human needs coordinator for Project Service of the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC).

Diane Wicks, outreach worker for the elderly in Manchester's Department of Human Services, said that she also didn't understand the emergency program.

One woman who owed a \$700 fuel bill didn't know of the fuel assistance program until after the funds were

depleted. Mrs. Nancy Carr, executive director of MACC, said,

"Some people are either buying half of their allotted food stamps or none to help keep up with their utility bills, Ms. Mikoleit said.

Federal funds are not yet available and last winter's Emergency Fuel Bank has run dry. The state and town Departments of Social Services will help those who qualify for assistance, but there is little help available for those who don't, Ms. Mikoleit said.

The Project Service office received a call from two working

girls Wednesday. Both were home ill and their oil tank was empty. They told Ms. Mikoleit that they would have money Friday to pay for oil, but couldn't get the oil company to leave oil without money for the bill, she said.

People who move into homes with gas heat also have problems. They have to pay a month's rent, plus another for security, and then they have to give a \$100 deposit to the Connecticut Natural Gas Co. to have the gas turned on. Some just don't have that kind of money, Ms. Mikoleit said.

Those who are being the hardest hit are families where the father earns about \$125 a week to provide for a family of four. Some of these may qualify for state assistance, Mary DellaFera, director of the town Social Services Department said, and some may not because the rules are so stringent.

The MACC Project Service office has received about 20 calls for assistance and the town Social Services Department, about 10.

If the intense cold of this week continues, both may be bombarded with requests.

Town buses not coming until June

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

In June 1977, the Manchester Board of Directors voted to buy two buses to transport the town's elderly and handicapped residents. It appears now that the buses will not arrive by June 1978.

The exact arrival time is not clear, but town officials do not expect the buses during this fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1978.

The Board of Directors has an item on its January agenda to consider establishing a temporary transportation system until the two buses arrive.

The buses would be smaller

models, similar to vans, that would have side-door lifts for the handicapped. When the directors approved the purchase last June, the buses were expected to arrive about Jan. 1.

The directors set aside \$10,000 in a contingency fund in this year's budget to pay part of the cost for the buses. Most of the cost, however, is expected to be paid by a grant from the Urban Mass Transit Act.

That grant is still in the process of being approved and finalized.

Both Alan Mason, director of human services, and Robert Weiss, town manager, say that chances are slim the buses will arrive during this fiscal year. Neither had an estimate

on when the vehicles will arrive and both sounded a bit disturbed with the procedures and delays that have taken place.

"We just don't seem to get any definite information. It's being pushed back month by month," Weiss said.

Mason said of the delay, "Basically, it's the inability of a federal bureaucracy to do its job on time. It's probably because of a lack of staff."

Mason said that the town has spent \$15,000 in the past to operate a large bus and a mini-bus used by the Senior Citizens Center. Thus, the town will receive a \$15,000 matching grant from the federal government.

When the new buses arrive, they could provide \$15,000, knowing that it will be reimbursed by the federal government. The board also could use the \$10,000 set aside for bus purchases to operate the temporary system. This would make the town eligible for another \$10,000 in federal funds because of the federal policy of providing matching grants on such expenditures.

Both steps, however, might create budget problems in this year's already tight budget picture.

The directors will study the matter and decide which, if any, funds it would release to operate a temporary system.

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Opinion

Losing economic friends

So what are we going to do about the dollar?
The answer appears to be nothing — at least directly.
The decline in the value of the dollar in relation to other major currencies may have the exchange markets in a turmoil and the governments of our major economic associates in a fret, but Washington could not appear to be less worried.
It may be, as one concerned European finance minister observed, that as long as the United States is able to maintain reasonable price stability at home it is indifferent to the fluctuations of the dollar abroad and to the effect on other economies.
Or it may be that the United States is very much aware of such effects, but is looking to those other economies to solve the problem for it.
The Carter administration appears to view the dollar decline, and the massive balance of payments deficit which is its immediate cause, as essentially a reflection of the U.S. economy's high growth rate. This it sees as a healthy situation, not only for the United States but abroad since it stimulates economic activity throughout the free world. Consequently, Washington is leaning on the governments of the next two strongest economies, Japan and West Germany, to help speed things along by following its own expansionary example, with one explanatory exception: by those two economies of more American products and a consequent improvement in the U.S. payments position.
The Germans and Japanese, however, don't see the situation in quite the same easy case, easy go terms.
The Japanese are acutely aware of the economic vulnerability of their overpopulated, under-resourced islands. They fear that what for the United States is a mild case of self-induced inflation could threaten economic suicide for them.
And while the numbers of those who actually experience Germany's post-World War I mega-inflation are now few, the horror of that collapse is embedded in the national psyche. Deliberate encouragement of even a modest degree

of inflation runs very much against the German grain.
Even so, the American line might stand a better chance of being bought in Bonn and Tokyo if the American example were more tidy. But as long as the United States continues to permit energy consumption to amount to an economic hemorrhage, so long as it delays adopting an energy policy lessening dependence on Mideast oil, the greatest contributor to the payments deficit, its behavior viewed from abroad looks more like self-indulgence than rational policy.
The dollar drop has had little effect on the average U.S. citizen so far, beyond increases in the prices of foreign goods — Volkswagen products have just been raised for the fourth time this year.
But that immunity could pass. The Bank of England has warned that continuing exchange rate depression can eventually have a depressing effect on living standards and inflate domestic prices. And the British should certainly know from where they speak, given the pound's disastrous history in recent years.
Tokyo is taking some steps to accommodate Washington, increasing its planned economic growth rate for next year and cautiously opening the home market to more foreign goods.
Meanwhile, both the Japanese and European central banks continue to sop up billions of excess dollars — \$5 billion in West Germany alone since October — to prevent too rapid an escalation in the value of their own currencies and a consequent price squeeze for their products in foreign trade.
The United States, with an economy that even ailing is still far ahead of even the strongest runnerup, could very well have its way simply by letting the present situation run its course. The cost of supporting the dollar unassisted and the threat to their own trade are very likely to dent European and Japanese resistance before Americans at home feel much pain.
That is certainly one way of influencing economies. But it's not a very good way of winning economic friends.



Social Security ripoff

By ANDREW TULLY
WASHINGTON — There they were, in a front-page picture in The New York Times, grinning like a pack of hyenas.
President Carter was there, surrounded by Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., Sens. Russell Long, D-La., and Jimmy Guy Tucker, D-Ark., and Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore. You'd think they'd just been elected for life.
They hadn't, but Carter had just signed the new Social Security bill which will rip off the citizenry for a whopping \$227 billion in payroll taxes over the next 10 years. It seemed a curious occasion for joy to be unfurled.
But from that crowd's point of view, it wasn't. Members of Congress had managed to pass the bill before going home for Christmas, while most of them wouldn't have to do so in an election year. Congress likes to give the people as much time as possible to forget its dirty deeds.
Sure, something had to be done to save Social Security from bankruptcy. But severing the public's right arm should be a solemn occasion. Carter et al should have worn arm bands of mourning, and perhaps jackets of sack cloth. They should have looked just a little sorry. The bill should have been edged in black.
Bah! I mind very much being mugged, and the last straw was that picture presenting a gaggle of our ruling lords as triumphant heroes. The creep who snail your purse at least has the grace to don a grim face.
But the worst news is that our rulers have accepted eternal inflation. From Carter down, they have

sought to placate the voters by saying the bite won't hurt that much because in five years or so the working stiff now earning \$15,000 a year will be earning \$30,000 — because of inflation.
So much for Carter's promise, and those of Congressional campaigners in 1976, to make possible the purchase of a loaf of bread without first robbing a bank. They have now informed us that today's high cost of living is as nothing compared to what it will be in the years to come.
By comparison, Marie Antoinette was a piker. She suggested the French switch to cake. Carter and friends threw us a few stale crumbs. It was fitting, in a ghastly way, that a day later the Department of Labor announced that consumer prices rose 0.5 percent in November — the biggest one month rise since June, and up from the 0.3 percent rate of August, September and October. Line up and march toward the day when walking around money will be trundled downtown in a wheel barrow.
There wasn't the skinniest silver lining in labor's report. While prices rose the purchasing power of an average hour's work decreased 0.2 percent last month. Show that to the lady at the supermarket checkout counter.

