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Education has been a prime concern of Texas government for more than a century and a quarter. But seldom, if ever, has the subject loomed so large in public discussion as now in the satellite age.

Austin, site of the Capitol and state university, is the center of a swirl of conferences and statements on the direction in which education should move.

Mirabeau B. Lamar, known as the "father of education in Texas," admonished early lawmakers with the famous statement, "The cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy."

In the past few months, since Sputnik, statesmen have taken up this theme in different words, but with greater-than-ever urgency. They're saying, in effect, that unless the tempo of training can be stepped up immediately to train more people better, democracy is doomed.

In Austin this challenge has set off lively debates and given heavy new significance to the planning conferences of those who set educational policy. Current examples in the news:

Science and math study in the public schools of Texas will get a critical examination by a group of school principals with advice from business and industry leaders.

State Board of Education set up the study group which is to complete its project by end of 1959. Goal is to find means to enrich the schools' curriculum in some areas, set standards in others.

Board has previously raised graduation standards in Texas high schools, taking away from the students the chance to pass up math and science in favor of "snap" courses. This action, taken before the current science emphasis, was somewhat prophetic, commented one board member.

No Tax for Teachers would do more than scholarships and new buildings to raise level of instruction, said the secretary to the Commission on Higher Education.

Jack D. Cox said exempting teachers from income taxes would have the effect of raising salaries without levying additional taxes.

Poor Pay for Profs was hit even harder by a University of Texas faculty member in an Austin talk. He cited salary incentives as crucial in comparing Russian and U.S. school systems.

According to Dr. B. H. Amstede, an American college professor can expect to double his salary in a lifetime; his Russian counterpart can achieve 15 times his beginning wage. American teachers make 10 per cent less than factory workers, said Dr. Amstede. Russian teachers 2 1/2 times more.

Proposed federal scholarships will be useless, he opined, unless there's also more money to attract people to run schools.

"Survival depends on the quality of our schools," Sen. A. M. Aikin Jr., of Paris told the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Aikin, leading spokesman for education in the legislature, reported on the aims of the Hale-Aikin Committee of 24 set up by the Legislature to make an overall study of the state's school needs.

"Specific recommendations of the people of Texas on many important school matters are needed by the study group," Aikin said. Success of the study depends on how well the people get behind it and participate, he added.

It was begun, said the senator, "before foreign development re-emphasized the fact that educa-

tion is a vital part of our national defense."

Land Leasing Set

School Land Board has set March 4 for sale of oil and gas leases on public lands.

Some 34,000 acres of tideland plus several hundred tracts on state prison farms will be offered for leasing.

It will be the first time tide-leases have been offered since the federal government filed suit contesting Texas' claim to land more than three miles from the shore. State officials were unsure how attractive the land would be under the circumstances.

Optometrists at Odds

Rival groups of Texas optometrists are apparently on their way to the Texas Supreme Court to settle differences over what practices are legal for that profession.

Disagreement centers on two issues: (1) whether optometrists may advertise, and if so, who and (2) whether they may have offices in part of the space of a store.

Atty. Gen. Will Wilson ruled unconstitutional the portion of the Ophthalmic dispensers law passed last spring that pertained to advertising. Reason, a familiar one: the topic was not mentioned in the bill's caption.

Members of the Texas Optometric Association disagreed with the opinion. They brought suit asking that the State Board of

Examiners in Optometry be enjoined to enforce a no-advertising rule. Since the case involves constitutionality of a law, it can be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Another suit was brought by a group of optometrists protesting a state board ruling that an optometrist's office cannot share space in a store.

New Arrivals -

A daughter, their third child, was born in a Del Rio hospital on January 10, to Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cash of Comstock. Janet Elaine was the name given to the new arrival.

Mrs. H. W. Cash of El Paso, a former resident, is the paternal grandmother.

ALBERT OVERSTREET INJURED IN FALL

Albert Overstreet of Rock Springs suffered a broken arm, several broken ribs, and painful bruises in a fall at his home last week. He is in a hospital in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Burchett went to Rock Springs Thursday of last week after receiving word of her father's injuries. Mr. Burchett returned home Friday.

Butch Stavley Has Surgery

Butch Stavley underwent orthopedic surgery in a San Antonio hospital the first of the week for a knee injury.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stavley, are in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Schmidt and children were shopping in Fort Stockton Saturday.

Mr. W. E. Lea, Jr., went to Fort Stockton Thursday for a medical check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Weaver went to Pecos Wednesday to visit with their daughter and family.

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TELEPHONE TALK

by Randy Cooper, Manager

BACKWARD GLANCE

Once again, we've turned the corner from an old year into a new one.

Before old man 1957 disappears completely from sight, let's take one last look at him. His was a year of continued telephone activity in Sanderson and other nearby communities we serve. For that, he at least deserves a tip of the hat from us.

