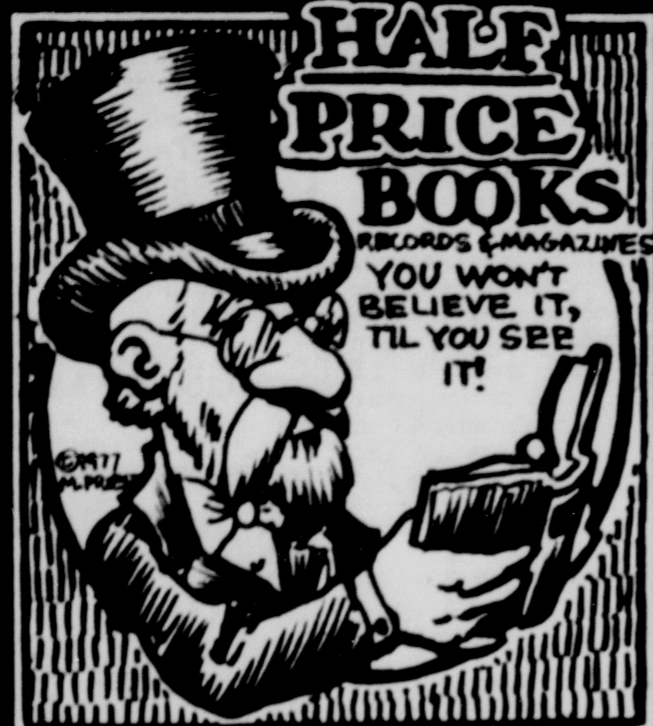


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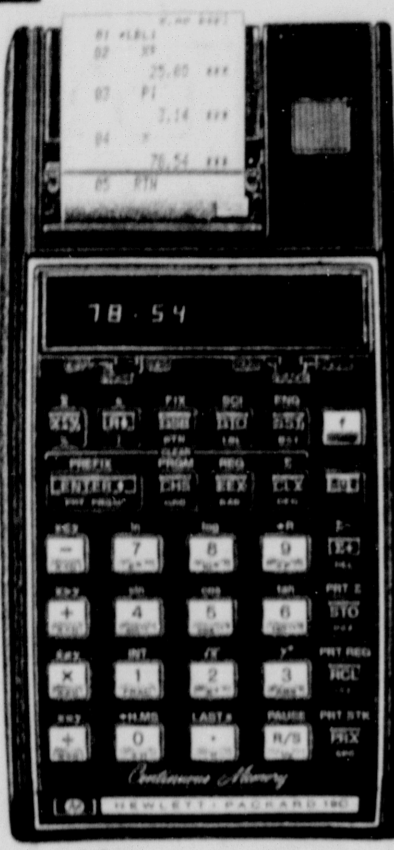
Camouflaged behind a tree, Tommy, the cat, surveys unsuspecting pigeons in their hunt for food. Tommy may be contemplating whether he should have his feathered friends (over) for supper.

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Some of Santa's helpers this year will be wearing not holiday red, but the usual blue uniform of the Austin Police Department. City police have begun their annual "Operation Blue Santa" to collect food, new and usable toys and cash donations to brighten Christmas for needy Austin families. The drive will run through Dec. 20, and the gifts will be given out Dec. 24. Donations may be brought to 405 N. Lamar Blvd. between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The Austin Community Relations Advisory Council is helping the police in this program. For more information, call 478-3541, ext. 119.

Yeakel endorses solar energy

Texas House District 37-B candidate Lee Yeakel stressed relief of energy costs through removal of utilities sales taxes and use of solar energy in a press conference Thursday. "I am committed to help establish a statewide energy policy," he said. He also said solar energy systems were "already on line" and could be used to heat homes with more efficiency than current systems. "We have one-fourth of the nation's oil and gas. We also have the nation's highest prices. We are subsidizing the search for new oil and gas for the remainder of the nation," Yeakel said. The candidate also repeated his ideas about repayment of crime victims and proposed paying of beat and patrol officers' administrative-level salaries "to keep them on the street." Yeakel also mentioned the cut-off of South Austin from the downtown area by the closing of the Congress Avenue bridge and the completion of the bridge on the southern end of MoPac, and said he would be a "constant thorn in the side of the highway department until the job is finished."

Former Prof. Harry Bowman dies after extended sickness


Former University Sociology Prof. Henry A. Bowman, internationally known authority on marriage and family life, died Thursday after a lengthy illness at his Colorado City home. Bowman, 74, "was one of the most humane and considerate persons that I've had the pleasure of working with in my many years at the University," Gideon A. Sjoberg, a colleague, said Thursday. Bowman's courses on marriage and the family were among the most popular offered at the University, Sjoberg added, noting that Bowman was always accessible to students for counseling. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City, between Abilene and Big Spring on IH 20. Bowman taught at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., for 24 years before coming to the University in 1955. A former president of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Bowman wrote "Marriage for Moderns," a textbook which was widely used throughout the United States as well as being translated into several foreign languages. The book sold more than a quarter of a million copies. Bowman, a Phi Beta Kappa, received his bachelor and master degrees from Western Reserve University and received his PhD degree in 1931 from Yale University. Bowman is survived by his wife, Lucille; a son, Charles K. Bowman of Frederickton, New Brunswick; and a brother, Dr. Robert Bowman of Cleveland, Ohio.



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