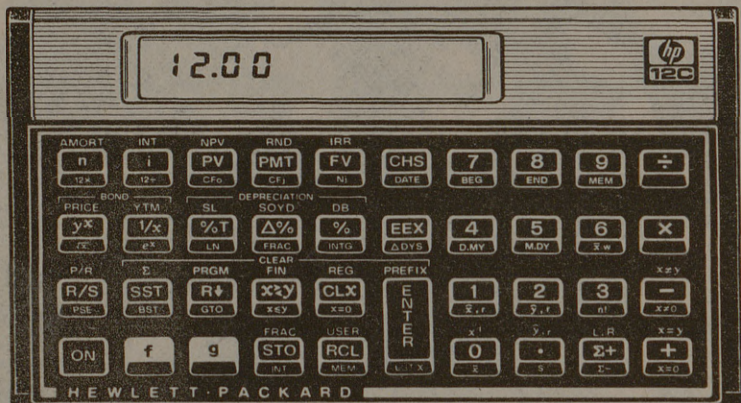


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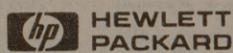
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Minister defies court order, holds service

United Press International
CLAIRTON, Pa. — A minister again defied a court order Sunday and conducted worship services at the church he has been barred inside for seven days in a dispute with his bishop and the courts.

The Rev. D. Douglas Roth opened the previously chained door of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clairton and conducted 11 a.m. services about 75 people without incident. A crowd of onlookers and reporters, estimated by authorities to be in the hundreds, had waited outside the church to see what Roth would do.

Roth, who took refuge in the church Monday, was suspended from his post last month because members of the congregation complained about his involvement in a labor activist group called the denominational Ministry Strategy.

An Allegheny County judge Nov. 2 ordered Roth not to conduct services at the mill town church some 10 miles south of Pittsburgh on the Monongahela River.

Roth ignored the order and preached Nov. 4. Following those services, he boycotted a contempt hearing Friday before Common Pleas Judge Emil Narick, who then ordered Roth to a 90-day jail term and fined him \$1,200 and issued a warrant for his arrest.

Allegheny County Sheriff Eugene Coon went to the church three times Friday to arrest Roth, who refused to leave the sanctuary of the building.

Roth said Sunday the church would remain open following the day's services, and that he would stay inside. He said he plans to surrender to authorities should they come for him.

Coon did not appear at Sunday service, and said he would not arrest Roth on Sunday.

Lutheran Bishop Kenneth M. suspended Roth, who has been pastor since 1978, on Oct. 17 after receiving petitions from church members angry over Roth's support of the DMS.

Roth, 32, ignored the suspension. May filed suit and Narick issued an order prohibiting Roth from taking part in any church activities.

SHOE

by Jeff MacNelly



Teachers in TDC system in best-paying district

United Press International

AUSTIN—The Texas prison system's school system, under an informal agreement negotiated by the state's former prison director and its former education commissioner, is one of the highest-paying districts in the state.

The Dallas Times Herald reported Sunday that teachers in the Texas Department of Corrections system, known as the Windham School System, will earn an average of \$29,000. Principals will average \$45,000.

About one-third of the prison school's \$24.55 million budget is spent on administration, a higher percentage than in most school systems, the Times Herald reported.

The salaries were set under a 1978 agreement between James Estelle, former prison director, and

Raymon Bynum, former commissioner of the Texas Education Agency.

Some state legislators, angered by the budget provisions, have called for an investigation of the agreement.

"This is one more example of the tremendous abuse of tax dollars," said state Rep. Ray Keller, R-Duncanville, chairman of the House Law Enforcement Committee. "The Legislature in the next session should take dramatic steps to clean up this issue."

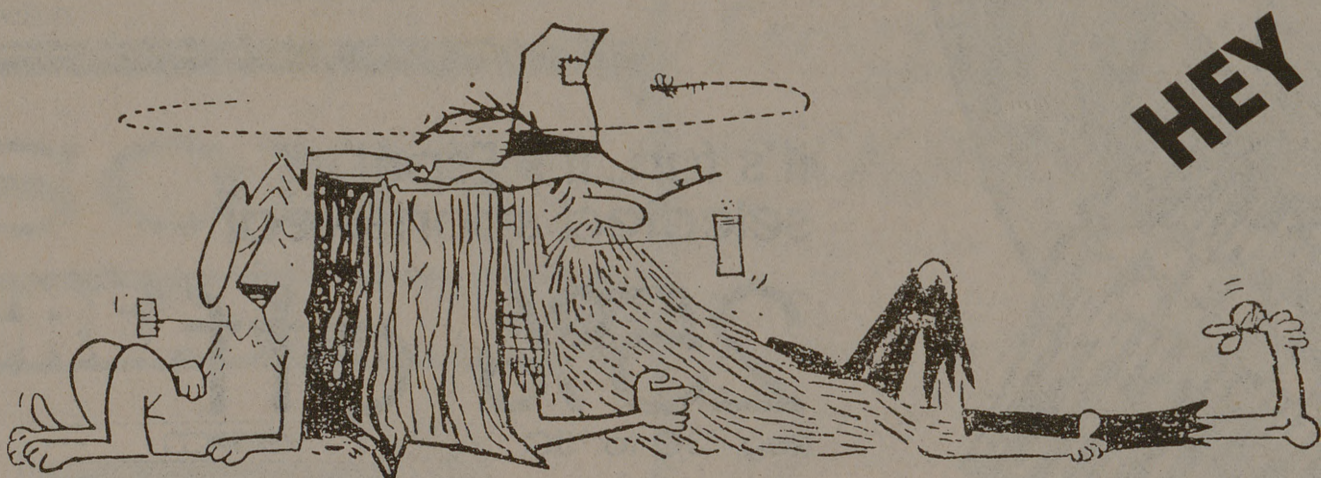
A member of the state's corrections board said it has failed to scrutinize the TDC education system because of the belief expenses were being monitored by the education agency.

"There are no controls of any kind," said Harry Whittington of Austin, who said he will ask the board to hire an independent auditor to examine the situation.

Lane Murray, Windham system superintendent, said she needs the high pay scale to attract and retain teachers.

"If our teachers are getting paid on a par with the top districts in the state, I think that's fair," she said. "They are working with students who have dropped out of public schools, the abject failures and they've got them under the worst possible circumstances."

The 1978 plan by Bynum and Estelle tied Windham salaries to those in Brazosport, which was the highest-paying school system in which a prison unit was located.



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