What remains to be said? Only the obvious: The people had been abandoned by their elected representatives to whom wage and price controls — which kept inflation down to 0.8 percent under Harry Truman during the Korean War — are a big no-no. Some President! Some Congress!
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Thought

We know the need
We speak not of ism, or of
scism, nor
Of changeless creed
Nor flawless creed
We know the need —
We know what this age fainteth
for.
The Christ of God,
Who lowly trod,
Who lived and died and rose
again
And over lives and prays for
men
Break down the centuries, ye

Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Thursday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 1977 with two to follow.
The moon is between its full phase and last quarter.
The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Saturn and Mars.
The evening star is Jupiter.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Capricorn.
Andrew Johnson, 15th president of the United States, was born Dec. 29, 1806. This is actress Mary Tyler Moore's 40th birthday.
On this day in history:
In 1848, gas lights were installed at the White House for the first time.
In 1851, the first Young Men's Christian Association chapter opened in Boston.
In 1977, an L-1011 jumbo jetliner crashed near Miami Fla., killing 90 persons. Seventy-seven others survived.

Yesterdays

25 years ago
Insurance investigators join in the search for the burglar at Manchester Knitting Mills.
10 years ago
Stockholders of Colonial Board Co. vote overwhelmingly for a previously announced plan of merger with the Rogers Fibre Co. of Bar Mills and Poland, Maine.

Strike splits farmers

By LISA SHEPARD
WASHINGTON — Organizers of the hoped-for national farmers strike were predicting higher food prices and a shortage of products on grocery shelves by mid-January as protesting farmers poured into President Carter's hometown of Plains, Ga. at Christmas. Other knowledgeable farm experts were not so sure, however.
"We'll do anything that avoids putting farm products on the market at this time," said Bud Bitner, a spokesman for the American Agriculture Strike Movement, headquartered in Springfield, Colo.
"Eventually, we hope to end up with a food shortage. When there is a shortage, then the consumer will be willing to pay more for food."
Bitner, in a telephone interview with Scripps League Newspapers, estimated that one million farmers support the strike protesting low agricultural prices and calling for 100 percent parity. He added that about 30 percent of those one million are actively demonstrating for their demands.
Parity is a ratio that compares prices farmers receive for their commodities with the prices they must pay for production and living expenses. It is pegged by law to the years 1910-1914 and today stands roughly at 64 percent rather than the 100 percent farmers want.
"Our basic strategy is to not buy any nonessential goods," explained Bitner, "particularly farm-related items. We will not sell any agricultural products that can be held, like grain, but we will sell perishables such as cattle that must be sold."
Other tactics being used by protesting farmers range from the parading of farm machinery in Plains and other communities, closing of grain elevators, the shutting of port facilities along Idaho rivers to prevent the shipment of grain, and a bakery shutdown in Sikeston, Mo.

"We are not asking for government payments to agriculture," said Bitner. "We don't want price supports, loan programs, target prices or taxpayer subsidies. We are asking to control our marketing of products to meet the demand at a price level equal to 100 percent parity. But we have to have congressional action authorizing us to do this."
Another spokesman for American Agriculture, Shalah Perkins, added, "Subsidies are definitely not the answer. A fair price is the answer. We would like to have written into a law something like the minimum wage law — that no one can pay under 100 percent parity for farm produce."
Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland is sympathetic to the farmers' demands but reportedly is skeptical of the methods being used to get them.
There have been other efforts in the past to withhold agricultural products from the market in hopes of raising prices. "None has succeeded...except for very short periods or for limited commodities," says a report recently issued by the Department of Agriculture.
In May 1932, in the midst of the depression, the Farmers' Holiday Association was formed and sponsored several strikes throughout the country. Some of them, including a Wisconsin milk strike, turned violent.
"The farm strikes themselves did not raise the overall level of commodity prices," says the USDA report. "However, even their critics concede that they dramatized for the nation the serious plight of agriculture and brought about more immediate and vigorous action on the part of state and federal governments to ease the crisis."

American Agriculture's Bitner insists that "we've never had any strike action in the past that compared to this one." In 1932, he added, "farmers read one weekly paper. Today we can call 50 states from our office and each state office in turn can call 50 more people. This kind of communication couldn't be done in the best strike." Bitner said the strike isn't supported by national farm organizations because of the 1921 Capper-Volstead Act which allows farmers to form co-ops, but precludes them from joining together to fix prices.
National figures from President Carter down have cautioned farmers not to anger consumers with their strike tactics. And many agricultural groups appear to echo this view by a spokesman for the American Council of Agriculture: "Our whole focus is to work positively with the consumer. We are not in favor of threatening him. There is a question whether a strike is the best way to go about getting higher farm prices."

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The average American worker will only pay an additional \$2.50 a week in 1987 under new Social Security tax law enacted to rescue the financially ailing system relied upon by 33 million citizens a year.
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Bentley project is let out to bid

The long-awaited and much revised Bentley School renovations project was let out to bid Wednesday.
The Manchester Board of Education received official notification from the state Department of Education that the final plans and specifications for the project were approved, School Superintendent James P. Kennedy said Wednesday. The board was also expecting the letter of notification regarding the state grant for the project.
The project has been pared down from the original \$747,000 referendum in 1975 to the present estimate of \$507,000. A cafeteria addition and other extensive renovations to the old school on Hollister Street were eliminated after a report was released verifying continued declining enrollments in the town's public schools.
Richard Mankey, architect for the project, said the bids must be returned by Jan. 16 at 3:30 p.m. when they will be opened in the Municipal Building hearing room.

The bid documents are available to contractors at Mankey Associates, 789 Main St., and are also on file for review at the office of the Director of General Services in the Municipal Building, and at P.W. Dodge, 1 Professional Park, Farmington.
The school board and administration had set next fall for completion of the project, but Kennedy said Wednesday it will be a tight schedule. The bidding process is about a week behind the most recent revised schedule since the plans were approved by the school board in November.

To simplify the language

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About town

Al-Noran family groups will meet tonight at 8 at the Pathfinders Club, 102 Norman St., and Friday at 10 a.m. at the South United Methodist Church campus. The

beginners group will meet tonight at 7:30 and Alaten for the 12- to 20-year-old children of problem drinkers, at 8, at the Pathfinders Club. The family groups are

open to those affected by someone with a drinking problem.

Jehovah's Witnesses will have a theoretical school and service meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Whittier Memorial Library auditorium, 100 N. Main St.

The administrative board of North

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Mergers are back in style

NEW YORK (UPI) — The effort of Carter Hawley Hale stores to take over Chicago's prestigious Marshall Field department store underlines a big revival in mergers and takeovers attempts this year.

The merger had been dull for five years. Falling stock prices made deals for stock difficult and inflation took the flavor out of cash mergers.

More importantly, many conglomerates found the companies they had acquired so lightly in the 1960s were no longer making money and had become a drain on earnings.

So there were many spinoffs. Often the businesses were sold back to their original owners for considerably less in real terms than the conglomerates had paid for them.

Tougher readings of the antitrust laws by government agencies and the courts also put a big damper on acquisitions.

But midway into this year the tide turned, according to W.T. Grimm & Co., a Chicago management consulting firm that has kept track of merger trends for years.

Grimm's figures for all of 1977 are not in yet but by early autumn the

company was able to forecast that this year probably would produce the first net increase in consolidations since 1972.

This was the case even though business purchases for the first nine months of the year actually were down 6 percent from a year earlier. But the third quarter saw a 22 percent rise to 616 from 506 a year earlier. In the first quarter of this year acquisitions were down 20 percent from a year ago.

The purpose of mergers and acquisitions was rather different this year from the goals of the 1960s. No

longer was expansion for its own sake the obvious aim, nor were many companies interested in picking up firms with tax losses that could be applied against their earnings.

On the contrary, solid strengthening of the buying firm's corporate structure and improvement of its marketing position were the purposes of 1977 mergers.

The depressed stock prices that had made mergers difficult for the past five years now became an inducement for cash purchases as many companies looked like bargains at today's stock market levels.

Also, the takeovers, successful or not, tended to be bigger than in the past.

Business law course set

The University of Connecticut, Hartford branch, will offer a six-week course to update business law to management personnel beginning Jan. 30.

Sponsored jointly by the UofC School of Business Administration and its office of non-credit programs, "Management Law" will meet Mondays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the UofC campus on Asylum Avenue.

The seminar will be beneficial to those already in managerial roles or to those about to assume management responsibility in both profit and non-profit organizations, according to the sponsors.

The course instructor is Dr. Edwin W. Tucker, department head in UofC's Department of Business Administration.

Topics he will cover will include contractual arrangements, torts, discrimination, criminal and statutory legal liability, employer and union rights and duties, OSHA regulation, pension rights and how to find the law.

Registration information is available from the Office of Non-Credit Programs, Box U-56D, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 06268.

Business

CHFA cuts loan rates

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority has lowered its mortgage rate from 7 1/2 percent to 7 1/4 percent. The new rate applies to owner-occupied houses from one to four units for mortgage commitments issued beginning Dec. 23.

Effective Jan. 3, 1978, CHFA is placing a ceiling of \$80,000 on the sales price of owner-occupied homes it will finance under its Urban Area Mortgage Program. Recently CHFA has not been operating with sales price limitations on either home mortgage program.

