

LODGE OFFICERS -- Southern Pines Lodge 484 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons installed officers December 21. Left to right, front row: Lawrence C. McCrimmon, Treasurer; Joseph M. Grantham, Steward; Joseph W. Cameron, Senior Warden; James R. Nixon, Worshipful Master: Michael A. Marshall, Senior Deacon; Thomas W. Davis, Tyler; Edgar B. McDonald, Secretary. Back row: Garland P. Daughtry, Chaplain and Installing Officer; Roderick M. Innes, Installing Chaplain; Robert J. Snipes, Installing Marshall; Harold W. Uhrbrock, Installing Secretary: Paul Laros, Installing Junior Deacon. Not pictured: John Haslam. Installing Tyler, and officers for 1982 Jerry R. Wallace, Junior Warden; Louis G. Creveling, Junior Deacon and William H. Ellis, Steward.

York Rite Bodies Elect/Install Officers

Southern Pines Chapter 61.

Royal Arch Masons; John E

Officers of the Southern Pines York Rite Masonic bodies were elected and installed recently. They are:

"Things That Matter"

by Lucien Coleman TELLING THE TRUTH IN WASHINGTON

Last month the indiscretions of Budget Director David A. Stockman gave reporters a field day, challenged the ingenuity of White House spokesmen who make their living explaining "what he really meant," and loaded the runs of Democratic gadflys on Capitol Hill with new ammunition. The Stockman caper also provided a fascinating study in Washington ethics, where telling the truth seems to have gone out of vogue shortly after George chopped down his father's cherry tree.

ped down his lather's cherry tree. Stockman, you will remember, created quite a furor by saying some unflattering things about the Reagan economic program to a peporter who, in November, published these revelations in the Atlantic Monthly.

Atlantic Monthly. Among other things, Stockman admitted that:

•the primary objective of the Reagan tax-cut proposal was to lower the maximum income-tax rate for the benefit of the rich.

•the budget-cutting program was hastily drafted and poorly managed, and had ignored "blaant inefficiency" in the Pentagon. •the administration's budget

projections were "just a bunch of numbers written on a piece of paper." •the President's "supply side" economic theory is nothing more than a new label for the traditional Haslam, High Priest; James R. Haslam, High Priest; James R. Nixon, King; Marshall M. Cook, Scribe; Jack L. McNeill, Treasurer; Garland P. Daughtry, Secretary; William H. Ellis, Captain of the Host; Harvey E. Spielman, Principal Sojourner; John G. Daughtry, Royal Arch Captain; Roderick M. Innes, Master of the Third Veil; Carl J. Ferguson, Master of The Second Veil; Harold W. Uhrbrock, Master of the First Veil; Edgar B. McDonald, Sentinal. Southern Pines Council 14, Royal and Select Masters: Jerry R. Wallace, Illustrious Master; John E. Haslam, Deputy Master; Louis G. Creveling, Principal Conductor of the Work; Jack L. McNeill, Treasurer; Garland P. Daughtry, Recorder; Kenneth E. Lewis, Captain of the Guard; William H. Ellis, Conductor of the Council; Marshall M. Cook Steward; Edgar B. McDonald, Sentinal.

Southern Pines Commandery 16. Knights Templar: John G. Daughtry, Commander; Louis G. Creveling, Generalissimo; James R. Nixon, Captain General; John E. Haslam, Senior Warden; Jerry R. Wallace, Junior Warden; Roy A. Curl, Prelate; Jack L. McNeill, Treasurer; Garland P. Daughtry, Recorder; Kenneth E. Lewis, Standard Bearer; William McDonald, Sentinel.

