

Gov., Mrs. Wallace separate

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Cornelia Wallace moved out of the Alabama Governor's Mansion yesterday in the latest domestic rift between her and Gov. George Wallace, who already has retained a lawyer to seek a divorce from his wife.

Mrs. Wallace's lawyer declined to say whether her leaving the mansion was considered a legal separation. "I'm not at liberty to say," said attorney Ira DeMent.

"She's deeply hurt and distraught," said DeMent, who helped

Mrs. Wallace supervise the moving. "She states she has attempted in every way to save her marriage."

Movers packed Mrs. Wallace's personal belongings into a truck, which arrived at the mansion shortly before midday. "She will be with friends," DeMent said but refused to identify them.

Wallace was at the antebellum mansion when the truck pulled up,

but was unavailable for comment. Persons close to him said he had been visibly upset all last week.

Mrs. Wallace left the mansion earlier in the day but returned with the movers.

The governor hired attorney Maury Smith more than a month ago to end the six-year marriage, which has been marked by occasional public discord.

Wild horses couldn't keep her away

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WICHITA, Kan. — The plight of hundreds of wild horses in Nevada scheduled to be shot by the government because of herd overpopulation tugged at Cathy McCormick's sense of decency. She wanted to do something about it.

Taking advantage of a horse adoption program of the Bureau of Land Management office in Reno, Nev., she rounded up hundreds of midwesterners who wanted to adopt a horse. Armed with the applications and a fierce determination, she went to Reno during the weekend and brought back 120 horses.

"It all sounded so easy," Mrs. McCormick said.

"Our plane was late, we lost our luggage, we lost our rent car. The government lost most of our applications. They gave away half the horses we picked out before we could get them loaded — twice. There weren't nearly as many horses to pick from as they promised. It took eight hours to load the third truck, because of a trucker with an electric-prod mentality.

"And besides that, I've got more than \$1,100 in bad checks."

The checks were not to buy the wild horses, which is forbidden by federal law, but to pay transportation fees and veterinarian bills.

The costs for adopting worked out to about \$92 per horse. For that price, however, the horse's new master only has custody, not ownership. The government must by law retain ownership, even of the carcass.

When the horses arrived Labor Day at a muddy arena west of the city in three semitrailer trucks, about 500 midwesterners were waiting to take them to their new homes. The ordeal was just beginning.

Mud flew, ropes became entangled, cowboys cursed, pickups and trailers became mired, and a few of the horses got into several trailers.

"What'd you expect?" a heavyset cowboy asked. "There ain't no easy way. None at all."

But still Mrs. McCormick wants to save more.

"The horses that aren't coming out of the corrals in Nevada are being shot," Cathy explained. "I talked with the government — the Bureau of Land Management — about setting up a distribution center here. But from what I saw of the government when I was out there, it'll take years."

"I'm going back again next year for more."

Single meters okay if permit issued before new year

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AUSTIN — A new law requiring individual electricity meters for apartments does not apply to units already under construction, the attorney general said yesterday.

Attorney General John L. Hill said apartments begun and constructed after Jan. 1, 1978, must have individual electricity meters or local governments will have to prohibit occupancy of the buildings.

"Political subdivisions may issue building permits for apartment buildings at individual meters or submetering until Jan. 1, 1978," Hill said.

Buildings constructed under permits issued prior to the Jan. 1 deadline can be okayed for occupancy, the attorney general said.

"Once a building permit is issued article 1446d, in our opinion, contemplates issuance of a certificate of occupancy on completion in compliance with the building permit, even though completion occurs after Jan. 1, 1978," Hill said.

"After Jan. 1, 1978, a building permit for an apartment may not be issued unless the construction plans provide for individual metering or submetering."

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, asked Hill for an analysis of the impact of the law adopted by the 1977 legislature on buildings currently under construction or planned.



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