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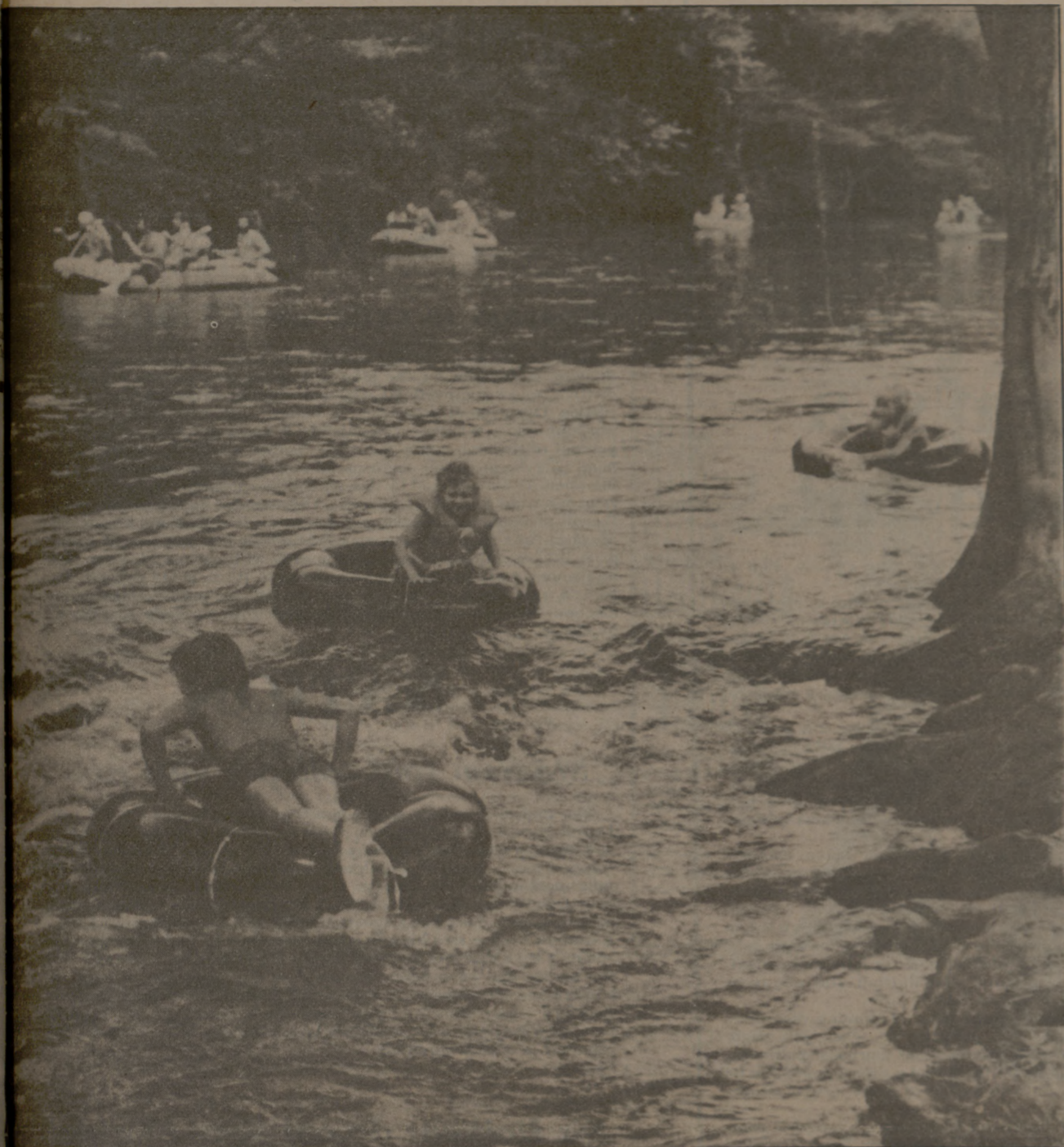
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Weather

Fair to partly cloudy skies today with a high of 93 and the low of 74. Winds will be southerly at 10-15 m.p.h.



Summer fun

The water of the Guadalupe River is cold but during a hot, Texas summer, the balance is perfect. The river below Canyon Dam is good for recre-

ational purposes because the many rapids which make inner-tubing a lot of fun as shown by these kids in New Braunfels. Battalion photo by Robin Thompson

Ambassador calls nations false

Support of Israel not weak

United Press International
DALLAS — Mideast ambassador-at-large Robert S. Strauss Monday rejected the notion that the United States had weakened either its commitment to Israel or its support of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.
Speaking at the opening assembly of the American Bar Association, Strauss said the United States has not changed its position outlined by the Camp David Mideast Accords supporting Israel's right to exist and the Palestinians' right to participate in determining their future.
"The idea that there has been any lessening of the U.S. commitment to keep Israel strong, so that it will remain secure, promote Israel's future or to fulfill all of its undertakings or commitments to Israel is false," Strauss said.
"The idea that we reject or are insensitive to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people is equally false."
Strauss' comments apparently were a response to the meeting Sunday of the