The very favorable rate received at our November bond sale permits CHFA to lower its mortgage rate on home mortgages," Arthur H. White, chairman of CHFA, said.

CHFA is a self-sustaining mortgage lending agency of the state, created by the Legislature to meet the housing needs of low and moderate income families.

Delinquency rates are up

Home mortgage delinquency rates at savings banks rose slightly during the third quarter of 1977, according to the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks.

Major findings of the latest association quarterly mortgage delinquency survey include the following:

- The number of delinquent loans represented 0.7 percent of the total number of home mortgage loans held by savings banks at the end of September. This compared with 0.68 percent at the end of June and 0.71 percent a year earlier.
- Delinquency rate increases were higher on federally underwritten than on conventional loans during the third quarter. FHA delinquency rates increased from 0.85 percent to 0.8 percent between the end of June and the end of September. VA rates rose from 0.59 percent to 0.63 percent; conventional loans from 0.63 percent to 0.64 percent.
- At 0.05 percent of the total number of home mortgages held, savings bank foreclosures during the third quarter were unchanged from the second quarter.

Record highs

BOSTON (UPI) — New England Nuclear, manufacturer of research products and radiopharmaceuticals, has reported sales and earnings reached record highs for the nine-month period ended Nov. 30.

Sales for the period increased by 23 percent, from \$29.9 million to \$36.9 million, according to company president Marvin A. Stolberg. Per share earnings increased by 26 percent, from \$2.00 to \$2.51, he said.

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State summary

GREENWICH (UPI) — The two leading candidates have decided they will win today's second election for the town's first selectman.

Democrat Ruth Sims, who was declared the winner in the first election Nov. 8 but later turned out to be a one-vote loser, said she will win. Republican incumbent Rupert Vernon said he would win.

Superior Court Judge Irving Levine last week called the Nov. 8 election a draw and ordered the new election. Levine ruled Vernon and Mrs. Sims each received 8,029 votes.

WETHERSFIELD (UPI) — The head of the state gaming commission says a list of names is not enough to prove the man who wants to build Connecticut's first horse race track has enough financial clout for the job.

Ronald Mooney Wednesday presented the gaming commission with a list of 11 persons he said are willing to put up \$9 million for a track in Middletown.

But Beatrice Kowalski, chairman of the gaming commission, said she "strongly suggests" Mooney get signed letters from his backers stating just how much each is willing to put up.

HARTFORD (UPI) — The state plans to appeal to the state Supreme Court the acquittal of Thomas Flower, accused of fatally stabbing his friend last year after taking the hallucinogenic drug LSD.

A three-judge Superior Court panel Tuesday ruled Flower, 21, of Hartford, was legally insane when he killed Bruce N. Bishop, 24, of Hartford, Sept. 9, 1976.

State's Attorney George D. Stoughton said Wednesday he will appeal the split decision to the state's highest court.

HARTFORD (UPI) — Still burning over an audit critical of his department, Education Commissioner Mark Shedd has gone to the Freedom of Information Commission to find out how state auditors arrived at their conclusion.

Last spring, the auditors released a performance audit that said the Department of Education and the State Board of Education were not doing what was required of them by law.

The two state agencies immediately denied the charges. After several bitter exchanges between both sides, Shedd asked auditors Leo Donahue and Henry Becker to turn over details of how the audit was conducted. They refused.

HARTFORD (UPI) — A court-monitoring group has charged a Court of Common Pleas judge and two court prosecutors with making irresponsible decisions.

The judge, Albert Cretella, declined to respond to the criticisms Wednesday, but the prosecutors — Cornelius Shea and Allen W. Smith — both said the charges were unfounded.

The Hartford Friends Court Monitoring Project, a local Quaker group that sits in on court sessions, has sent a letter to Court of Common Pleas Judge Roman Lexton, complaining about Cretella, who began serving on the bench last month.

HARTFORD (UPI) — A fire engine rushing to answer a false alarm apparently ran a red light, slammed into two cars and injured six persons, one of them seriously, authorities said.

The fire truck, with its siren blaring and red lights flashing, was responding to an alarm at Barker Street at about 5:30 p.m., when it apparently ran a red light at Franklin Avenue, police said.

Authorities said the fire engine first struck a car coming through the intersection. Then it crashed into the back of a parked car which in turn plowed into another automobile.

MOOSUP (UPI) — Plainfield police have brought legal charges against the leader of a women's citizen band radio club that allegedly raised money by using the name of a 14-year-old leukemia-stricken boy without permission.

Plainfield police Wednesday issued a summons to A. Virginia Morrison, head of the Moosup Lady Gang CB Club. She was charged with running an illegal raffle and was to appear in Danielson Court of Common Pleas Jan. 9.

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<p>BONELESS BEEF CHUCK FOR STEW CUBE STEAK</p> <p>\$1.29 lb.</p>	<p>U.S.D.A. CHOICE BONELESS BEEF BOTTOM ROUND ROAST</p> <p>\$1.19 lb.</p>
<p>FRESH GROUND BEEF CHUCK</p> <p>\$1.19 lb.</p>	<p>FULLY COOKED SEMI-BONELESS HAMS</p> <p>WHOLE OR HALF</p> <p>\$1.59 lb.</p>
<p>PRIMO ITALIAN SAUSAGE</p> <p>\$1.29 lb.</p>	<p>U.S.D.A. CHOICE BONELESS BEEF BOTTOM ROUND ROAST</p> <p>\$1.19 lb.</p>
<p>FENWAY ALL MEAT OR BEEF FRANKS</p> <p>\$1.09 lb.</p>	<p>WAYBEST FRESH CHICKEN LEG'S CHICKEN BREAST</p> <p>59¢ (Net 1/2)</p> <p>89¢ (Net 3/4)</p>
<p>WEAVER BATTER DIPPED CHICKEN</p> <p>\$4.99 4-8. bag</p>	<p>GRADE A BASTED TURKEYS</p> <p>10-20 LBS.</p> <p>59¢ lb.</p>
<p>TABLE TREAT STEAM-UMM</p> <p>\$1.49 11 oz.</p>	<p>SWEET LIFE LO-FAT MILK</p> <p>\$1.19 PAPER GALLON</p>
<p>MUCKY KIELBASA</p> <p>\$1.49 lb.</p>	<p>MUELLER'S ELBO MACARONI</p> <p>79¢ 3 LB. PKG.</p>
<p>SLICED DUTCH FAMILY CHICKEN ROLL</p> <p>\$1.89 lb.</p>	<p>HOLIDAY DELI FRESH PRODUCE</p>
<p>FISH DEPT</p> <p>FRESH POLLACK FILLET</p> <p>\$1.49 lb.</p>	<p>SLICED RUBBER HOT HAM</p> <p>\$1.99 lb.</p>
<p>FRESH COD CILLET</p> <p>\$1.59 lb.</p>	<p>RUBSETT BAKING POTATOES</p> <p>5 LB. BAG 69¢</p>
<p>FRESH POTATO SALAD</p> <p>59¢ lb.</p>	<p>GERMAN BOLOGNA</p> <p>99¢ lb.</p>
<p>SLICED STARFIELD WHITE CHEESE</p> <p>\$1.49 lb.</p>	<p>SUPER SWEET CRISP BELL CUCUMBERS</p> <p>35¢ 3</p>
<p>FINNISH SWISS FRESH POTATO</p> <p>\$2.09 lb.</p>	<p>GREEN PEPPERS</p> <p>39¢ lb.</p>
<p>SWISS FRESH POTATO SALAD</p> <p>59¢ lb.</p>	<p>VINE RIPE TOMATOES JUICY JUMBO</p> <p>59¢ lb.</p>
<p>SLICED DUTCH FAMILY CHICKEN ROLL</p> <p>\$1.89 lb.</p>	<p>NAVEL ORANGES</p> <p>5/\$1</p>

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In the service

Staff Sgt. Steven O. Campbell, son of retired U.S. Navy Chief P.O. and Mrs. Robert V. Campbell of Amston, graduated with honors from the Tactical Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at MacDill AFB, Fla.

Sgt. Mainville graduated from Manchester High School in 1971. Senior Airman Brian K. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thomas of 9 Florence St., is now wearing a distinctive service ribbon as a member of an organization which recently received the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Maj. Charles Afrosnia of North Haven, presently stationed with Headquarters Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo., was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Regular Air Force. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Connecticut in 1962 and his master's degree, also from UConn, in 1966.

Parent class set Jan. 11

New Parent classes sponsored by the Family Oriented Childbirth Information Society (FOCIS) will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room C of Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Engaged

DeCesare-Zimmermann

The engagement of Jeanne Anne DeCesare of Brookline, Mass., to Peter William Zimmermann of Boston, Mass., has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas DeCesare of 53 Arnott Road.

