

'Inquisition' Wrong Approach

Oil Industry Needs Profits To Live

COPLEY NEWS

The Senate hearings into the oil shortage have turned into somewhat of an inquisition rather than a constructive search for way to keep supplies of fuel more in step with the country's demand for energy.

There has been an education in all this, nevertheless, and both the government and the public have learned more about the scope and intricacies of the operations of multinational oil companies.

It is the immediate energy problem that brought Sen. Jackson's committee together, however, and the senator has not let go of his conviction that the oil industry's "excess" profits should be taxed away and the retail price of fuel should be rolled back by government decree.

What is an "excess" profit to begin with? If the Exxon Corp., for instance, must defend its \$2.44 billion profit in 1973 as being "unconscionable," what label would Sen. Jackson place on the company's plan to make \$3.7 billion in capital expenditures in 1974?

proposed revisions in the depletion allowance and other tax policies which President Nixon has proposed should induce the oil companies to invest more of their capital in domestic production, which is also what the government should be trying to do.

Trying to ease the plight of the energy consumer by forcing prices down is exactly what the government should not do if it has learned anything from last year's experience with food price controls. Higher grain prices have resulted in American farmers planting every square foot they can get under the plow.

Anxious To Appease

Firing Editor Shows Sadat Weak

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS President Anwar Sadat's decision to dump editor Mohammed Hassanien Heikal suggests that Egypt's leader is anxious to bring about some sort of Middle East quiet so he can turn his attention to his nation's economy.

The removal of Heikal from control of the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram indicates that Sadat is trying to get off an uncomfortable tightrope stretched between his pledge to recover all Arab territories lost to Israel in 1947 and his eagerness to get on with building a viable Egyptian economy.

It can also indicate that Sadat is in earnest when he urges that the Arab oil embargo against the United States be eased. Heikal, who had enormous influence, used his high perch to lead a campaign, last October, for the use of oil as an Israeli enemy, but also U.S. interests in the Arab area.

banks of the Suez Canal, their first retreat from captured Arab territory. A proud man as well as an immensely complicated and highly emotional personality, Heikal is reported to have told friends he won't accept Sadat's face-saving offer of a post as a presidential adviser. He retains influence on his own. Moreover, he is reported close to Libya's volatile strongman, Moammar Khadafi, and probably shares Heikal's hostility to Sadat's peace-making with Israel.

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Jack Anderson J. Edgar Hoover And Howard Hughes



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By JACK ANDERSON and LES WHITTEN

WASHINGTON—Frustrated with Mafia infestation of Las Vegas, the late J. Edgar Hoover schemed to turn the Dunes Hotel over to Howard Hughes in hopes of ridding it of suspected underworld influences.

As sometimes happened, the puganocous old crime fighter refused to let anything get in his way, including FBI Justice Department anti-trust guidelines against Hughes' purchase of the gaudy Nevada pleasure palace.

This strange venture by the FBI director into corporate takeovers has been described to us by those close to the case who had access to secret FBI memoranda involved. We have already told from confidential Senate Watergate studies how former Atty. Gen. John Mitchell was also working in 1970 to throw the Dunes to Hughes. It has been said, over heated denials by Mitchell, that Hughes was to get the Dunes in partial return for his \$100,000 gift to President Nixon's political treasure chest.

The FBI director's motives were entirely different. Hoover was miffed over Nevada hotelmen's suits against FBI bugging and over the skimming of casino profits by the Mafia which Hoover knew about but could not prove in court.

The aging G-man wanted the Mafia out of all costs. Hoover would have preferred to throw the Dunes to the Hilton or Webb interests or some other less controversial businessman, but Hughes was already leading the bidders. The FBI head, therefore, cast his lot with Hughes even though Justice's anti-trust division already had turned down Hughes on other deals in the Nevada gambling capital.

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petroleum substitutes. Some even said in firm statements they hoped that the Arabs would not end their boycott. A number of those present had the good grace to admit that the date they had available did not permit accurate analysis of costs or of best roads to follow in order to achieve production goals the administration has set. Some assorted scientists, economists and officials. But only one conferees got down to the nitty-gritty practical techniques for bringing demand and supply closer together. And he was dealt with rather harshly by the chairman.

