

Almanac

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 7, the 36th day of 1980 with 328 to follow.
The moon is moving toward its last quarter.
The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury and Venus.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Aquarius.
American novelist Sinclair Lewis was born Feb. 7, 1885.
On this date in history:
In 1926, the average pay for common labor in the United States was 54 cents per hour.
In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army

Chief of Staff and was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.
In 1956, Autherine Lucy, the first black admitted to the University of Alabama, was expelled on grounds she accused school officials of conspiring in riots that accompanied her court-ordered enrollment.
In 1973, the U.S. Senate voted to set up a seven-member committee to investigate the Watergate break-in of Democratic National Headquarters.
A thought for the day: English novelist Charles Dickens wrote in "David Copperfield," "Let sleeping dogs lie; who wants to rouse 'em?"

Local

Judge says country uniting

By AMY DAVIS
City Reporter

The United States is changing a divided nation into a more unified one, Judge Leon Douglas of the State Court of Criminal Appeals said Wednesday.

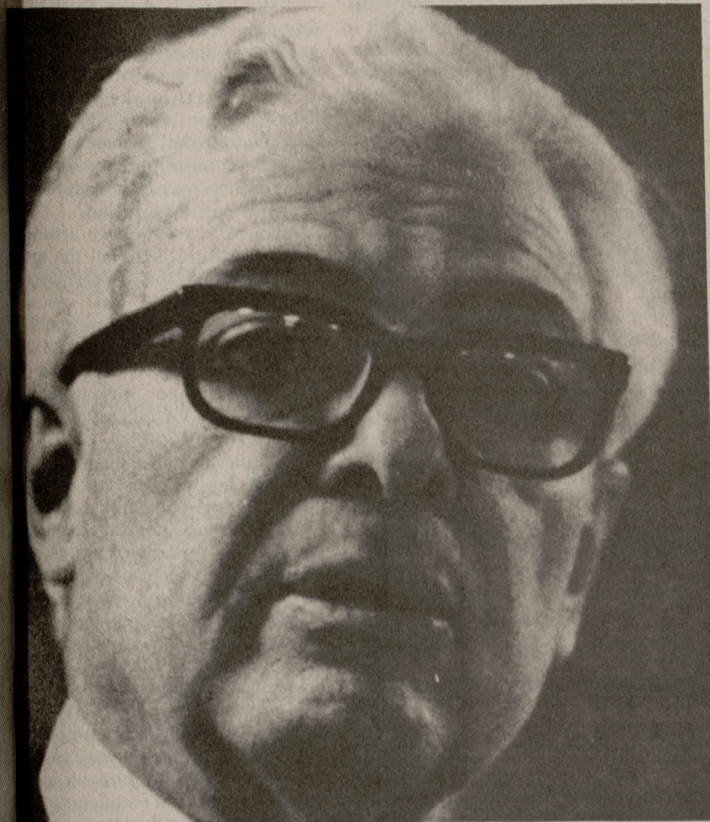
Douglas spoke to the County Judges and Commissioners Conference at the College Station Ramada Inn.
Douglas said the country is facing political, economic and energy problems, yet support for the president is growing.
He said Congress' support of Carter's request to boycott the Moscow Olympics is a prime example of how the nation supports the president in times of trouble.
The American people are more determined to enforce the law than ever before, Douglas said.
Judges and juries are assessing high penalties and the death sentence more than before, he said.
"I believe they are sick and tired of

the high crime rate," he added.
The country has had problems before, and it will have them again, he said. There is another scandal brewing in Washington involving bribery, but the people will overcome that, he said.
"We have had higher officials kicked out of office in the past," he said. During Watergate, some people thought the country would fall apart, but it survived, he said.
Douglas said judges and commissioners can help improve government.

"People of the United States expect and should have honest people in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of the government, he said.

Douglas said he realizes many of the county budgets are low on funds, but the officials should not skip on hiring well-qualified personnel.
"You can help to wipe out the crime rate by doing whatever possible to get educated law enforcement officers," he said.

Douglas said by getting involved in homes and fair government the officials can help better the country. Everyone should be treated fairly and granted their rights, the victims as well as the accused, he said.
"We must place priorities on the rules of life over the rules of the games," he said.



Judge Leon Douglas of State Court of Criminal Appeals

Red Cross makes bid for campus blood drive

By SUSAN HOPKINS
Campus Reporter

A hearing to debate whether the American Red Cross of the Central Texas Region should be allowed to have blood drives on the Texas A&M University campus was held Wednesday night in Rudder Tower.

Wadley Institute of Molecular Medicine has had the only drive at Texas A&M since the first Aggie Blood Drive in 1959.
However, Red Cross representatives said they did not want to interfere with the Wadley blood drives in any way, but wanted to come on campus at other times during the semester. Red Cross is currently prohibited by the Texas A&M blood drive committee to come on campus.

Dr. Norwood Hill, president of Wadley, said since 1976 the Aggie blood drives have given 4,097 units of blood to help hemophilia, leukemia and other patients.
Under the present system, donor credits to the Texas A&M blood club provide replacement coverage for students, faculty and staff members, alumni and their families throughout the state and nation if they need blood. An Aggie needing blood contacts the student government secretary or the Association of Former Students, which contacts Wadley.
Phyllis Swanton, director of Cen-

tral Texas Red Cross, said more people can benefit from an additional blood drive each semester at Texas A&M.

She said students who give blood to Red Cross are automatically covered to receive blood for themselves and their families until the students graduate.

Any resident of Bryan-College Station, Swanton said, receives free blood no matter where they are at the time of need, providing the hospital where the patient is will accept the blood. However, she said a \$25 processing fee is charged to cover Red Cross costs.

Hill said Aggies in the Bryan-College Station area are never charged a fee by Wadley, but may be charged a processing fee, at a hospital outside this area.

He said Wadley is a member of the American Association of Blood Banks, which gives it the ability to replace all blood requested at other hospitals in the United States at whatever rate of replacement the hospital may have.

Swanton said Texas A&M owes it to the community to give blood to the Brazos County area. She said Red Cross usually uses the Ramada Inn to hold drives, but that they feel the student turn-out would be much greater if the drive was on campus.

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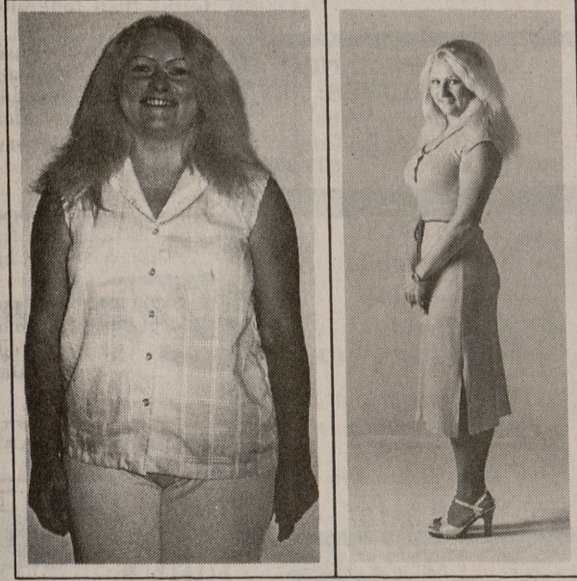
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