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"I have heard stories about a 'gravity hill' in Tyler, Tex., and one in Salt Lake City, Utah. Please tell us whatever you can find out about this phenomenon." — D.P.B., Groves.

A spokesman from the Tyler Chamber of Commerce replied as follows:

"We have made inquiries of historians and other knowledgeable persons in this area and find no one who has any knowledge of a 'gravity hill'."

Our reference material also failed to turn up information about such a phenomenon in Salt Lake City.

"What is the address of the J. C. Penney Co.?" — C.D., Port Arthur.

The Standard and Poor's Register at Gates Memorial Library lists the address of the firm as 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019.

"Is Flip Wilson really a chief of police somewhere in the Southwest?" — I.R., Port Arthur.

Yes. He's police chief of Boley, Okla.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: To be answered, your question must be signed with your full name and complete address, on query, not envelope, although only initials are used for publication. List telephone if desired. If your question is not answered within a reasonable length of time, it is because we have been unable to hear from sources contacted.)

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Can a magazine legally print a how-to-do-it article if what the article shows how to do is build a gadget that makes long distance telephone calls without paying the telephone company?

The telephone company here asked a judge Monday to rule that such instruction is against the law.

The \$100,000 suit against Amateur Radio 73 magazine, based in New Hampshire, is part of a stepped up campaign against the "blue box."

Phone company officials believe the device is costing them thousands of dollars and they devoutly wish it did not exist, or that at the very least its secret would be known to few, as was the case several years ago.

"Blue box" cases have been growing however. Members of the retinue of a well known

rock star were charged with possession of one of the boxes several months ago, and only last week federal charges were brought here against financier Bernard Cornfeld for allegedly making thousands of dollars worth of calls to Europe with one of the

boxes. Networks of blue box hobbyists, who just like to chat, are known to exist, along with serious use by businessmen and there have been reports that organized crime was getting involved in the traffic.

Pacific Telephone and Tele-

graph Co. is displeased with the amateur radio magazine for publishing plans in its June issue showing how to build a blue box, under the headline "Inside Ma Bell."

The telephone company brought suit in Superior Court Monday against the 73 Inc.,

the Peterborough, N.H. firm that publishes the magazine, author Spenser Whipple Jr., Editor-publisher Wayne Green and business manager Virginia Green.

The suit asked \$100,000 punitive damages plus unreckoned compensation for

all the unpaid telephone calls that will be made by those who build boxes following the magazine's plans.

The boxes, about the size of a cigarette pack, emit sound tones that duplicate those which trigger automatic telephone switching circuits

all over the world. The possessor of a box can place long distance calls — to other continents, if desired — by bypassing the telephone company's billing equipment and masking the source or destination of the call, making billing impossible.

Phone company not too happy with 'blue box' ads

Flags used to keep corn fields intact

SUNCOOK, N.H. (UPI) — Arthur Richard says he is only using the small American flags to keep his corn field intact — he doesn't mean to offend anyone.

"I am not putting them on a manure pile," says Richard. "I'm just putting them there to scare away the crows."

Edgar Bragdon, a two-war veteran, adjutant and quartermaster of a local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, sees it another way.

"No one in any other country in the world would be allowed to get away with something like this," says Bragdon. "Because they are old and discolored they should be burned. They should not be used like this."

Richard says the complaints by veterans' groups started two years ago when he began using the small, faded flags as scarecrows.

But he says a lot of other citizens have told him... "if the flags were keeping the crows away and protecting my corn it was alright to use them that way."

On that basis, however, his support may start slipping any day now.

"They (flags) are old and they aren't even working that good," admits Richard. "The crows are still getting my corn."

Gov. Faubus serves

most elected terms

LITTLE ROCK (UPI) — Orval Eugene Faubus, who gained nationwide attention with his fight against desegregation at Central High School in 1957, served more terms than any other governor in the history of Arkansas.

Faubus was first elected in 1954 and stepped down voluntarily in 1968 after serving six two-year terms. He made unsuccessful comeback attempts in the 1970 and 1974 Democratic primaries.



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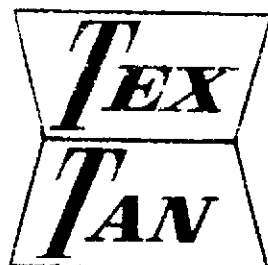
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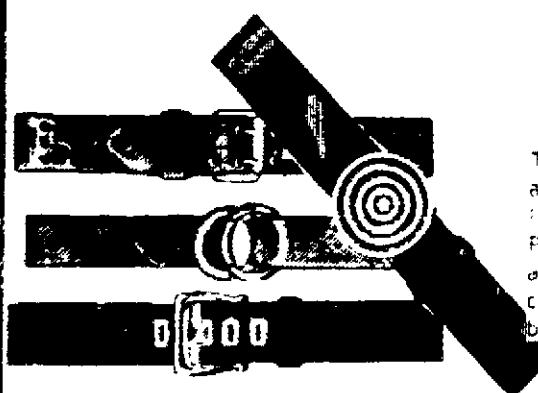
5.00 to 6.00

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Billfolds
5.00 to 10.00

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JEFFERSON CITY
10:00 to 9:00
DAILY

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