Mr. Zimmermann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Zimmermann of Massachusetts, L.L., N.Y. Mr. DeCesare graduated from East Catholic High School in 1967. She received a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from the University of Connecticut in 1971.

LaChances mark anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward LaChance of 642 Ellington Road, South Windsor, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27. The couple was married Dec. 27, 1927 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford.

Allergist to speak Jan. 12

Dr. Louis Mendelson, pediatric allergist and immunologist affiliated with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, will speak on "Allergies in Children" on Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. in the conference rooms of Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Rural sculptor's work nearly breathes

NORTH SCRIPPS, R.I. (UPI) — Armand LaMontagne's rural homestead is a refuge from what he calls America's "throwaway society" of plastics and mass production.

He is a master craftsman whose talent and simple tools transform huge chunks of wood into full-sized sculptures so realistic you could swear they breathe.

LaMontagne, 38, was recently commissioned to a life-sized bust of Gerald R. Ford for a museum and library being built in the 37th president's Grand Rapids, Mich., hometown.

Several dealers later it ended up with a big dealer and then the museum. "My interest was not to make a fraud," he said. "It was to make a point."

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Hunting science refined

DUXBURY, Vt. (UPI) — Larry Benoit has been a hunter since childhood. He doesn't enjoy killing, but has refined stalking whitetail deer almost to a science.



"Man is a natural born hunter, and it was bred in me to be a hunter," Benoit said recently. "I was a hunter from a very young age. In it, he described his feeling 'hunting or the chase, is outwitting the animal.'"

Antlers frame the outline of his red wooden home. Two trophy-size whitetails, taken during this past hunting season, hang from his front porch.

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Advertisement for Hartford National IRA, highlighting the benefits of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and providing a table of investment options.

Advertisement for a stereo and electronics store, featuring various audio equipment like AM-FM MPX-8 track systems, vinyl records, and speakers.

Advertisement for Hartford National IRA, featuring an illustration of a man relaxing on a beach chair and text about the benefits of an IRA.

Advertisement for Manchester public records, listing various items for sale such as clothing, shoes, and household goods with prices.

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Puppets portray Christ's birth

The birth of Christ, being portrayed by puppets, was presented at the family Christmas Eve service at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The handmade puppets, belonging to Mrs. Barbara Busis, a member of Emanuel, were once used by her grandmother who was a well-known puppeteer in Boston. During the Christmas Eve service, Lynn Bruer, intent, and Charlotte Wilson, Judy Torstenson and Mrs. Busis were the puppeteers. (Keith Carriere photo)

Manchester police report

Police are investigating an armed robbery which occurred about 9:55 p.m. Wednesday at Gasland, 176 Tolland St. Police said \$70 was taken. Five police units responded to the call and a search proved negative except for fresh tire marks. The impact mowed behind a nearby gas station indicating a car left quickly spinning out and heading toward Taylor Street.

- James P. Murphy, 17, of 198 Henry St. was arrested Wednesday at 1:08 a.m. on the Interstate 86 exit ramp on Spencer Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Police said he was heading west on the ramp when he hit a West of Connecticut reflector sign. The front end of the car was damaged and was towed away, police said. Court date is Jan. 10 in East Hartford.
- Knives and coins valued at \$250 were reported missing Wednesday at 6:02 p.m. from a residence on W. Center Street, police said.
- Tires and wheels valued at \$120 were reported taken from a storage bin at Tudor Lane Wednesday at 2:33 p.m., police said.
- Police received a report Wednesday at 9:10 p.m. that a tape deck and radio valued at \$200 were taken from a motor vehicle parked at Burr Corners.
- Police said that Anton W. Larson of 251 McKee St. Wednesday at 5:39 p.m. reported his motor vehicle missing from a parking lot on Spencer Street. Police said that Larson left his car in the parking lot in front of Finast and when he returned about an hour later, discovered his car was missing.
- A resident on Grissom Road told police Wednesday at 9:40 a.m. that property damage had been done during the night. Police said that three pine tree tops were broken, branches of three maple trees were broken, and a clothes line reel was broken.
- A calculator valued at \$300 was reported missing after the Christmas holiday weekend from Klock Co., 1366 Tolland Turnpike, police said.

Police reported several break and entries and thefts.

- Knives and coins valued at \$250

Rec cultural program sets dates for signup

The Manchester Recreation Department's Cultural Program will conduct registration for the winter session Jan. 3 through 13. The first week of registration is for Manchester residents only; the second week is open to residents of both Manchester and surrounding towns. Registration is held between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Arts Building on Garden Grove Road. There is a \$3 per year town membership or a \$3 per class non-resident fee.

Returning classes this session include volleyball, gymnastics, dance, ceramics, pottery, knitting, sewing, crocheting, macrame, needlepoint, rug hooking, decoupage, multi crafts and string art.

Among new classes being offered are bellydancing, art appreciation, quilting, stain glass painting, beazer crafts and string art.

Deputy director
HARTFORD (UPI)—The Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council has named Edith G. Jaquary of North Branford as its new deputy director.

Town and district boards plan an open discussion

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

The agenda for the Jan. 16 meeting between the directors of the Town of Manchester and the Eighth Utilities District will be open discussion on several topics affecting both parties, including consolidation, can be expected.

Stephen Penny, mayor of Manchester, and Gordon Lassow, president of the district, met Wednesday to discuss the format for the meeting. Both agreed to leave the meeting open for discussion on any issues that involve the town and district.

"The agenda we set up is so general that we left ourselves open to discussing just about anything," Penny said.

"We mentioned some of the problems we have," Lassow said. "But, we left it to you to discuss specific items. It might limit the conversation. I don't want anybody to say we limited them," he said.

Penny said that the meeting will be open to the public, but he expects that conversation will be limited to the members of the two boards of directors. The meeting is scheduled to last from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be followed by the regular meeting of the district board.

Consolidation has been discussed in recent weeks. The Board of Directors of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce met last week with Democratic Town Chairman Ted Cummings and Judge of Probate William Fitzgerald to talk about consolidation between the town and district.

Officials of the district have not supported consolidation. They are pleased with the fire protection offered by the all-volunteer fire department and point to the two-mill fire tax rate, which is almost five mills lower than the town's fire tax rate.

"I'm certainly not going to bring it up," Lassow said of the consolidation issue. It is unlikely, however, that the topic will not be mentioned during the two-hour meeting.

District's ad hoc group can't fathom consolidation

By SUSAN VAUGHN
Herald Reporter

An ad hoc committee of the Eighth Utilities District Board of Directors has concluded that recent discussions of consolidation of the district with the town were merely rumors.

The committee of four was organized at the last Eighth District directors meeting Dec. 19 during which District President Gordon Lassow blasted Ted Cummings who had asked the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce to bring up the consolidation issue. The first chamber meeting on the issue resulted in no conclusions.

The ad hoc committee met Tuesday night with Robert H. Blechman as chairman. District Board of Directors members from district resident's were that the general feeling still remains strongly opposed to consolidation.

Blechman said the committee agreed that consolidation would be "politically wrong" and against the history of the district and its substantial tax advantage over the town and the pending Connecticut Supreme Court decision on.

Buckland's inclusion in the district, Blechman said, also referred to the district's rejection in 1971 of the consolidation effort by the town. He said indications to committee members from district resident's were that the general feeling still remains strongly opposed to consolidation.

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Transfer eyed to offset projected budget deficit

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

The Manchester Board of Directors will consider the transfer of \$340,922 from operating budgets to a contingency fund to help offset a projected \$338,535 deficit in the 1977-78 budget.

Both the Board of Directors and the Board of Education met last week with Town Manager Robert Weiss and town finance officials to discuss the budget. A report presented to the boards said that the town faces a \$338,535 deficit in the current budget.

Weiss proposed the cut in town department operating budgets as a step to ease the potential deficit.

The Board of Directors agreed to the proposal and also suggested that federal Revenue Sharing funds be applied to this year's budget rather than be held off for use in next year's budget.

The \$340,922 cut in departmental budgets is larger than the \$195,000 cut that was discussed at last week's meeting.

The largest reduction is \$135,000 budgeted for the costs of temporary borrowing for capital projects.

This can be done because of the delay in starting such renovation projects as those at Bentley and Washington schools and the delay in the start of constructing the proposed industrial park. The cost would be included in next year's budget.

Also, the Police Department could postpone the purchase of cruisers until next year, a saving in this year's budget of about \$34,000. A \$40,000 cut in the street lighting budget is possible because of a rebate from Northeast Utilities because of a recent rate settlement.

The board also asked for a \$50,000 cut in the Board of Education budget.

Area fire calls

Tolland County
Wednesday, 2:48 p.m. — Washing machine fire, Squirrel Trail, South Coventry, North Coventry and Eagleville. Vernon responded.