Here, in brief, is his telephone record:

- 1. Total telephones now in service in Sanderson ... 524
- 2. Average number of local calls a day ... 2,000
- 3. Average number of Long Distance calls a day ... 75

To sum it up, folks in Sanderson depended on their telephones to do many jobs for them in 1957 and we plan this year to continue offering the kind of service that telephone users here have come to depend on.

QUESTION FOR THE LADIES

How many times did you answer your telephone today? Several times, I'll bet. Chances are, you'll get one or two more calls before the evening's over.

I'll bet, too, you're usually in the kitchen when the phone rings, or when you need to make a call. Sometime, just for fun, count the steps you take going back and forth from the kitchen to the phone. And count the times, too when you hurry through a conversation because there's something on the stove and you have to get back to keep an eye on it.

A telephone in your kitchen — where you need it most — is just about the handiest "appliance" you can have. You'll be surprised, too, how little it costs to put one in ... even if you choose yours in one of the glamorous new decorator colors.

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sponsibilities facing them, to help preserve the securities that are so important to all of us.

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Mrs. W. E. Stavley Hostess Thursday To Bridge Club

Arrangements of pyracantha berries decorated the living room in the home of Mrs. W. E. Stavley last Thursday when she entertained the Thursday Bridge Club.

The three tables of players participating in the card games were Mmes. G. E. Babb, M. F. Bader, M. W. Duncan, A. J. Hahn, Vic Littleton, Jack Riggs, J. A. Gilbreath, Roger Rose, C. H. Stavley, O. T. Sudduth, Jack Sexton, and John Reintinger. The high score was held by Mrs. Gilbreath, second high by Mrs. Reintinger, and Mrs. Gilbreath and Mrs. Sudduth held the slam prizes. Mrs. Bader was low.

Ice cream and coconut cake were served for refreshments.

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Mrs. C. C. Mitchell Presides Monday At Ladies' Meeting

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell presided during the executive board meeting of the Presbyterian Women of the Church Monday afternoon. She read a portion of the 46th Psalm for the devotional. The hymn, "Take My Life and Let it Be" was sung and Mrs. J. W. Byrd led the opening prayer. Eight members answered roll call.

The group voted to continue with the nursery. A finance committee was appointed with Mrs. J. D. Nichols as chairman and Mmes. R. S. Wilkinson and G. K. Mitchell. Mrs. Sid Harkins was named chairman of the projects committee with Mrs. H. C. Rock and Mrs. N. M. Mitchell as the other members of the committee.

Mrs. Sid Harkins was leader of the program on "The Christian Church" for the circle meeting which followed. The program was based on the Bible passage, Acts 11:19-29, the story of Barnabas being chosen by the organization in Jerusalem to go to the church at Antioch. References were read and discussed by the members.

The dismissal prayer was led by Mrs. Harkins. Those present were Mmes. J. D. Nichols, John W. Byrd, E. F. Pierson, C. C. Mitchell, J. L. Whistler, N. M. Mitchell, W. T. Frazier, Sid Harkins, H. C. Rock, G. K. Mitchell, and R. S. Wilkinson.

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Mrs. Hugh Rose Hostess Tuesday For Dessert Bridge

The Tuesday Bridge Club was entertained in the home of Mrs. Hugh Rose this week. A dessert course was served before the card games. Coffee and cold drinks were served during the afternoon.

Those present were Mmes. Will J. Murrah, John Harrison, J. A. Gilbreath, Roger Rose, W. R. Stumberg, Herbert Brown, H. E. Ezelle, Jack Riggs, Bustin Cannon, Jack Sexton, S. H. Underwood, and Thurman White.

High score prize was won by Mrs. Brown, second high by Mrs. Gilbreath, and Mrs. Murrah was low.

Legion Auxiliary Plans March Party

The Legion Auxiliary met on Tuesday evening in the home of the president, Mrs. Winnie Maggill.

A report was given of the box of gifts which was sent in December to the Veteran's Gift Shop in a McKinney hospital, the box being valued at \$73. A contribution of \$5 was made to the Big Spring VA hospital for the Gift of the Month project.

A spaghetti supper and an old-fashioned party was planned for Saturday, March 15, with details to be announced later.

Two new members were present, Mrs. J. D. Crass and Mrs. Charlie Masters.

Mrs. Monte Goode assisted Mrs. Maggill in serving pie and coffee after adjournment. Those present were Mmes. W. H. Savage, P. G. Harris, Jr., M. W. Duncan, E. E. Farley, L. H. Gilbreath, A. C. Garner, Dalton Hogg, H. E. Ezelle, Jack Turner, J. R. Hodgkins, and S. L. Stumberg.

