

# Female alcoholism goes up

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Women who once nursed the bottle at home are turning more openly and in greater numbers to alcohol and to the once male-dominated Alcoholics Anonymous, an AA survey showed Tuesday.

The report released to the North American Congress on Alcohol and Drug Problems said women account for 31 percent of AA's new members in the past three years.

Dr. John L. Norris, AA board chairman, told a news conference that drinking no longer is regarded as purely a man's domain and that

women are less inclined to hide their drinking.

"When I was coming up, the acceptable social drink for women was tea," said the white-haired physician. "Now, it's cocktails."

Doctors said increasing social acceptance of alcohol, changing women's roles and jobs in which women come under more stress are major reasons for the increase.

Women now make up 28 percent of the group's membership, compared to 22 percent in 1968 and 26 percent in 1971.

The survey was designed to give a profile of Alcoholics Anonymous

and is taken every three three years among AA groups in the United States and Canada. A total of 11,355 of AA's estimated 285,000 members were polled.

In the latest survey, 38 percent of the membership polled identified themselves in the executive-professional-technical category. Another 32 percent were identified as clerical or blue collar and 11 percent as housewives.

Increased drinking among women is not the only reason for increased female participation in AA, said Norris.

"Because of the increased atten-

tion among women to alcoholism and because of changing social customs, it's less of a disgrace," he said.

Walter Murphy, a spokesman for the drug and alcohol conference, cited changing social customs and more pressure at work as reasons for the increased number of identified women alcoholics.

"Always there were housewives who stayed home and no one knew they were alcoholics. Now since they are going into professional and executive positions, the woman is no longer the hidden alcoholic," Murphy said.

# Nothing seems to stop Irish killings

## Christmas spirit evades gloomy country

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Santa Claus can kill — that's the British army's Christmas message to its troops in Northern Ireland.

Military bases are plastered with warning posters that give even Santa a sinister image in this violence-ridden city.

A death-head skull in a red cap hovers over a Christmas gift, beckoning with a skeletal finger. "Don't accept Christmas presents from strangers," it warns.

The stranger, the army reasons,

could be a terrorist and the present a bomb.

Peace and good will are grudging visitors in Northern Ireland, where a sectarian conflict has raged for five years.

Nearly 1,140 men, women and children have died and about everyone in the population of 1.5 million knows someone who has been killed or maimed.

Christmas here is:

—No toy guns for the kids. Nervous soldiers can mistake youngsters playing in a gloomy ghetto street for armed terrorists.

—The indignity of being searched a dozen times by soldiers manning checkpoints as you do your Christmas shopping. The heart of Belfast, once a free-fire zone for the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), is a network of steel fences

thrown up by the army.

—Businessmen, terrorized and

bombed to the brink of bankruptcy, abandoning the traditional trees and necklaces of Christmas lights on Royal Avenue.

—A British patrol, bellies full of army-issue plum duff, moving down a Belfast street past a graffiti-daubed wall with the IRA warning, "Informers will be shot."



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# Haircut refusal leads to Army conviction

BERLIN (AP) — A U.S. Army special court-martial convicted Pvt. Robert Nuchow, 19, of Leonia, N.J., Tuesday of refusing to get a haircut.

Nuchow faces a maximum six-months' confinement at hard labor and loss of pay. Sentencing is expected Thursday.

Nuchow was accused of refusing to obey an order in September that

he cut his hair and trim his sideburns, which still reach to his chin.

Immediately after the judge's finding, Nuchow's lawyer began introducing witnesses to testify on behalf of Nuchow's character and to attempt to show extenuating circumstances.

Nuchow is one of six enlisted men in Berlin charged with refusing to obey haircut orders.

# BB&L savings accounts vs. stocks and bonds. Guess which is a better hedge against inflation. Guess again.

The belief that common stocks (or long-term Government bonds) preserve capital better than BB&L savings accounts simply isn't true.