Wednesday, 4:31 p.m. — Smoke investigation, Quality Inn, Talcottville. Vernon responded.

Wednesday, 4:48 p.m. — Grass fire, Weles Road, Talcottville. Vernon responded.

Wednesday, 6:09 p.m. — Chimney fire, Oakwood Lane, Columbia.

Wednesday, 11:22 p.m. — False alarm, Ward and Union streets, Rockville. Today, 8:55 a.m. — Chimney fire, Gosse Lane, North Coventry.

1977 was year of turmoil in South Windsor

By JUDY KUEHNEL
Herald Correspondent

The year 1977 seems to be marked primarily by political controversy and turmoil for South Windsor.

Residents will have officially "rung in the new year" before they have finally succeeded in electing a ninth member to the Town Council and, in effect, decided which political party will hold the majority on the town's governing body for the next two years.

While surrounding towns have long since put the Nov. 8th election behind them, South Windsor residents are still caught up in the excitement of selecting the final member to the council.

A voting machine fiasco in District II left residents scratching their heads in disbelief and sent political leaders into a tizzy.

Instead of the traditional swearing in ceremony usually held the Monday following elections, residents filed into Town Hall to hear Town Clerk Charles Ess read a temporary injunction forbidding him, "under penalty of \$1,000," to certify the results of the election of the South Windsor Town Council and forbidding him from swearing in any of the candidates.

Political leaders from both parties were disappointed when Superior Court Judge Walter Sider declared the ninth seat "vacant" and left it up to the parties involved to fill the vacancy.

The election turmoil was preceded by a surprising and, at times, misleading primary, with Democrat Robert Myette challenging his party's rejection of him on the Democrat ticket for the November election.

Charging a "small self-serving faction" within the Democratic party had planned his caucus defeat, Myette primaried and regained his position on the Democratic slate. In doing so, he knocked off incumbent John Archer, who blamed his defeat on the fact that Myette's name was directly below his on the primary ballot. Myette not only won back his place on the ticket, but came in highest vote-getter among the Democrats.

the pressure of controversy this year when it voted to close Wapping Elementary School after the 1977-78 school year.

Parents of Wapping School children spoke out against the board's decision, and submitted a petition protesting the closing.

Board members, however, still stand on the decision to close the school, citing declining enrollment at the elementary level.

Various suggestions as to how to best utilize the building have been submitted, however, the best guess at this point is that the structure will be used to alleviate the overcrowding at the high school.

The announcement of the closing of Wapping was followed by the resignation of the school's principal, William Field. Field accepted a position at East Hartford's Anna Norris School. Ellsworth School Principal Charles Spohn submitted his resignation and accepted a position as assistant superintendent of schools in Salem, N.H.

Lassow's immediate predecessor, Plunkett was chosen as acting high school principal until a replacement for Spohn is chosen in March.

First woman
South Windsor got its first woman police officer this year. Paula Odette, 28, was selected to fill one of the vacancies on the all-male force. Miss Odette's appointment fits in nicely with the newly drawn affirmative action plan for the town. According to the plan, most of the employees hired by South Windsor in the next five years, should be women or members of minority groups.

Penney panic
South Windsor officials were sent into a panic this year, with the announcement of the Manchester Industrial Park proposal and the J.C. Penney warehouse.

The location of these industrial complexes on the Manchester-South Windsor town line caused officials to take a good look at local roads which would bear the brunt of the resulting traffic.

Officials concluded that the roads Backland, Pleasant Valley and Chapel — need a great deal of reconstruction work before they can adequately handle the resulting traffic.

The proposed Interstate 291 is seen as a possible answer to the traffic problem, however some residents oppose the plan because it will take up about 50 acres of the town's prime industrial land as well as valuable farm land.

A new library
Many local residents stood out in rain and sleet to see the first shoveling of earth to make way for a new library building.

The groundbreaking was the culmination of 14 years of waiting for library supporters.

The library structure became a reality this year, following an Economic Development Administration grant of \$300,000. With monies from the Capital Improvement fund and the General Government fund, as well as the library's own building fund, the town has managed to come up with the necessary \$500,000 estimated cost for the library.

Although the town received \$300,000 in government funds for the project, the road to the library groundbreaking was nonetheless a rocky one.

Originally, the town had received word it was to receive \$438,000 in EDA funds. Discovery of a computer error, however, reduced the actual amount to \$300,000, requiring the town to appropriate more in town funds than it had planned. Numerous residents spoke out against the appropriations — and some still oppose the library project.

Dream realized
This year the dream of the local volunteer firemen became a reality, with the construction of a fire headquarters on Ellington Road.

The new brick structure is nearing completion and will serve as a training facility and meeting area for the department.

Approved overwhelmingly in referendum, the headquarters was designed by local architect Gregory Montana.

School closing
The Board of Education also felt

Bulletin board

Bolton
The Board of Selectmen has declared Friday to be Bolton Tiger Day in the Town of Bolton.

The Bolton Tigers midfoot football team became the Eastern Connecticut Midfoot Football Conference champions for the third year in a row.

First Selectman Henry Ryba said, "We urge our citizens to show appreciation to the young people and the coaches for their dedication, sacrifices and determination in bringing the championship to Bolton."

Vernon
Linda McCarthy, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCarthy of Talcottville, will be participating in the Orange Bowl parade in Florida Saturday. The parade will be televised.

Miss McCarthy is a freshman at Bauder Fashion College of Miami, studying fashion design. She is first runner-up for the Orange Bowl Queen contest.

ZBA votes give Barkan go-ahead for conversion

Vernon
With the granting of two variances by the Zoning Board of Appeals, Barkan Construction Co. now has the go-ahead to renovate the former Envelope Factory into apartments for the elderly.

Steve Wakefield, ZBA chairman, was against the reduction to 64 spaces. He suggested 75 as a compromise. He said he was taking what Barkan officials said at face value and adding 10 percent.

The Planning Department had approved the 64 spaces and Wakefield said he wasn't criticizing that department.

In other action the ZBA denied a variance that would allow the owner of the former Entertainment Center on Route 82 to sell liquor.

Arthur Woods had asked for the variance and a special exception to operate a restaurant at that site. He told the ZBA he planned to sell the building to the Pizza Hut chain.

The zoning regulations require that places selling liquor be at least 2,000 feet apart. The Jaeger Haus which is located at the intersection of Trol Road and Route 82 is just 1,000 feet from the proposed operation of Woods.

ZBA members said Woods hadn't offered any evidence that denial of the variance would pose a hardship, other than economic. Although the liquor permit was denied, Woods was granted a special exception for the restaurant.

Woods said he doesn't know if Pizza Hut will buy the building if liquor can't be sold.

Tables now turned on regional sewers

Coventry
For the past seven years the pros and cons of a sewer system for Coventry have been a hotly contested issue. Since 1971 the Town of Mansfield had been pushing Coventry to adopt a regional system that would encompass both communities, but townspeople defeated two referendums on such a plan.

Now tables have turned. The Coventry Sewer Authority, under the chairmanship of Richard Breaux, has recommended a regional sewer system, and Griswold and Fuz, the town's engineering firm, has come up with a lengthy facilities plan. Also, Mansfield has not submitted its own facilities plan to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Both plans must be approved by the department before another referendum can be taken in the towns.

Manfield would be a greater user of a regional system than Coventry because of its two large state facilities, the University of Connecticut and the Mansfield Training School. However, plans call for location of the treatment plant in Coventry, and the towns have been negotiating over the boundaries of their authority.

To complicate matters, former Mansfield Mayor Audrey Barbert has said that although a remote possibility that Mansfield would build its own system, a municipal plan could be used "as a lever in negotiations with Coventry." This remark angered Coventry officials, and Breaux retaliated with a comment that Coventry could also build its own facility.

If and when Mansfield submits a facilities plan to the DEP, the federal Environmental Protection Agency will also have to grant approval, since the project would be financed with 90 percent state and federal funding. Then the towns will have to pass a referendum. With the red tape out of the way, the sewer authority said it would be another three to five years before the first sewers are built and functioning.

Meanwhile the Planning and Zoning Commission is working on a master plan of development for the town and is considering both sewer and nonsewer alternatives. Town Planner Gregory Padick said the commission will have to take into consideration revision of local zoning regulations if sewers are approved.

McCoy will seek action on campaign promises

Vernon
Mayor Frank McCoy said when the Town Council meets next Jan. 9 he will ask members to take action on two follow-ups to promises he made during his election campaign last fall.

McCoy said when he was campaigning, many people he talked to complained about having to pay their motor vehicle taxes in one payment.

He said he promised he would attempt to have that changed so the payments could be in two installments.

