Era Of Peace Between Labor, Management Forseen

WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite one of the heaviest negotiating agendas in years, 1973 may herald a new era of peace in labor-management relations.

The recent agreement between the United Rubber Workers and the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., offers hope of an industrywide settlement without a strike for the first time in 10 years.

industry and 15 unions representing 500,000 workers tentatively agreed on a new contractnearly four months before the old agreement expired and the first time in history without stopping the trains.

And then last week, two Teamster locals in New York accepted years. The two sides agreed to

ment, the strike-prone railroad cially ailing F. & M Schaefer Brewing Co. providing no wage

These examples followed the unprecedented agreement between the powerful United Steelworkers union and the 10 largest steel producers on a no-strike, nolockout pledge for the next four

year's contracts talks to binding arbitration by an impartial third party.

The Labor Department reports that the number of working days lost to strikes in the first quarter of the year dropped to nine-tenths of one working day per 1,000, lowest for the period since 1966. The figure for March alone-

At the same time, the department says major wage increases negotiated in the first three months of 1973 averaged 5.3 per cent, down from the 7 per cent average gain in all of 1972 and well within the Nixon administration's Phase 3 economic guide-

the lowest in nine years.

However, unless prices are brought under control, labor leaders warn, workers will demand bigger settlements, threatening both another spurt in the wageprice spiral and an undermining

a new contract with the finan- submit unresolved issues in next eight-tenths of one per cent—was of the new spirit of labor-management cooperation.

gaining talks remaining this year involve the United Auto Workers in the fall and the Teamsters Union, which begins negotiations this week on a new national master freight agreement.

Although the effect of rising prices remains an unknown factor, the Teamsters are expected to reach a peaceful settlement. Word is that the union, representing some 400,000 drivers nationwide, is prepared to submit a moderate package of wage and benefit demands.

Bargaining now underway in the electrical industry is marked Two of the most critical bar- by the absence of strident talk from both management and labor. The last time around, in 1969-70. the unions struck General Electric for 14 weeks, longest strike in the company's history.

What brought about this new spirit of peace?

AFL-CIO President George Meany said, "In the 1930's when workers were earning 60 cents an hour, it didn't take much in the way of financial aid to keep a family going during a strike. . . . Things are different now."

A&M Forestry Club Marks 25 Tree Species With Plaques

the inner University campus have been marked with identifying plaques by the Forestry Club. The club project began last vear by Ben D. Jackson of Beau-

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mont will help people notice and identify trees "which are so much a part of the aesthetics of the campus," explained Tony King, a graduate student.

They identify live, post, water and willow oaks, bald cypress, sweetgum, Texas pistache, sycamore winged, cedar, Chinese and American elm, white mulberry, cedar, crab apple, Arizona cypress, pecan, mesquite, green ash. Oriental arborvitae and Mediterranean pine trees.

Each plaque carries the club name and the tree's common and scientific name, the latter by genus and species.

King said the project was started by identifying and mapping trees in the center of the campus, between the Agriculture Building and Memorial Student Center. They were charted on a small scale map provided by

Twenty-five species of trees on mimosa, reforma, Eastern red Robert H. Rucker, campus land- self-guided tour of named trees scape architect.

The Forestry Club mapped 45 different tree species in the area. Robert R. Rhodes, associate professor of forest science, verified

identification. "Other campuses have done this as a public service," King said. "The project was one way the club could add something to the Texas A&M campus, rather than the normal fence and run

The club plans a similar, fu-

on the campus.

Forestry Club members who worked on the project include Jackson, David Fette of Muenster; John Powell, Lamesa; Steven Holekamp, Comfort; Bill Carroll, Center; King and Beach. Jackson graduated and is now with the Peace Corps in Costa

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The prominent graduates will be cited for exceptional contributions to society.

Benz, a 1932 graduate, operates

a floral design school and is a

Restaurant Sells 12-Ounce Steaks For 44 Cents

DALLAS (A)-It looked like a soup line from the old days, but they were handing out steaks at old days prices.

It was all a gimmick by a Dallas restaurant, the T.G.I. Friday, which celebrated its anniversary by announcing it would serve 12ounce steaks for 44 cents.

The line formed in front of the restaurant from 11 a.m. Tuesday until 2 a.m. Wednesday. The normal price of the steaks is

A customer said as he walked in: "I am going to lay a \$10 bill on the table and just say 'fill her up."

Peppered Club steak, normally a regular \$3.25 was selling for 36 cents.

Friday's manager Dan Scoggin said near 3,500 steaks were sold. Talking about cost, he added: "We lost a bunch."

Tuesday was the third day of the second week-long meat boy-cott organized by the "Fight In-flation Together" group.

renown floral artist, lecturer and author. For 18 years president of the Federal Land Bank in Houston, Evans has given dedicated service to improving conditions for farmers and ranchers across the Southwest.

A 1912 graduate, Forsyth is a national authority on heavy power plant construction. He and his wife made a major commitment for construction of the new alumni center, to be named in honor of his father.

Criteria for selection include success and prominence in the recipient's chosen profession, demonstrated ability, integrity and stature and interest and pride in Texas A&M.

Benz, a 1932 A&M graduate and classmate of Rudder, owns the Benz School of Floral Design in Houston. The landscape architecture and floriculture graduate had shops in Port Arthur and Houston and opened the school after serving in the Army in World War II.

A two-term member of the Texas A&M System Board of Directors, Evans was president of the board from 1963 to 1965. He was a state 4-H Club leader for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and district extension agent for the Lubbock area. He was selected, at age 34, the first president of the Houston Bank of Cooperatives.

A mechanical engineer who founded and guides the Forsyth Engineering Co. of Houston, Forsyth has been a worker in various programs. As Class of '12 agents, he led in establishing the first class-sponsored President's Endowed Scholarship.

Wisenbaker is the only nonmedical director of the Texas Department of Public Health. He received the Commissioner's Award of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation last year for "extraordinary contributions to public health." He also served on a special state commission studying waste disposal.

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