B of RT Auxiliary Meets Monday

The members of the auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen met Monday afternoon in the basement of the Masonic Hall in regular monthly business session. Those present were Mesdames Jack Laughlin, Irvin Robbins, A. C. Garner, F. G. Grigsby, Dick Sullivan, and H. E. Ezelle.

After adjournment, the members went to the home of Mrs. Laughlin where Mrs. Robbins assisted in serving pie and coffee.

Bible Study At Baptist Church Monday Afternoon

The members of the Baptist W.M.U. met in the church Monday afternoon for Bible study led by Mrs. Warren Capps.

A short business session was held at the beginning of the meeting.

After the singing of the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell", Mrs. W. C. Pearce led the opening prayer. Mrs. A. D. Brown gave the dismissal prayer.

Those present were Mmes. H. G. Cates, James Word, W. C. Pearce, A. D. Brown, Lloyd Cowan, Clyde Whistler, E. P. Halley, O. D. Gray, and Warren Capps.

Panel Discussion At P-T.A. Meeting

Mrs. W. H. Grigaby gave the invocation to open the meeting of the Sanderson Parent-Teacher Association last Thursday evening in the high school library. In the reports given by the officers, the treasurer reported a balance of \$758.13 on hand.

A panel discussion on "What Can I Do To Improve My School" was led by Thurman White, high school principal. Mrs. W. H. Savage representing the high school teachers and Mrs. Anna B. Winston representing the grade school teachers gave their views and also answered questions pertaining to the progress of their pupils in reading and other subjects. Also on the panel were J. T. Williams, Jack Hayre, and J. A. Gilbreath.

The methods of training and the parents' participation in the development of students were discussed and the members in the audience entered in the discussion.

The room attendance prize was won by G. G. Henderson's room.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Young and Larry returned home Monday night from San Antonio where they visited with his daughter, Mrs. Marvin Heflin, and family while Mrs. Young had her eyes checked.

Eddie Hanson, Sul Ross student, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hanson, bringing as guests Frank Laezy of Raton, N.M., and Jimmy Garland of Amarillo.

Mrs. E. J. Hanson and Mrs. N. M. Mitchell were business visitors in Odessa Wednesday.

PERSONALS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton White returned their grandchildren, Mel and Karen Howell, to their home in Corpus Christi last week-end. En route home they visited her sister, Mrs. E. D. Pipes, and family; Mrs. J. C. Halbert, who had a check-up in San Antonio, returned home with them.

Mrs. D. L. Duncan and Mary visited in Uvalde last week-end with Mrs. Duncan's mother Mrs. R. A. Robertson, and with other relatives.

Attending a state-wide evangelistic meeting of Baptists in Dallas the first of the week were Rev. Warren Capps, James Word, O. D. Gray, and C. A. Golden.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kelly took his five grandchildren to Marfa Saturday and their father met them there for the trip to El Paso where the children will be placed in the Southwestern Children's Home.

Mrs. H. C. Goldwire returned home Sunday from a visit with her son, Henry Goldwire, and family in Dallas. Her sister, Mrs. R. C. Kirby of Christoval, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schooler, of Big Lake, accompanied her home, returning to their homes Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carruthers, Jr., visited in Carta Valley with their son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Carruthers, after attending a meeting of the directors of the R.E.A. Co-op in Brackettville Thursday.

Mrs. K. K. Robinson and girls spent a week in Bandera visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie James.

Mrs. Bertha Robinson spent a week with her sister, Mrs. John S. Davis, near Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cox were business visitors in Del Rio Friday.

Dr. Jack Sexton attended a meeting of the Big Bend Counties Medical Society in Fort Stockton last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Graham is in Houston at the bedside of her

husband who is seriously ill in a hospital there. Mr. Graham has been receiving medical treatment for several weeks.

Mrs. Maude English of Houston and Mrs. C. S. Young of Del Rio returned to their homes on Wednesday after visiting here for two days with their brother, D. O. Bosworth, and Mrs. Bosworth.

Roy R. Smith of Glenwood Springs, Colo., is here visiting his niece, Mrs. J. A. Gilbreath, and family.

Mrs. E. E. Signon of El Paso visited here Tuesday with her cousin, Mrs. Austin Nance, and family.

Out-of-town relatives here for funeral services for W. H. Farley last week were Joe Farley of Los Angeles, Calif., Frank Farley of Brackettville; L. L. Nutter, Nathan Nutter, and Mrs. Harry Nutter of Big Lake; Clifford Nutter of Midland, Warren Nutter of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brotherton of Carta Valley.

Mrs. Doc Turk of Dryden returned home last week from a

visit with her sisters, Mrs. Jim Burney and Mrs. Arthur Halbert in Uvalde.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller have been transferred to Hobbs, N. M. He was in the employ of the Midland Geophysical Co.

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