Would large investments into oil substitute development and high cost production methods for alternative energy sources lock us permanently into inflated prices? Would we then be committed to subsidize permanently high cost oil from shale and coal and consequently be precluded from buying cheaper oil on the world market — if world oil should become cheap again? At loggerheads were two conferees who gave diametrically opposite arguments on Arab objectives. One explained Egypt's lack of oil as a substitute was a valid, seeking attempt by them to hold oil just below the price it would be profitable for the United States, West Europe and Russia to develop their own energy from shale oil, coal and other sources.

Florida News Briefs

Mom In Bubble Gum Battle

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Connie Ward says her battle against a bubble gum product she says encourages children to take drugs is not over yet.

The spunky mother of three won a major concession Thursday when the Topps Chewing Gum Co. bowed to Mrs. Ward's pressure and agreed to change the shape of its Gumballs bubble gum from a capsule to a jellybean shape.

"We aren't going to settle for that," Mrs. Ward proclaimed from her Holly Hills home. "We want the gum already on store shelves recalled."

Mrs. Ward said she launched her campaign Monday after she was horrified to find her children playing "let's get high" with the bubble gum capsules.

Turner Jury Gets Week Off

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Testimony in the four-month old fraud trial of promoter Glenn W. Turner, Boston lawyer F. Lee Bailey and seven other men won't resume before Feb. 18.

U.S. District Judge Gerald B. Tjoflat has set aside another week for arguments on motions filed since the government rested its case a week ago.

Tjoflat had planned to start defense testimony next Monday. But he told jurors Thursday to take another week off.

Most of the defendants have asked for separate trials and all seek to have the charges dismissed. Tjoflat will also be hearing arguments on technical motions.

Askev Seeks Time Change

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Reubin Askew says he will again ask the legislature to take most of Florida off Daylight Saving Time for next winter.

"Winter DST is not worth 'the disruption and tragedies to those children,'" he said at a Thursday news conference.

Askev called the legislature into special session last week to return the Florida Peninsula to Eastern Standard Time. The legislature rejected the proposal.

Solicitation Banned

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Secretary of State Richard Stone has ordered the Florida Asthmatic Children's Foundation to stop soliciting contributions in Florida.

Stone's office said Thursday the foundation's certificate to collect money was lifted because it used the services of a professional solicitor in violation of state law.

Ford To Speak In Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Vice President Gerald Ford has been scheduled to speak at a fundraising luncheon for St. Leo College.

Dr. Thomas Sotherland, president of the Tampa school, said the \$25-a-plate luncheon was being sponsored by Miami trustees of the Roman Catholic college.

The luncheon will be March 8 at the Americana Hotel in Miami.

Seminole Calendar

- Feb. 9— Wash, Thrift Service Station, 2nd and Palm, 11:30 a.m., benefit Seminole County Retarded Children. Donations count as vote for "Dusty" Crawford, king contestant Valentine Ball. Feb. 10— All Souls Church Men's Club Valentine Snogabard, 2-4 p.m. Social Hall at 8th and Oak. Feb. 11— Donkey Basketball game, 7:30 p.m., Seminole High School gym. Sponsored by AAU and Anchor Club to benefit athletic department. Feb. 12— Horticulture Seminar, 7:30 p.m., Sanford Garden Club. Speaker, David DeVoll, extension agent, "Vegetable Gardening in Florida." Feb. 13— German American Society...

After Emergency PSC Hearing Gas Haulers Get Interim Rate Hike

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Public Service Commission, under pressure from elected officials and truckers, has given gasoline hauling firms an interim 10 per cent hike in freight rates.

The increase was granted unanimously Thursday by the three-member panel after a six-hour emergency hearing.

"It's the best thing we can do," Commissioner Paula Hawkins said after the decision. But an industry spokesman said he'd like to see some more done.

"I think the commissioners acted in good faith," said James Killingsworth, head of the state Owners-Operators Association. "Now if we can get the state to work on the rest of the things we need."

Thursday's hearing was called after independent gas-line haulers went on a two-day strike last weekend in Tampa and Fort Lauderdale to protest skyrocketing costs of fuel.

The commission was told that the truckers, who own their own tractors and contract with gasoline hauling firms, had agreed to return to work until the PSC acted on the rate hike request.

The 10 per cent hike, 60 to 65 per cent of which will go directly to the independent haulers, was granted pending a hearing later this month on a 15 per cent hike requested by the firms.

