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Bright as new

James Orborn shines his 1939 Chrysler Imperial in preparation for the antique car show which is to be part of the Gateway to the Delta festivities Saturday. The cars will be shown at the north end of the Triangle. Plaques will be awarded by the automobile dealers in town to the best car of each manufacturer's group. There will also be a mayor's plaque to the best car from a manufacturer not represented by a local dealer. The plaques will be presented at 9:30 a.m.

'Bite the bullet'

Finch wants solons to reapportion self

By ROBERT SHAW
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. AP—Gov. CHIEF Finch says the Mississippi Legislature should "bite the bullet" and reapportion itself after U.S. Supreme Court rejection of a three-judge panel's restrictive plan.

Finch told newsmen Wednesday he would not call a special session to consider reapportionment but believed the legislators could work out a plan during the 1978 session.

"It appears to be a matter that the legislature ought to bite the bullet and redistrict itself and keep it out of court," he said.

"I feel we should accept what the law is and go ahead," the governor said. "I understand the court even commented that this is basically a legislative function and it would be most appropriate for the legislature to do it."

Department for approval as required by the 1967 Voting Rights Act.

Because the Justice Department has intervened in the reapportionment case on the side of civil rights forces, legislative leaders have doubted they could win the approval of the U.S. attorney general for any plan produced by the legislature.

State Atty. Gen. A.F. Sumner says that one of his first steps would be to brief legislators on the new decision, possibly at a series of regional conferences, so lawmakers can decide whether they want to take any action.

Asst. Atty. Gen. J.P. Coleman, who heads the panel, said that the new guidelines, "I know of no reason why it can't be done."

Today's news in brief

National

Higher prices

Higher prices for a wide variety of items pushed up the family grocery bill last month, forcing consumers to search harder than ever for bargains, an Associated Press market-basket survey shows. The survey showed that most of the increases affected food rather than non-food products. Coffee, beef, eggs and butter were the most expensive items. Grocers had to raise prices to cover the cost of higher prices for many items, including milk, poultry, pork and beef. Grocers also had to raise prices to cover the cost of higher prices for many items, including milk, poultry, pork and beef.

New warhead

WASHINGTON (AP)—Deployment of a new, more powerful nuclear warhead in a strategic missile is a change in U.S. plans to provide "the Soviet Union with a strategic warhead," the Carter administration says. Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell refused to link the decision in ground with the Mark IVA warhead and a new computerized guidance system, with a Russian refusal to accept U.S. strategic arms limitation proposals made in March, but Powell said Wednesday that the administration might be willing to reconsider the warhead deployment, expected by 1979.

International

No progress in Holland

ASSEN, The Netherlands (AP)—The Dutch government said the South Moluccan territorial building upon its progress in the 15-day-old crisis. "The situation remains very serious," Premier Joop den Uyl said in a television appearance Wednesday night. "There is no clear indication as of right now."

MISSISSIPPI WEATHER

Most of Mississippi will have fair weather today. But there's a 20 per cent chance of afternoon thunderstorms along the Gulf Coastal area this afternoon. The National Weather Service says a cold front pushed southward through Mississippi Wednesday night and will be moving toward the coast during the day, and it will bring slightly drier air into the state.

Arson ruled out in fire

Officials 'very close' to pinpointing cause

By STEVEN R. HURST
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SOUTHGATE, Ky. (AP)—Officials say they now know which room was the starting point for the Beverly Hills Super Club fire and they're "very close" to pinpointing the cause. Arson has been ruled out.

Manatkin, the man who was added to the death list, longed the toll from Saturday night's fire is 10.

The bodies were found Wednesday, two days after Southwest Fire Chief Inez Bowers, said he was certain there were no more victims in the club's Zebra Room, just after a wedding party left.

Kentucky State Police Commander Ken Brandenburg confirmed that evidence showed party guests and other

blatant debris had been stacked against a wall of the Zebra Room, which was near the front of the club. However, he would not say the fire began in that material.

"We're getting very close to determining how the fire started," Brandenburg said.

Circuit Court Judge Clarence Morgan II handed down the sentence, telling Henson that although he did not find the evidence sufficient to charge him with murder, he was charged with second-degree murder.

Morgan said Henson's profession of "good intentions" did not justify his restraining Mrs. Hill

Religious cult leader convicted of kidnapping

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP)—The leader of a Webster County religious cult has been sentenced to 10 years in prison after being convicted of kidnapping a Texas woman in 1975 and holding her captive on a farm commune near Niagara.

John Henson, director of the 45-acre commune called the Church of Satan, was found guilty by a Webster County jury of directing the abduction of Charlene Hill, 31, of Miami, Fla., in Jan., 1975 and holding her captive on a farm.

Henson was freed on \$100,000 bond pending appeal.

Henson testified that Mrs. Hill was taken against her will from Miami, where she was living with her three children and three in the commune where her husband, William Hill, had lived for three months.

Hill said his wife was bound to both and that occasionally she was "being rebuffed."

Sherry Smith, a former member of the commune who spent time in the commune in 1975, said she witnessed beatings and observed individuals at the commune tied to chairs and being held in boxes to spectacles of movement. Leaders, through forms of exorcism or beating

Time capsule sealed in governor's office

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The last act of Mississippi's bicentennial celebration has ended with the sealing of a time capsule in Gov. CHIEF Finch's office. The 18-inch aluminum cube will be opened July 4, 2077, but the nation starts its 175th anniversary. It will be buried in the grounds in front of the state Archives Building in Jackson.

OFFICES CLOSED FOR BIRTHDAY

As Monday, June 6, is a designated state holiday, Jefferson Davis's birthday, the city clerk's and mayor's office and all other offices will be closed on this day.

Pool opening Friday

The Yazoo City public swimming pool in the Charlotte Street Park Complex will open for the summer Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., according to YCPARD director John North.

The pool will be open to swimmers from 1:30-4:30 p.m. daily, with "adults only" swimming set from 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Managed this summer by Joe Stearing, H.L. Patterson and Richard Campbell will serve as lifeguards.

Admission is 25 cents for children and 35 cents for adults.

County's Miss Hospitality to be chosen

The Yazoo City Junior Auxiliary is making plans to hold a contest to select the Yazoo County Miss Hospitality.

Each Yazoo County woman who is at least 18 years of age and is a resident of the county will be eligible to enter the contest.

The contest will be held in Blount on the weekend of July 29-31. Last year's Miss Hospitality from Yazoo County, Carol Jay Yates, was the Miss Hospitality title at the state contest.

JA seeks funds for community scholarship

The Yazoo City Junior Auxiliary is making plans to hold a contest to select the Yazoo County Miss Hospitality.

The money to fund the Yazoo County Scholarship Fund will be raised by the Junior Auxiliary.

Members of the selection committee are Mrs. Marian George, Mrs. George E. Clark, Mrs. Clayton Crocker, Mrs. Warren Smith, John Payne and