Palestine Liberation Organization at which the PLO said it will not amend its national charter, which calls for the elimination of Israel, and will press for a separate sovereign state — a demand specifically rejected by President Carter.
The United States has sought a U.N. resolution recognizing the right of Palestinians to participate in determining their own future but not a separate state and has said PLO recognition of Israel was a precondition for direct talks.
"This nation will never walk away from any of its commitments to Israel," Strauss said. "Let me reaffirm that today in the clearest possible terms." He added that the United States would "always have as our absolute requirement the security of Israel, its borders and its people."
Strauss said the United States wanted Palestinian representatives to enter Mideast peace talks immediately, but that Palestinian acceptance of Israel's right to exist would be "a major step along the road to peace."

Strauss warned that the atmosphere of debate during the past few weeks has hindered the Mideast peace process.

The "charges and countercharges (do) not help the peace process," he said. "It hurts it. It does not help Israel, Egypt, the United States or the Palestinians."

Strauss said "no artificial deadline" or change in position of the United States would be agreed to that went beyond the current U.S. policy.

"We will neither respond nor submit to any pressures of any kind, other than our own desire — shared by Israel and Egypt — to make the peace process work," Strauss said.

at solving the remaining problems.

Wolff said his delegation had "broken new ground" on the problem of U.S. servicemen still listed as missing in action in Indochina.

He said the delegation made "frank and often forceful presentations" to the Vietnamese on the unaccounted for Americans.

He said the Vietnamese responded with promises to improve their MIA accounting, allow more frequent visits by an American expert and encourage Laotian authorities to help in the search.

Lt. Col. Paul Mather, the MIA expert slated to help the Vietnamese, said there are still about 25,000 men unaccounted for in Indochina.

The other two areas still blocking normalization of relations were Vietnam's part in the refugee exodus and its occupation of Cambodia.

Wolff said the Vietnamese assured his delegation they did not intend to remain in Cambodia indefinitely, but they gave no timetable for a withdrawal, saying it depended on the end of military threats by the Chinese.

Vietnam visit is expected to aid relations with U.S.

United Press International
BANGKOK, Thailand — A delegation of House leaders believe their visit to Hanoi has brought the United States and Vietnam a step closer to normalization of relations.
One member of the delegation, Rep. James Scheuer, D-N.Y., went further than his colleagues to call for recognition of the communist government, "Now, tonight, tomorrow morning."
Speaking at a news conference before his departure from Bangkok, Scheuer said recognition would not show approval of Hanoi's actions, but would open up the lines of regular communication needed to solve differences.
But delegation leader Rep. Lester Wolff, D-N.Y., said, "As chairman of the subcommittee on Asian and Pacific affairs, there will be no normalization based upon promises, but upon actions and deeds."
"It will not go through our subcommittee until such actions have been fully demonstrated," he said.
He said, however, enough progress had been made and evidence of good will for the delegation to urge the State Department to begin regular talks aimed



Dig it

An oliander in front of the old Regent's House, which burned last spring, is being transplanted to make room for a dormitory. The house will be knocked down this week. Battalion photo by Joni Raha

Miller asks more gasoline for B-CS

Texas A&M President Jarvis E. Miller has asked Gov. William P. Clements to increase the gasoline allocation for the Bryan/College Station area to alleviate shortages which could occur when the university's full student body returns next month.

Dr. Miller also called on the local area's gasoline distributors to renew their appeals to higher headquarters to meet the increased demand. The summer enrollment of 10,000 is expected to soar to 31,000 when fall classes start Sept. 3.
"Because of the tremendous anticipated

increase in demand for gasoline beginning in late August, I believe an emergency will exist to sufficiently justify an increase in allocation of gasoline to the Bryan/College Station distributors," the Texas A&M president said in a letter to Governor Clements. "I ask that you increase the allocation for this area beginning in September to compensate for the sudden increase in population that will occur."

Dr. Miller pointed out that the local area has already been adversely affected by the gasoline shortage this summer.
"Fortunately, the 70 percent fuel alloca-

tion being received by most local distributors has not been disastrous because over two-thirds of our normal student population has been absent during the summer period," he added. "However, the tremendous growth the community is experiencing has offset the absence of over 20,000 students to some extent."

"The combination of the return of the students and the tremendous activity we see in our community in construction, the oil industry, and other business will surely adversely impact the availability of gasoline in the Bryan/College Station area," Dr. Miller concluded.

Developer asks Bryan-CC to delay tentative annexation

By LOUIE ARTHUR

Battalion Staff
Paul A. Philbin of El Paso is the new fire chief for the city of Bryan, City Manager Ernest Clark announced Monday.

Philbin, who has been the chief of training at the El Paso Fire Department since 1959, will start as chief Oct. 1. He will replace current Chief Daniel Turek, who has been acting as interim chief.

Philbin received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso. He is married and has three children.