It goes into effect just after midnight tonight and is not expected to increase the cost of retail gasoline, the PSC said. It also is not expected to make much of a dent in the national shutdown by independent haulers.

"It's not going to help the industry as a whole," said Ben Savage, Florida representative for Overdrive, a national magazine for truckers. "We won't be happy until the federal government agrees to our demands for a rollback on diesel fuel prices."

Savage was with about 200 drivers who have parked at a large truck stop in Central Florida as part of the national strike.

Killingsworth, whose association represents other firms and drivers not connected with hauling fuel, also said the rate hike should be extended to other areas.

"I would like to see the commission work out a plan for all independent truckers to make a decent income on their investment," he said. "I don't think you can separate one driver from another in the owner-operators when the needs are as bad as they are in these times. All are suffering."

Charlotte Adopts Gas Ration Plan

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Even as federal officials make more promises to fuel-starved areas of Florida, one hard-hit county has adopted a stringent plan to limit motorists to one fill-up per week.

Charlotte County Commissioner Charles Chiles, D-Fla., said earlier Thursday that orders had been issued to four major fuel companies to start moving increased allocations into Southwest and Central Florida.

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Askew Favors Lower School Taxes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Reubin Askew says he is in favor of lowering school taxes but says it may require a constitutional amendment.

Askew told a news conference Thursday that he was considering a proposal to lower the maximum amount of property taxes school boards may charge by up to 30 per cent.

Many property owners have complained that with property evaluation at full market value for tax purposes, the present school tax is burdensome. The ceiling is now 10 mills, or 10¢ for each \$1,000 in value.

Askew said a one-mill cut would be reasonable if revenue estimates hold up and that a two-mill cut "is not unreasonable."

However, he said a three-mill cut would require new or increased taxes in other areas, "which I do not intend to propose."

The state would have to make up the difference to the school boards, he said.

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On The Homefront Playing Games With The Children

By JOAN COPLEY Copley News Service

Actually, we nearly stopped at two children, but we discovered a lot of games require three players. Up against it as we were, we thought "the heck with Zero Population Growth" and had a third kid. This child is much younger than the others, and is handicapped game-wise by being unable to read or count. His numerical assets tend to conclude with a "17, 18, 19, 28, 37." These deficiencies though, enable Twelve and Eleven to cheat with impunity — a tactic they can't employ against each other — as with an effusion of sisterly devotion, they are pointed like hawks, ready to shriek, "She's cheating, Mother" at the least pretext. However, Four is the ideal victim: a dumb little kid who doesn't know that 6 spots a, one die and 4 on the other add up to 10. Four, regularly, becomes enraged

Ray Cromley Let's first pierce the smokescreens

Recently, a two-day conference of scientists, engineers, technicians, economists, government officials and other assorted energy experts was held in Washington, D.C. Despite some minor dissent, there seemed to be general agreement that this country has the resources, the know-how and the investment capital needed to reach self-sufficiency in energy. There was strong opinion that we could have energy coming out of our ears by the next decade, perhaps as early as 1985. The requirements needed to do so, said one official speaking to the conference, would be in the neighborhood of \$80 billion a year, approximately double our current investment capital in that field. No one present said more than that. The economists mentioned in believe this was possible. But there was discord at these sessions — a great deal of it in fact — on how we should go about achieving the energy "independence" President Nixon has set as our goal. There was discussion on what new energy sources were practical and inquiries into the government's role. Consumers present at these two-day discussions were not happy at the apparent agreement among the economists that high prices were the best practical solution to the oil crisis. Costly petroleum, these experts contended, provides the ideal incentive for finding more oil and for developing

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Advertisement for CEREBRAL PALSY TELETHON COLLECTION POINT featuring an image of a group of people and text: "CEREBRAL PALSY TELETHON COLLECTION POINT".

World News Briefs

Decision Today On Strike

LONDON (AP)—Union leaders decide today whether to postpone the British coal strike called for Sunday now that Prime Minister Edward Heath has ordered a general election Feb. 23. Joe Gormley, president of the miners' union, said the strike should be deferred because "we ought not to fight an election in the current climate." The union's 20-man executive was meeting today to decide, and a close vote was expected.