He said the assessor's office and the tax collector's office feel the one payment system makes it easier to collect and that some additional revenues come to the town by having governmental or civic matters.

He said, however, that he doesn't think these reasons overbalance the benefits to the taxpayers.

He said the property taxes are paid in two installments and he thinks the motor vehicle taxes should be the same.

He will council takes affirmative action on the matter at the next meeting, McCoy said he thinks it will be brought back for its action and other matters may be brought to the director of administration.

McCoy said he also promised during the campaign that he would set up a schedule of listening sessions so Vernon residents can express opinions and ask questions on governmental or civic matters.

At these sessions persons could go into more detail than they can at the citizen forum sessions that precede the regular council meetings.

McCoy said he plans to appoint a council committee to attend the sessions with either him or Morgan Campbell who is deputy mayor.

He said matters that would need the attention of the council will be brought back for its action and other matters may be brought to the director of administration.

Skiing classes offered

South Windsor
The South Windsor Recreation Department is offering two ski courses for downhill and cross-country skiers. These courses are designed for the beginner and those with experience. Each course will consist of a demonstration of ski sharpening, waxing and ski care, followed by a clinic to care for your own skis, and a day at a ski area with lessons. The course is open to persons of junior high age and older.

Harriet Wallis, a professional ski instructor who has been downhill and cross-country skiing for eight years will be the instructor. She learned to ski after she was 30 and enjoys helping others to enjoy the sport and skiing and care for their equipment.

The downhill class will be held at the Timothy Edwards cafeteria on Jan. 11 and 18 from 7:30 a.m. On either Jan. 25 or Jan. 28, there will be an all-day trip for skiing and lessons at the Springfield Ski Club.

The cross-country class will be held at the Town Hall council chambers on Jan. 10 and 17 from 9:11 a.m. On Jan. 24, there will be an all-day trip for skiing and lessons at the Berkshire AMC Camp.

The fee will be \$5 per person. Call the Recreation Department at 644-2511 to register.

Man held in road deaths

Ellington
Carl M. Osuna, 36, of Route 30, Ellington, was charged Wednesday on a Tolland County Superior Court bench warrant charging him with two counts of second-degree manslaughter. He failed to post a \$10,000 surety bond and was taken to the Hartford Correctional Center.

Osuna is charged in connection with a Nov. 10 hit and run accident in Stafford Springs which took the lives of two Stafford teen-agers, Deborah Barrows and Kim Webb and left several other young people seriously injured.

Police report
Miss Webb was pronounced dead on arrival at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford and Miss Barrows, who had been in a coma, died on her 15th birthday, Dec. 5, at Hartford Hospital. Three others were also admitted to hospitals.

Police said Osuna was driving a truck that drove into the large group of teen-agers and then fled the scene. Vernon.

Lois M. Beebe, 17, of 46 Wellwood Circle, Vernon, was charged shortly before midnight last night with first-degree criminal mischief. Police said she turned in a false fire alarm on Union Street, Rockville.

She was released on a \$500 nonreturnable bond for appearance in Common Pleas Court 19, Rockville, Jan. 3.

Lillian B. Johnston, 43, of Bancroft Road, Ellington, was charged Wednesday with third-degree larceny in connection with the cashing of a check at a local business place.

She was released on a \$250 nonreturnable bond for appearance in court in Ellington; Lotte Jann, Court Rockville, Jan. 11.

Rockville hospital notes

Admitted Tuesday: Ann Johnson, East Main Street, Rockville; Lisa Kerr, Hany Lane, Vernon; Beth Limberger, Ellington; Vincent Malatesta, Ellington; Daniel Newton, Geraldine Drive, Coventry; Joan Trimble, South Street, Vernon.

Discharged Tuesday: Mary Flaherty, High Street, Rockville; Deborah Parada, Stafford Springs.

Born Tuesday: A son to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Frachey, Hartford Turnpike, Vernon.

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GHS grads consistent

The graduates from Glastonbury High School have been very consistent in their choice of educational and career plans, a recent survey reports.

The Career Resources Center in conjunction with the Guidance Department at the high school recently conducted a sixth-year follow-up survey which included the classes of 1972 and 1977.

These were students who were actively involved in the Career Guidance program throughout the four years. School officials said 87.6 percent of the students responded to the questionnaire.

The report said that about 50 percent of the graduates continue their education at four-year institutions. Figures ranged from a low of 44 percent in 1973-74 to a high of 56.5 percent in 1977.

Except for the low year, the total percentage of seniors going on to higher education was about 67 percent. This includes four- and two-year colleges and other special schools.

The report also notes that there was an upswing in the number of students selecting the military service with recent figures indicating that 3.3 percent of the graduates are entering the military service as compared to 1.6 percent in 1975.

William Paris of the guidance department, said that students are apparently taking a more clearly defined direction than in the past in terms of specific careers.

Financial aid offered
Seniors at Glastonbury High School who are planning to attend college next year should contact the guidance office if they want information on financial aid.

Paris said included with the various resources on financial aid is a new form which must be completed by parents so the student can qualify for aid.

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Catholic girls in rally to nip Indians, 36-34

By LEN AUSTER

Behind most of the way, East Catholic rallied in the closing minutes to pull out a 36-34 win over Crosstown Manchester High in girls' basketball action last night at the freezing Eagles' Nest.

Two free throws by senior Sue Freiheit with 1:04 left spelled the margin of victory in the turnover-infested tilt. The teams combined for 83 turnovers, 56 in the first half, with five Eagles committing 50 and the Lady Indians 48. East had 35 in the

first 15 minutes and settled down to only 11 in the final period. Manchester, which sorely missed leading scorer Ellen Donadio off the line, hit 1 of 2 field goal tries and 2 of 3 free throws, but turned it over on 13 other possessions including a critical one with three seconds left.

Manchester led, 27-22, heading into the final quarter with Doreen Downham adding to the margin with an opening hoop. But the Eagleslettes battled back and tied it at 32-all with 2:10 left in the turnover-infested tilt. The teams combined for 83 turnovers, 56 in the first half, with five Eagles committing 50 and the Lady Indians 48. East had 35 in the

Manchester came back to knot it with 1:12 remaining as twice sophomore Mary Neuhelt hit the front end of a one-and-one situation. Freiheit was fouled at midcourt and calmly hit both charity tosses. East regained possession with 34 seconds left and ran the clock down on a 30-second violation. Manchester was called for stepping over the line on the inbound pass and that was it.

Manchester led at the quarter, 11-6, and the half, 19-14, on the strength of 5 of 13 from the charity stripe. The Lady Indians had more than their share of opportunities to win it from the 15-foot line, going to the stripe 36 times but cashing in only 14.

Laurie Barry led the 32 winners with 12 points. East hit 16 of 33 field goal tries and 4 for 8 from the foul line. Mary Neuhelt paced Manchester, 3-3, also with 12 tallies. East also took the jayvee tilt, 45-33. Dailey had 24 points and Ellen Ostroff 6 for the 7-0 winners while Mary Priskiwald and Robyn Gustafson had 5 apiece for the 0-3 losers.

East Catholic (36) Freiheit 2 5 3 5, Petkalis 2 0 4, Lindberg 2 0 4, Ostroff 1 0 2, O'Connell 0 0 0, Dailey 3 0 1 6, Murphy 0 0 0, Barry 0 0 2, Laneri 0 2 2. Totals 16 4 3 8.

Irish gridders love Willie Fry

DALLAS (UPI) — You can tell Willie Fry's teammates love him.

You can tell that right off by how they talk about Notre Dame's tall, talented defensive end, how they gravitate around him and how they call him "Big Daddy."

He got that nickname as much for his friendly, take-it-easy life style as for his not-so-friendly playing style, which the Texan Longhorns are due for a firsthand look at in Monday's Cotton Bowl contest.

But three years ago, Willie Fry didn't see himself at all as Big Daddy. If anything, he saw himself more as Big Nothing.

Suspended for a year along with five other Notre Dame football players for violating the school's rule regarding women being in a dormitory after hours, Fry discovered he was something of a social outcast.

All kinds of stories began circulating. Some even included the word "rape," even though no formal charges ever were filed by the girl involved.

Willie Fry still remembers the letter he and the five others, Ross Shroyer, Robert Al-Harazi, Danny Knott and Roy Henry received from the dean of students during the summer of 1974.

"The letter notified us we were suspended for a year," he says. Suddenly, Willie Fry fell all alone.

Only a short time before, he had been selected as the Outstanding American High School Student and the Outstanding Teen-ager of America. But that seemed ages ago.

What he would have to do now is say goodbye to all his friends at Notre Dame, collect his things together and clear out. And Willie Fry did what practically any other 19-year-old would do in the same situation.

He cried. "I went home to Memphis," he says. "My mother didn't say too much to me. She wanted me to be a man and stand on my own two feet. She wanted me to be a man and levelled with her. If you're talking to anybody, you're certainly going to talk to your mother."