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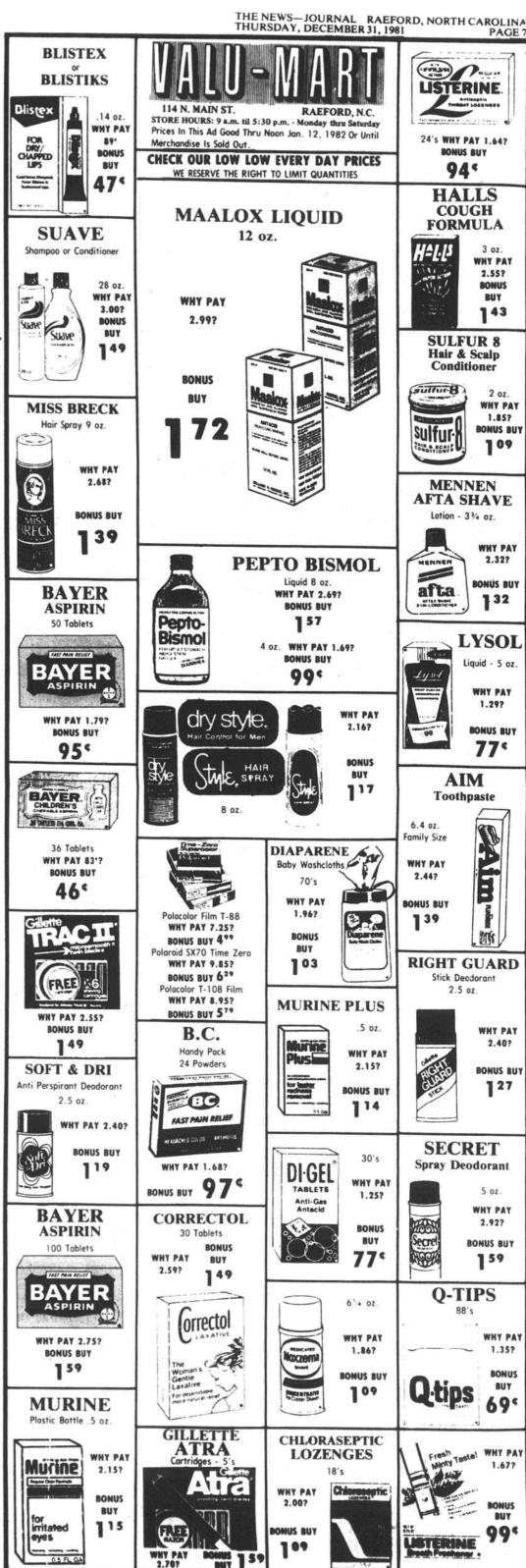
COTTON FORECAST HIGHER:

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 90,000 bales according to the North Carolina Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is 13% more than forecast a month earlier and 73% more than last year's production of 52.000 bales. The average yield per acre at 540 pounds is a record high and 159 pounds more than the average in 1980. Acreage for harvest at 80,000 acres is 23% higher than a year ago. U.S. cotton production is fore-

 turn was due mainly to a reduction in overall world production in 1979 and 1980 and a slight increase in consumption in 1980. Consumption increased more than 1% as cigarette output rose 1.4%. This is still somewhat below the growth rate during the Sixties and early Seventies which was around 3%annually.

There had been a substantial built-up of leaf stocks since 1976 due to the decreased growth rate of cigarette output. Stocks reached 6.4 million tons by 1979. However, the following two years brought weather and disease problems along with production cutbacks which substantially reduced leaf output.

Because of tight supplies.



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Republican "trickle-down" policy of helping the rich get richer in the hope that the money will eventualby filter down to less affluent elements of society.

Now Stockman is in trouble. Why? Because he made the mistake of telling the truth. And truth-telling is not always a virtue in Washington.

The talk on Capitol Hill is that Stockman's credibility has been damaged: not because he masterminded the economic shenanigans he has now admitted to, but because he told the truth about them. So long as he kept his mouth shut and went along with the policy of deception. his credibility by coming clean. Those who always thought there was some relationship between truth and credibility will find that a bit difficult to compute.

But everyone is breathing easier now that Stockman seems to have recovered from his attack of ruthfulness. He went into the Oval Office for a 45-minute conversation with the President and emerged a true believer in the administration's economic plan which he had so sharply criticized days earlier.

His main defense against the damaging quotations contained in the article was that he had thought he had been speaking to the reporter off-the-record. And this points up one of the cardinal rules of Washington ethics.

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acres is 543 pounds, up 139 pounds from the national average in 1980. Acreage harvested at 13.8 million acres is 4% larger than last year.

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