There was much discussion in the council's special meeting about the proposed annexation of Rockwood and Westwood Parks. Concerned citizens and developers of the area were present to voice their opinions on the project.

Ramiro Galindo, developer of the area, said that he wanted the council to postpone annexation for several years because of the financial losses he would incur from the action.

"More than 2,000 people are living in the area, but there are only 80 signatures on the petition," Galindo said in reference to two petitions presented by the homeowner's association of the area.

Councilman Mobley questioned Galindo's figures because only one person from the household signed the petitions. Mobley said he wanted to know what percentage of the families wanted annexation.

Donald Clark, a Westwood resident, said the signatures represented "90 percent or more" of the home-owning families.

"Everyone I talked to was enthusiastic," Clark said. "I was not turned down by anyone saying they did not want to be annexed." Clark added the few people who would not sign had done so for other reasons.

When asked by Councilman Gibson exactly how the annexation would hurt him as a developer, Galindo said his project would have to be postponed for two or three years, meaning a \$1,500-2,000 price increase per lot.

Mayor Smith then asked Galindo if this cost increase would be paid by the lot buyer. Galindo said it would.

"The rules of the game were set four years ago," Galindo said, "and now you want to change in midstream. All I am asking is that you let me complete my project."

"I made no agreements with you,"

Mayor Smith argued.

Clark explained to the council that their reason for wanting annexation was "basically economics."

"Our tax is close to twice what it is in the city," Clark said.

City Manager Ernest Clark said that the proposed annexation should not increase property taxes but could affect water and sewer rates.

In other action, the total funds available for federal revenue sharing for the fiscal year 1979-80 was cited at \$795,572.

Willie Bell Bogard, chairman of the Brazos Valley Senior Citizens, asked the

council for \$15,000 of this money to help match a donation for a new activity center. They received a donation of \$50,000 which carried with it the stipulation that the funds had to be matched by other donations.

City Manager Clark read the proposed expenditures for the revenue sharing fund which totalled \$749,256.

Also discussed at the council meeting was a proposed ordinance amending the flood damage prevention code. The ordinance would make a developer responsible for the increased water run-off that results from their building.

Discount grocery cuts 'frills' to save money for shoppers

United Press International

DALLAS — Don't expect clever displays, digital cash registers or carry-out boys at Jewel T. Discount Grocery stores. In fact, don't even expect shelves, fresh vegetables or fruit.

President Herman Landon says the no-frills approach means a savings for the shopper.

The Chicago-based firm opened its first discount grocery in Florida in 1977 and this week opened three stores in the Dallas with additional stores planned for construction during the next few months.

Landon said the firm can offer discount prices because it eliminates the inefficiencies of traditional supermarkets.

"We don't have frozen foods or perishables, so we eliminate the need for expensive freezers. We don't use shelves, just display merchandise in shipping cases."

The stores accept only cash or food stamps. Orders are rung up on simple cash registers by checkers who do not work overtime. Shoppers are provided shopping carts but are required to bring their own bags or boxes or buy bags at cost, 3 cents each.

Individual items are not priced; shop-

pers know how much they're paying by the large signs posted above the cartons of food.

Landon said the savings available to customers differed from one marketing area to another, but said consumer reporters who made comparison purchases in several of the firm's Florida outlets reported 25-30 percent savings were possible there.

Consol eyes \$1.27 tax rate for '80

By ROY BRAGG

Battalion Staff

Superintendent Bruce Anderson recommended a tax rate of \$1.29 per \$100 valuation to the A&M Consolidated School Board during a budget review session Monday night.

The new tax rate is an increase of two cents from last year's rate of \$1.27 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Property taxes are assessed by the school district on 80 percent of the market value of a house.

College Station homeowners may file for a \$5,000 homestead exemption and, if 65 or older, a \$10,000 old age exemption.

The homestead exemption and \$5,000 of the old age exemption are mandated by the state. The remaining \$5,000 is offered by the school district.

A house with an original market value of \$50,000 would have an adjusted market value of \$35,000 if both exemptions are taken; the assessed value of the house would then be \$28,000. Taxes on the house, at the proposed rate of \$1.29, would total \$361.26.

Last year, with only a \$5,000 old age exemption, the same \$50,000 house would have an adjusted market value of \$45,000 and an assessed value of \$36,000. At last year's tax rate of \$1.27 per \$100 valuation, the taxes on the house would have been \$457.20.

As revealed at the last regular meeting of the school board, the proposed budget totals \$5,942,510. The new budget, if accepted in present form, would be \$1,124,508 or 25 percent higher than last year's.

Dr. Donald Ney, assistant superintendent-finance for the district told the board there were differences in the organization of the new budget from last year's. Most of these involved the transfer of funds from one heading to another.

Ney used as an example the large increase in the cost of expenditures at the high school (\$408,512). The main reason for the high school is the transfer of athletics from the district wide heading to the high school's individual budget.

The board is scheduled to approve the new tax rate at next Monday's regularly scheduled meeting.