"It was difficult. I was uncomfortable. But my friends rallied around me and that really helped. Ara Parseghian was our coach then and nobody helped more. He said 'You're going to be surprised how time heals all things.' He was right. Time really has helped."

At an informal session with the press Wednesday, Fry was asked his feelings about the present crisis at Arkansas, where three black players have been suspended over an incident similar to the one in which Fry was involved.

"The only message I'd have for those Arkansas players is that they should just try to face up to what happens," he said. "I'm not saying anything happened, but if it did, those players should face up to it and try to correct it."

Willie Fry, one of the most capable defensive ends in college football today, looks back on his own experience and says for all the unpleasantness, it actually helped him become a man.

"When all that happened," he says, "talking of his suspension, 'I was hurt, but I didn't go into hiding. I went to a local community college in Memphis, Shelby State. I worked out every day and tried to make myself useful.'"

There also was a decision to make. Should he go back to Notre Dame after his suspension was up or go to any one of these other schools showering him with scholarship offers? He decided to return to Notre Dame.

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Conard skaters top Tribe, 7-1

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The Indians, new 1-4, face Rockville High Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Gastonbury arena.

French opened the scoring for the Chiefs at the 7:28 mark assisted by Andy Cameron and came back 13 seconds later to plant an unassisted tally.

French completed a hat trick at the 4:50 mark of the middle period, assisted by Gene Holsinger and Tom Hamlin.

Conard then proceeded to ring up four more tallies in a 4-46 span with Rob Albanis, Holsinger, Albanis again and Hamlin scoring.

Manchester Captain Jack Gelling got the locals on the scoreboard at 14:30 with a rink-long rush resulting in a breakaway goal.

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You can tell that right off by how they talk about Notre Dame's tall, talented defensive end, how they gravitate around him and how they call him "Big Daddy."

He got that nickname as much for his friendly, take-it-easy life style as for his not-so-friendly playing style, which the Texan Longhorns are due for a firsthand look at in Monday's Cotton Bowl contest.

But three years ago, Willie Fry didn't see himself at all as Big Daddy. If anything, he saw himself more as Big Nothing.

Suspended for a year along with five other Notre Dame football players for violating the school's rule regarding women being in a dormitory after hours, Fry discovered he was something of a social outcast.

All kinds of stories began circulating. Some even included the word "rape," even though no formal charges ever were filed by the girl involved.

Willie Fry still remembers the letter he and the five others, Ross Shroyer, Robert Al-Harazi, Danny Knott and Roy Henry received from the dean of students during the summer of 1974.

"The letter notified us we were suspended for a year," he says. Suddenly, Willie Fry fell all alone.

Only a short time before, he had been selected as the Outstanding American High School Student and the Outstanding Teen-ager of America. But that seemed ages ago.

What he would have to do now is say goodbye to all his friends at Notre Dame, collect his things together and clear out. And Willie Fry did what practically any other 19-year-old would do in the same situation.



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PRIVACY - Six room house... 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full kitchen, full bathroom, full refrigerator, full stove and refrigerator. Call 646-0000.

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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl. Recently my parents were separated, and my father moved out of the house. Every Sunday he comes to visit us kids. (There are four of us. I am the oldest.) When he comes here, Mom goes out, and if Dad is still here when she returns, she goes right to her room and stays there until he leaves. Dad always asks how Mom is, if she's "happy," and how her health is.

DEAR WANTS: If your parents parted without seeking professional help in resolving their differences, beg them to give it a try for their own sakes as well as for yours. But if they leave, the advice you received was good.

DEAR ABBY: Shortly before our 16-year-old daughter was to receive her driver's license, I made the statement that if she were involved in an accident that was her fault, or was arrested for a traffic violation, I would take her license away for one year. Everyone in the family heard me make this statement.

DEAR NOW: Keep giving him tons and peck rubber gloves! Astro-graph by BERNICE BEDE, OSOL. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Romance could be one of your brightest events today. It might be somebody you've already involved with, or it could even be somebody new.

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Short Ribs - Frank Hill... SOMETHING THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY WITH HUGS CITTIES! AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? YES!

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Win at Bridge... Down two at 7 hearts?? worst player I have ever known as my partner. "My six-notrump bid was based on a desire to end the rubber. I intended to bid seven notrump if my partner took me out, but he opened that plan. He bid six hearts over my six notrump, so when he corrected to seven hearts I was barred from the bidding and had to let him play it."

Captain Easy - Crooks and Lawrence... THE FREEMONT "FALCON" IS THE WORLD'S TOP FIGHTER... I HEREBY CHALLENGE THE "FALCON" TO AN AIR DUEL AGAINST MAJORS INDUSTRIES' "THE ORBIT"...

Alley Oop - Dave Graue... YOU ASK ME IF I BELIEVE THESE TWO ARE MY ENEMIES? MY ANSWER IS YES! ALL ARE OUR ENEMIES! THEIR AGE DOES NOT MATTER! BEFORE MOON AND THEY MUST DIE!

Born Loser - Art Sansom... I'M NOT TRYING TO MAKE A POINT... ...BUT HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE FACT THAT THE MAFIA IS ALMOST ALL MEN?

Bugs Bunny - Heimdahl and Stoffel... WELCOME TO EL SWANHO HOTEL. MASTER FLUDD! "IT WAS NOT Tongson Park who said 'I shall return' - guess again!"

Our Boarding House - Carol & McCormick... MUST ONE LIKE TO YEARN WHEN I QUIT GRIPING! WHEN I HAVE A NEW YEAR... HE SAID 'MY CAR BROKE DOWN... I WOULD BRING YOU ABOUT THOSE BLIND ON STAGE... THEY HELP PUSHER! PATTES BUTTER... HE DON'T... HIS LAST YEAR WERE... TELL US... SO HOPELY I HAD... THE HOSTLE... THEY MOVED ABOUT THIS YEAR... I'LL JUST FORGET ABOUT THIS PARTY!

Healthciff... This Funny World... "Is this my bill or the national debt?"

Obituaries

Ernest Richard Sr. VERNON — Ernest Richard Sr., 51, of 26 Bolton Road died Wednesday at Wellsville, N.Y. Hospital.

Mr. Richard was born June 21, 1886, in Naumburg, N.Y., and had lived in the Vernon-Manchester area since 1920.

He was a graduate of the former Connecticut Business College and Holman School of Accounting in Hartford. He had been in the business field for 25 years in Hartford, later operating a poultry farm in Vernon for many years.

He was the founder and first president of the former Vernon Civic Betterment Association. He was a member of Vernon United Methodist Church and had served as a lay leader at the church for many years.

Survivors are four sons, Clyde C. Richard of Manchester, Donald E. Richard of Vernon, Ernest Richard Jr. of Wellsville, N.Y., and the Rev. Clayton E. Richard of Borzok; a daughter, Mrs. Wilbur H. Smith Jr. of Columbia; 31 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren.

The funeral is Saturday at a time to be announced at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Miss Mary E. Kress ROCKVILLE — Miss Mary Elizabeth Kress, 77, of Warhouse Point, formerly of Rockville, died Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford.

Miss Kress was born in Rockville and had lived in the Hartford area for many years. She had been employed as an aide at the former McCook Hospital in Hartford. She was a member of South Congregational Church, Hartford.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ida Lemari of Poquonock section of Windsor; two nephews and three nieces.