Terrorists Flown To Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP)—A Japanese airliner brought four pro-Arab terrorists from Singapore to Kuwait today to join other guerrillas who have held the Japanese Embassy and 12 hostages since Wednesday. Kuwait said all the terrorists would be flown together to an unspecified destination, presumably another Arab country. The leader of the nine guerrillas in the embassy told a newsman by telephone that the hostages were in good shape and would be released after the guerrillas were aboard the plane.

Brush Fire Guts Homes

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP)—Fires that burned 400 acres of brush land and destroyed three mobile homes and an unoccupied frame house were deliberately set, forestry officials report. The fire started in a brush clearing that took more than 100 fire fighters from 11 agencies in Pasco and Hernando counties to extinguish the five blazes Wednesday. No injuries were reported in the fires. Officials said an investigation to find the arsonists would continue.

Chinese Attack Lattimore

TOKYO (AP)—Owen Lattimore, a China expert at the State Dept. who has been accused of being a Communist agent, has been attacked by the Chinese Communists as a "reactionary historian and international spy." The attack on Lattimore, who 19 months ago was a guest of Premier Chou En-lai, was part of a campaign by Chinese radicals against so-called reactionaries said to have been influenced by the late Defense Minister Lin Biao.

Queen In New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Queen Elizabeth and members of the British royal family toured the main shopping thoroughfare of Auckland while droves of New Zealanders crowded around to watch. Police mounted what was described as the tightest security net in New Zealand history. The city center was jammed with the biggest crowds ever seen here.

Rockefeller Donates Art

NEW YORK (AP)—John D. Rockefeller III is giving the Asia Society a collection of Asian art valued at \$10 million to \$15 million. "After being involved in three land wars in Asia in one generation, we Americans must seek ways to develop understanding and cooperation with the two-thirds of the human family who live in Asia," Rockefeller told a news conference Thursday. Philip Taubert, president of the cultural society based in New York, said the collection consists of several hundred pieces from mainly four Asian cultures—Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Khmer Cambodian. He said the collection includes paintings, pottery, ceramics and sculpture, in stone, bronze and wood.

Noted Sculptor Dies

MIAMI BEACH (AP)—Vuk Vuchich, one of the world's most noted sculptors whose models included Dwight D. Eisenhower, Winston Churchill and Benito Mussolini, has been found dead in his Miami Beach apartment. He was 73. Police said Vuchich's body was discovered after he failed to return to a local hospital for observations following a prostate operation. He was dead two weeks when found, police said. Cause of death was listed as diabetes mellitus. Born in Mitrovica, Yugoslavia, Vuchich came to the United States at age 17.

Jordan Reaches Solution On Army Pay Demands

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—The Jordanian government has reached a solution to the army's pay demands after five days of demonstrations by troops demanding higher pay. "The problem has been solved," Premier Zaid Rifai said Thursday after the government raised the pay of the military and police forces and ended a censorship blackout on news reports of the crisis. Rifai emphasized that the army's loyalty to King Hussein was "beyond doubt, contrary to what some of our enemies would like him to believe." The king canceled a visit to Washington this weekend and flew home from London to restore order. Reliable reports from Jordan to Beirut earlier this week said the troops accused Premier Rifai, son of the late King Hussein, of rampant corruption and demanded their resignations. Reports to Beirut today said the pay raises had apparently satisfied the troops. These reports added that the king told the soldiers he alone would decide who remained in the army and who would be dismissed.

Gunmen Free Twelve Hostages; Flee Singapore With Comrades

KUWAIT (AP)—Five masked terrorists left the Japanese Embassy here Friday, freeing a trembling Japanese ambassador and 11 other hostages unharmed. The terrorists boarded a Japanese airliner carrying four comrades flown to this Persian Gulf shelter from Singapore at the demand of the group holding the embassy here. The plane remained on the ground at the Kuwait airport, where an informant said the aircraft was awaiting "landing permission from an undisclosed Arab airport." There was speculation they were bound for Iraq or South Yemen, the only two Arab countries whose governments have not repudiated terrorism.



ONE LAST TRY
An Israeli soldier casts his line from one of the bridges across the Suez Canal prior to the Israeli army's troop pullback from Suez.