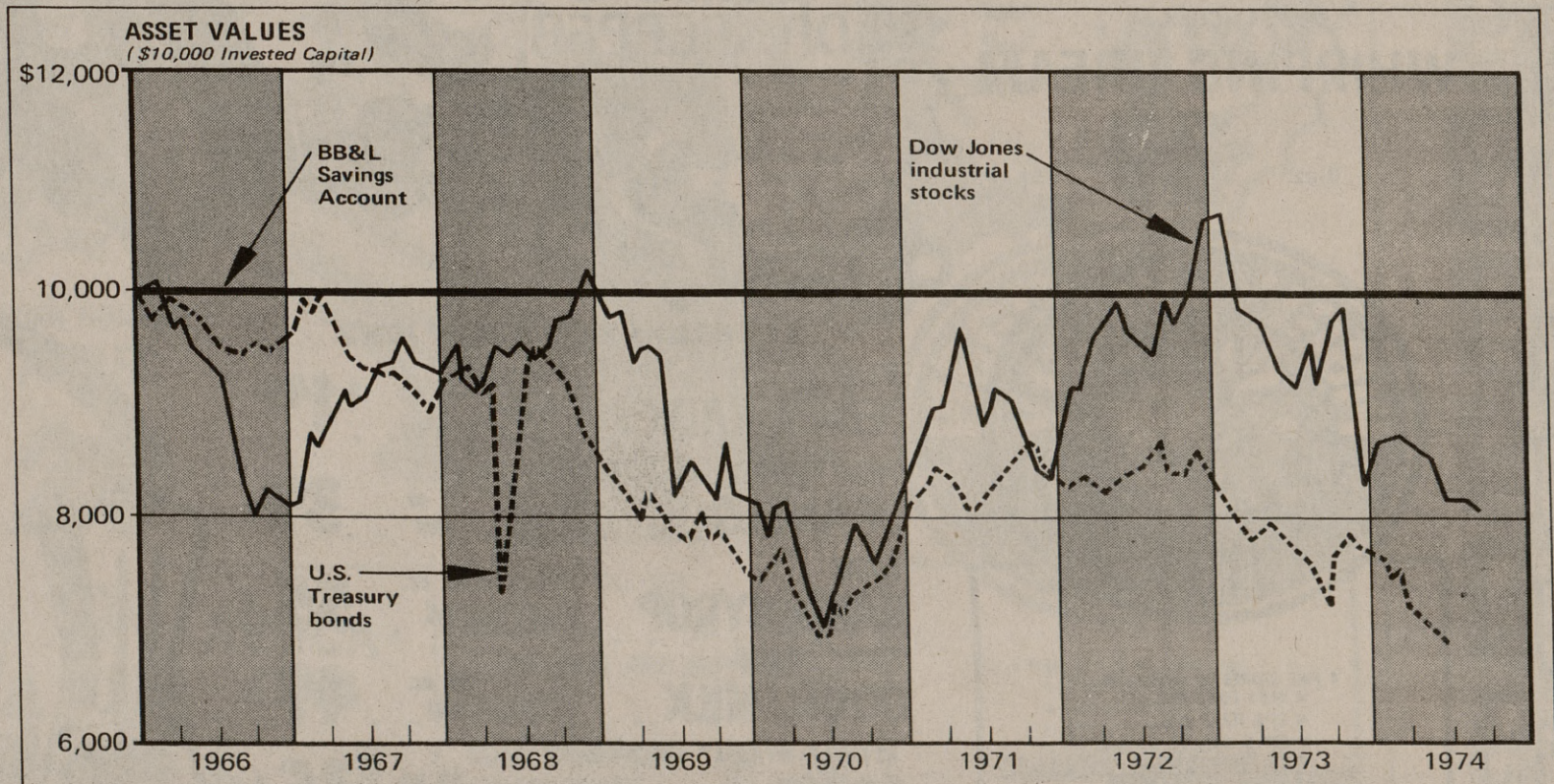
In periods of inflation, this presumption is even more erroneous.

The chart below tracks asset (cash-in) values of a \$10,000 BB&L savings account, compared to the same amount of Dow Jones average industrial stocks and U.S. Treasury bonds. Note that on

very few months in 9 years could an investor pull his savings out of the market without a loss of principal. Throughout the entire period, of course, a BB&L customer could step up to the savings window and withdraw every penny of his investment — plus accrued interest.

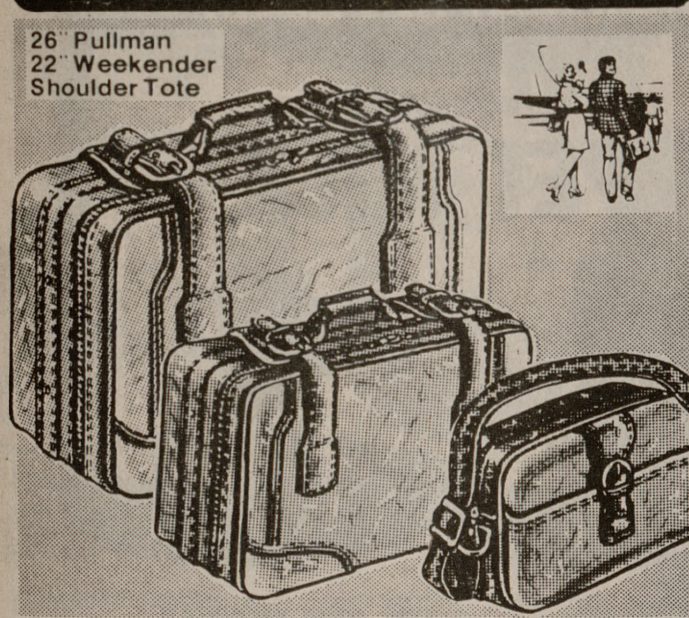
BB&L savings accounts returned a greater yield than stocks or bonds, too.

But that's another story.



SOURCE: U.S. Savings & Loan League and the Investment Company Institute. (Some reports, including Economic Indicators, published by the President's Council of Economic Advisors, express earnings for common stocks in much less favorable terms than indicated here. The case can be stated in a great many ways using different indices, weighted advances and declines, beta factors and regression equations, but simple lines tell the story...)

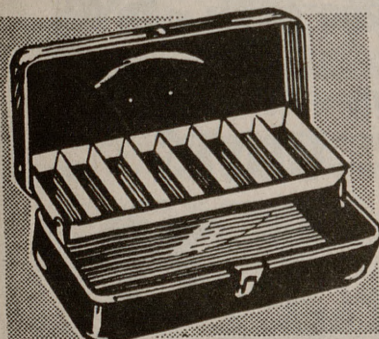
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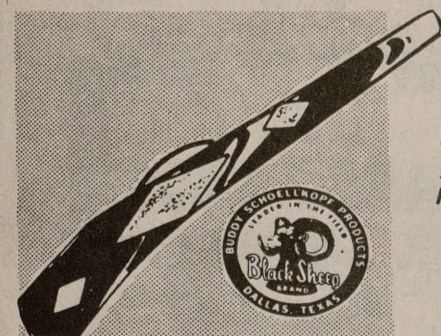
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