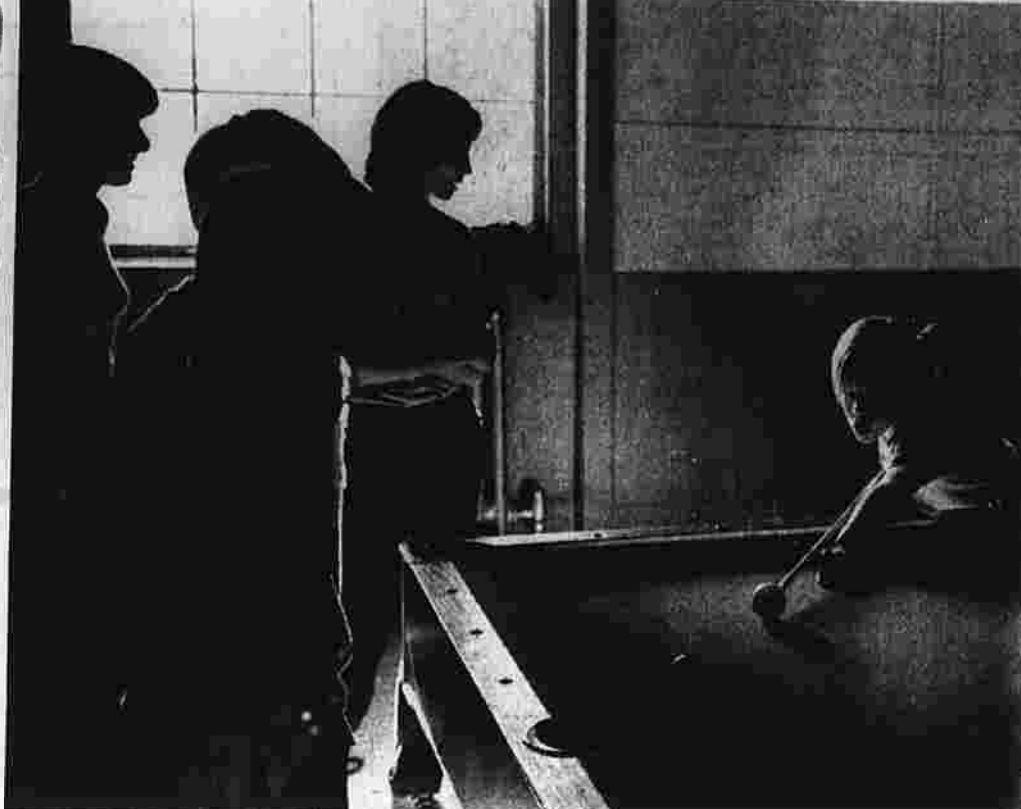
The funeral is Friday at 1 p.m. at the Carmon-Poquonock Funeral Home, 1816 Poquonock Ave., Poquonock. Burial will be in Grove Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Stanley H. Keefe HEBRON — Stanley H. Keefe, 61, of 551 West St. died Tuesday at his home after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was the husband of Mrs. Marion Mund Keefe.

Mr. Keefe was born in Hebron and had lived here all his life. He had been employed at Pratt and Whitney Division of United Technologies Corp., East Hartford, for 30 years.

He is also survived by two sons, Wayne S. Keefe of Hebron and Arthur J. Keefe of Sudbury, Vt.; a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Geysen of Hebron; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Ely of Hebron and Mrs. Marion Hanks of Marlborough; one brother, Sherwood Keefe of Hebron; and two grandchildren.



It's all in the angles

Ron Pinney concentrates on the angle of his cue stick before trying to sink the ball in the pocket while other contestants wait their turn. The pool shooting game was one of several events at the two-day "Super Star" competition this week at the East Side Rec. The youth activities were co-sponsored by the Manchester Recreation Department and Burger King.

(Herald photo by Pinto)

Stabbing victim serious; was found in car crash

John Terase, 18, of Hartford is reported in serious condition at Manchester Memorial Hospital today. Hospital officials said he was admitted late yesterday afternoon with "puncture wounds."

Police found the victim in a car that had reportedly been traveling at a high rate of speed on Highland Street when it went off the road into a wooded area and came to a stop.

Mark W. Kneeland, 21, of Surrey Lane, Glastonbury, the driver of the car, told police he was taking Terase to the hospital because he had been "stabbed" in the back in a separate incident only moments before the accident.

Later police arrested the owner of a car fitting the description of the one they were looking for in connection with the alleged stabbing.

Police said the car driven by Kneeland, according to witnesses, left the road and traveled through the woods for about 175 feet and knocked down several small trees before coming to rest.

The car had to be towed from the scene. The incident is still under investigation.

Fishbein was released on a \$500 surety bond for appearance in Common Pleas Court 12, East Hartford, Jan. 16.

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stating that the so-called Palestinian entity be an independent nation," Carter said. "My own preference is that they not be an independent nation, but be tied in some way with the surrounding countries — make it a choice, perhaps, between Israel and Jordan."

Carter said he believed "a permanent peace can best be maintained if there's not a permanent, radical, new, independent nation in the heart of the Middle East." His remarks closely paralleled the peace plan Begin unveiled earlier in the day.

Carter's statement was expected to come as a shock to the Egyptians. Egyptian officials said Sadat had appealed to Carter after the Christmas summit to exert pressure for Israeli concessions and that a message from Carter asking Sadat to "be patient" led him to be confident Washington would now intervene.

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Residents win fight over sign

Mary and Morton Hickey of 1 Remington Road, East Hartford, took on the town government Thursday night and won.

They went to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting at the Town Hall to protest the placing of a large wooden sign for McAuliffe Park on town land in front of their split-level, modern home.

She called the sign hideous. He called it unsafe. After more than an hour of discussion, the ZBA voted to deny a zoning variance which would have allowed the sign.

The sign is one of five bought by the town Bicentennial Commission which had been chaired by Mrs. Terry Blackstone. The commission disbanded early this year.

The signs it had ordered were not built and ready to set up until this past September. The commissioners convened once more on the front lawn of Martin Park to celebrate the coming of the signs.

Each sign stands 9 feet 7 inches high, is 3 1/2 feet wide and 6 1/2 feet long. They are made of thick, stained wood with letters pressed inward and painted gold.

"The purpose of the signs was to help beautify the town," said Town Planner David Juliano. Juliano said today the town will have to find a better site at McAuliffe Park to locate the rustic sign.

The ZBA approved the sites for the signs at the East Hartford Golf Course, Elizabeth Shea Park, and Nichols Park. It tabled action on the sign at Nicholas Forum Park. No one protested these other signs.

Repair license granted The ZBA granted Anibal Letiao a general repair's license to repair motor vehicles in his car wash at 91 Pitkin St. Letiao told the ZBA members he must let go most of his half dozen workers in bad or cold weather because no one wants to wash their cars then.

"I can't offer them steady work," he said. Now he can wash and wax cars, steam clean engines, and do auto repairs.

Truck dealership The ZBA also granted the request of John Gimbel of Cambridge, Mass., for a use variance on 3.9 acres of land at 201 Roberts St. for use as a tractor trailer cab dealership. He will not sell trailers there, only the tractors which sell new for up to \$40,000 each.

The Roberts Street land had been zoned industrial which would have allowed a truck terminal use. Gimbel argued successfully that his dealership would be a more attractive use.

Outside today Increasing cloudiness tonight with lows in the 20s. Snow or rain likely Saturday, highs in the 20s. Outlook for Sunday: chance of rain or snow. National weather map on page 35.



Human Rights Commission Chairman Mack Hawkins

East Hartford bulletin board

Human Rights Commission Chairman Mack Hawkins is planning to visit the town Human Rights Commission this month, said he first came to Connecticut in 1940 to see what it was like.

The St. Rose Home and School Association still has tickets for the New Year's Eve dinner-dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the school. For tickets, call Barbara Magnotta at 289-2085 or Sharon Landry at 668-6793.

Seeking fliers, drummers The American Fife and Drum Corps of East Hartford is seeking new fliers and drummers. The 40-member group now in its second year has 26 members trained for playing and marching. The others are learning their instruments, said Director Bruce Gaudette.

The corps meets Thursdays at the Anna Norris School at McAuliffe Park from 6:30 p.m. beginning again Jan. 5. To learn more, call Gaudette at 289-4711 ext. 434.

Fire calls Today, 12:47 a.m. — False alarm at Burnside Avenue and Price Court. Today, 1:21 a.m. — Medical call to 38 Denign St. Today, 7:23 a.m. — Medical call to 8 Arapahoe Drive. Today, 7:45 a.m. — Medical call to 38 Springdale Ave.

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Winter sports

There will be ice skating today from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Charter Oak, Union Pond annex and Center Springs annex. For information, call 642-4700.

Daily lottery

The number drawn Wednesday in the Connecticut daily lottery was 824.

Now you know

The highest denomination of paper currency ever issued was the \$100 bill printed by the U.S. Treasury in 1934.

Fire calls

Manchester Wednesday, 6:07 p.m. — Box 393, smoke detector at Manchester Memorial Hospital (Town). Wednesday, 7:08 p.m. — Brush fire at 114 Pond Lane (Town).

Seasons Greetings advertisement for Manchester Branch. Includes text: "Thank you for letting us serve you this year... From your friends at First." and "First Federal Savings".

Al Sieffert's Annual End of Year Display Model Clearance advertisement. Lists various appliances like washer, dryer, color TV, stereo, black & white TV, refrigerator, freezer, range, dishwasher, vacuum cleaner. Includes contact info: 443-445 HARTFORD RD., MANCHESTER, 647-9997.

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Tots' physical education planned by YMCA unit. The East Hartford Branch YMCA on Main Street is offering a problem solving approach to physical education for tots.

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Fewer jobless in state. HARTFORD (UPI) — The number of unemployed persons in Connecticut dropped to the lowest point in three and a half years in November, the state Labor Department said.

Attention Manchester State Bank Customers only... In order to take care of your Holiday Banking needs, we will be open as usual, Saturday, December 31, 1977 9 AM to 12 noon.