In England Strike Vote Split

LONDON (AP)—Union leaders were split today over whether to postpone the coal strike called for Sunday now that Prime Minister Edward Heath has ordered a general election Feb. 23. Joe Gormley, president of the miners' union, said the strike should be deferred because "we ought not to fight an election in the current climate." Apparently he feared that a strike would be blamed on the miners, and that would work to the disadvantage of the Labor party. Other members of the union's 27-man executive wanted to go ahead with the walkout. The executive was meeting today to decide, and a close vote was expected. The Conservative prime minister, who has been standing firm against the miners' wage demands, coupled his announcement Thursday of the election with an appeal for postponement of the strike. The government hinted that if the strike was postponed, industry that has been on a three-day work week since Jan. 1 to save power will be permitted to operate four or five days a week. Economists say that if short weeks continue, they will start taking heavy financial toll at the end of February. By then, they say, many firms that have survived despite two months of money losses will be forced to close, throwing millions out of work. Britain's 40 million voters will be casting their ballots in the first general election ever held during a state of emergency. The government's emergency powers, which allowed it to order the short weeks and other power-saving measures, were extended by Parliament for a fourth month on Thursday, the longest period such powers have been in effect since the 1926 general strike. Heath could have stayed in office another 18 months, and most recent opinion polls show the Conservatives and Labor neck-and-neck in popular support. The Conservatives now hold 320 of the 520 seats in the House of Commons. Redistricting will expand the new House to 535.

U.S. To Give Panama Canal Zone

PANAMA CITY (AP)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has pledged to return the Canal Zone to Panama and to launch a major new U.S. commitment to the Western Hemisphere. He spent 20 hours flying from Washington to Panama and back Thursday to spend five hours here to sign an agreement on principles that would govern the negotiation of a new canal treaty. The treaty eventually would return complete control of the canal to Panama. But his remarks after the signing ceremony, televised live in 15 Latin American countries, were aimed mainly at the meeting in Mexico City later this month of Western Hemisphere foreign ministers. "I have come here to tell you on behalf of our President that we are now fully committed to a major effort to build a vital Western Hemisphere community," he said. He used the agreement with Panama as an example of how such a community could work. "It can be the first step toward a new era which we believe will be given fresh hope and purpose when we meet again with the foreign ministers of all the hemispheres." The agreement shows "that Panama's sovereignty and the vital interests of the United States in the Panama Canal can be made compatible," he said. The principles state that the new treaty, yet to be negotiated, will phase out rather than eliminate immediately U.S. jurisdiction over the 16-mile-wide Canal Zone that bisects this nation. But otherwise, Kissinger laid out few details of the "new era" in his speech, which made no mention of the Organization of American States or the Alliance for Progress, the last major U.S. aid program for Latin America, which began in the Kennedy administration.

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KUWAITI government officials, he said, "I thank the government and people of Kuwait and Japan for all they have done to secure our release." The other 11 hostages included nine Japanese members of the embassy staff and businessmen and two Arab employees of the embassy.

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Pastors Corner

God Sends The Best

By JAMES V. VAUGHN
Minister, Sanford Christian Church

"When you care enough to send the very best," says the sign of a great greengrocer company. When we really love someone, we give our very best. Every Christmas many of us spend ourselves into near bankruptcy because we find joy in giving to those we love. The joy of giving seems to increase with the amount of personal sacrifice involved. This we do, when we really care.

It's no wonder we're that way. We are created in God's image, and He is like that. When God loves someone, He sends His very best. That beautiful verse of God's love, John 3:16, says it in capsule form: that God so loved, that "He gave His only begotten Son." II Cor. 9:15 exclaims that God's gift of Christ to the world is so marvelous that mere words cannot describe it!

In the first chapter of Hebrews, verses 1-4, the Bible elaborates on the fact that Christ is God's best. In the first place, if you'll look in your Bible, you'll see that Hebrews 1:3 describes Christ as Heaven's best. To illustrate, the best player for the best football team (i.e. the world champion Dolphins, I'm sure) is probably the best player in football. The greatest musician in existence, the best of all possible worlds is Heaven—and Christ is Heaven's best! He is the best of the best! He is God Himself (verse 3) and better than the angels (verse 4). He has a better name than the angels. Think of the many Scriptural names for Jesus: "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace," Jesus Christ is Son of Man but also Son of God. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Bible also teaches, in Hebrews 1:10-14, that Christ is the best of earth. What is your favorite spot on earth? The mountains...seashore...river? He made them all! Does the sky amaze you? The Pioneer 10 satellite traveling at 80,000 mph. will take over 18 years just to leave our solar system, and then it will have just barely scratched outer space! He made it all! It's a shame that so many today try to receive counsel from the stars when counsel is available from the Creator of the stars. God gives not just the creation for our benefit, but also the Creator—His very best!

Hebrews 1:8-9 reminds us that Christ is King of both Heaven and earth. A throne or presidency is a tenuous thing today. The U. S. president is challenged. The Chilean president was overthrown and even the British monarch's badge has been put out. The problem with choosing the great and powerful as friends is that tomorrow they will be gone, and then you're out of luck. But not Christ! He is King forever! You can give your life to Him with eternal confidence. His administration is one of absolute fairness, justice and moral parity.

His scepter is righteous—He keeps His promises. Therefore to any troubled soul who is seeking the meaning of life, who is trying to fit life together. He says, "Come unto me...and I will give you rest." God cares enough for you to send His very best: Jesus Christ His Son. Now give your best to Him: yourself, just as you are. See what great things He will do for you.

Methodists Observe Compassion Month

"Together we care" will be the theme of the Sanford-Eustis First Methodist Church on 4th and Laurel in Sanford for February as the congregation joins the denomination's continent-wide observance of Compassion Month. The church will demonstrate through prayer, programs and giving its concern for the disadvantaged of the world.

Sunday, each family in Sunday School received a Compassion Bank in which to place gifts.

The Junior Missionary Society is spearheading the appeal through weekly skills led by Mrs. E. J. Richey. The JMS will be assisted by the Women's Missionary Society of which Mrs. Howard Jacobs of Eustis is president.

Installation of Officers for 1974 of the Priscilla Circle from the Chuluota Community Church was held recently at the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Shirley Kelly, past president, was installing officers at Cap Hatien, where he will serve as overseer of building of outpost churches and in maintenance. She will be secretary to the field superintendent.

They first visited Haiti in 1971 when their cruise ship stopped.

PROVIDENCE LUTHERAN
The Lutheran Church of Providence in Deltona, will celebrate its 5th Anniversary at special services on Sunday, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Herbert Goers, officiating.

Following the service, at 11 a.m., a coffee hour will be held in honor of this date in the Church Social Hall. Charter members of the church are invited to attend and be especially recognized by Rev. Goers. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

At 3 p.m. movies of the dedication of the church will be shown.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
The new church council of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will hold its first meeting Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Members recently installed at the morning service were Ervin Schreiber, president; Don Myers, vice president; Robert Bry, treasurer; Mrs. Elaine Wijk, financial secretary; Wayne Pedersen, director of evangelism; Mrs. Irma Kirsholm, director of finance; Mrs. Colleen Prouvecher, director of community relations; Gene O'Neill, director of church properties; Bruce Wesson, director of parish fellowship; and Ed Senkark, director of worship and music. New elders are Steve Ballint and Edward Ogden.

The Pairs & Spares Club will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday.



HELPING CELEBRATE 90th anniversary of First Baptist Church of Sanford are (l to r) John Miller, former educational director; Peggy Brown, member in costume of 1884; Fred B. Mosely, guest speaker; Rev. J. T. Cosmato, pastor; Martha Fox, oldest living member, and Beth Hirt, youngest member. (Herald Photo by Cecelia Farmer)

OMS Commissions McClains

By JANE CASSELLBERRY
Church Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McClain Sr. of Casselberry will be commissioned as missionaries to Haiti by OMS International Sunday at Community United Methodist Church during the 11 a.m. worship service. Rev. Dale McClain, retired OMS field director for Indonesia, will represent the mission society in the commissioning, in which Rev. Bill Pickett, local pastor will also participate.

Marvin and Reba will be assigned to the OMS compound at Cap Hatien, where he will serve as overseer of building of outpost churches and in maintenance. She will be secretary to the field superintendent.

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Marvin is retiring as vice president and part owner of B&W Watercraft Co. of Oviedo after 27 years. Long time members of the OMS compound at Cap Hatien, where he will serve as overseer of building of outpost churches and in maintenance. She will be secretary to the field superintendent.

He has a certified lay speakers license and is associate lay leader of Orlando District. He is a past president of District Methodist Men, is a member of District Church active on Lay Witness Mission Extension Committee, and a team about the state. Reba is a member of the Conference served for many years as church secretary and served on the Commission on Missions.



FIRST CHRISTIAN APPRECIATION DAY
CHURCH SCHOOL leaders and teachers have served over the years at First Christian Church of Sanford were recognized in special services and at a dinner Sunday. Front row, (l to r) Bonnie Ring, Lenora Smith, Judy Williams and Judy Patience; second row, Joe Williams, Fannie Johnson, Goldie Burge, Margarete Evans, Frances Ring, and Wilma Morgan; back row, Earl Evans, Eunice Horton and Dr. Harold Harris. (Herald Photo by Cecelia Farmer)

ADVENTISTS HOLD FIRST SERVICE
WINTER SPRINGS Seventh-day Adventist Church held its first official service in the new facilities Saturday. Participating were (l to r) front row, Brian Tarr, Forest Lake pastor; Ron Bentzner, pastor; Walter Smith, Florida Conference treasurer; Julius Garner, elder; back row, G. E. Claus, architect consultant; Elvin West, building committee chairman; Orville Litchfield, elder; and Martin Russ, business manager. (Herald Photo by Nancy Booth)



MINISTERS OF DELTONA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sam McCook, welcomed as new pastor. Dr. Lawrence Dunton and Carl White former pastors. (Herald Photo by Charles Edwards)

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Film Goers React Badly To Exorcist

NEW YORK (AP)—"Get out of him. O'acured devil, and yield place to Christ who has won his soul." So goes the key phrase of the ancient church rite of exorcism, preceded by an extensive sequence of other prayers—a ritual that is getting considerable notice these days. "The attention is a bit frenetic, a kind of hysterical reaction," says the Rev. Edward B. Brueggemann, a Roman Catholic theologian of Xavier University in Cincinnati and a specialist on the subject. "Much of it is hokum—about 95 per cent of it."

However, as a result of the current movie, "The Exorcist," and the general fascination with the occult, many churches and their institutions have experienced a wave of claimed cases of demon possession. "All of a sudden there's a plethora of it all over the land," says Father Brueggemann, who teaches a special course on cults in the modern world. Both in theology and through the church's experience, he added in a telephone interview, the phenomenon of Satanic possession is extremely rare, although there are Scriptural premises for its possibility. "We know there are powerful spirits of evil in the world through the freedom permitted by God," he said. "Our time had its stark demonstrations of that in Hitler and Stalin. And it's well that we should realize this."

However, regarding the current spate of upset people complaining they or others are suffering "possession," he said the danger is that their problem usually is psychological, such as unrelieved guilt feelings or mental illusions, needing treatment. "Typical of cases in which his advice has been enlisted, he said, was that of a young woman who was "simply hungry for attention. It was a case of a disturbed mind more than anything else."

Nevertheless, a rash of such cases has descended on church officials and pastors, usually as a result of the movie.

At St. Hugo's parish in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., the Rev. James Chichon says about 20 people, mostly college students, have showed up through "readily rattled," reporting prolonged loss of sleep or other effects. "Most of them have been highly exposed to the occult on campus," he says, adding that he can see "absolutely no good at all" resulting from the movie. "Anyone who takes the hide to see it are out of their minds."

Adventure in Faith

GUEST SPEAKER for the Women's Guild of Church of the Nativity Tamara Braden is shown with outgoing president, Mrs. Jennie Fox. Mrs. Braden shared with the group her experiences last summer in bringing six intercity children from Jacksonville to her home for a one week Vacation Bible School.

Mission Series Sited

Elder Springs Baptist Church, begins its third Annual Missionary Conference Sunday. The Conference continues through Feb. 11, with morning and evening services. Sunday the services will be at 11 a.m. Young has served one term in Cuba, Brazil. Bill Presson has served three terms in Bolivia, working among the Yuki Indians. All are invited to take part in this conference. A nursery will be available.

Nazarene Church Plans Revival

Revival services will be conducted at First Church of the Nazarene Feb. 11-17 by Rev. Harold Glaze, pastor of Church of the Nazarene, Plant City. Services will begin at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. He received his education at Bethany Nazarene College in Oklahoma, and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas. As speaker and soloist, he was active in camp meetings, forums, and revivals until December, 1970, when he took ill. Cancer confined him to the hospital for 87 days. After five surgeries, several weeks of chemotherapy, and miraculous healing he is again engaged in his life's work. Rev. D. D. Elliot, local pastor, invites the public to all of the services.

REV. HAROLD GLAZE
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