



IKE'S TEXAS VISIT, the Mid-East crisis, the annual budget message, the pending inauguration, and a new Senator from Texas—all figured in front-page Washington news last week.

Certainly the drouth got the spot light as a result of the Presidential inspection. It was front-page news all over America, and even abroad. The British press took note of it and even expressed fear that not enough is being done to alleviate the suffering of the dry weather victims.

Upon his return to Washington the President said he will ask for more money in his emergency fund to be used for relief measures—without revealing in just what way it would be used. And he endorsed a more expanded, realistic government loan program for the benefit of hard pressed farmers, ranchers and businessmen. Details of all this remain to be spelled out.

IN MY TALKS with the President while he was in San Angelo, I urged consideration for a deferred-grazing program) a more realistic long-range loan plan at low interest rates, a more adequate emergency feed arrangement, and more emphasis on water conservation and flood prevention in the drouth area.

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The Congress will soon be wrestling with the biggest peace-time budget in history—a \$72 billion request. I predict a reduction after Congressional committees have a chance to search for fat that can be pared. But the trouble is that the Congress has so often made non-essential commitments which must be followed up by appropriations—and then it is found that the ones who howl the loudest about the high cost of government are the very ones who previously voted for such commitments. That means little chance for tax relief
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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER
(Continued from Preceding Page) this year.

The biggest slice, of course, goes to national defense, accounting for 59c out of each dollar. The Defense Department, I am informed, is still giving the defense budget a going-over before committee hearings begin.

WILLIAM BLAKELY of Dallas was sworn in as the new Junior United States Senator from Texas. An Eisenhower Democrat, appointed by Governor Shivers, he was praised in the highest terms by Speaker Rayburn and Senator Johnson. Modest and humble, the new Senator would never lead a stranger to think of him as a man of great wealth. He owns a ranch in Irion County, and says that must qualify him as my "constituent."

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Westbrook left Wednesday for Fort Worth to attend the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Exposition.

Foster S. Price went to the Hereford Show and Sale at Denver last week. He flew up on Saturday, January 19.

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R.T. CAPERTON NAMED HEAD OF WEST TEXAS A&M CLUB

R. T. Caperton, owner of the R. T. Caperton Chevrolet Company of Sterling City, was named president of the West Texas A&M Club at the meeting in San Angelo Thursday night of this week. Jack Shaw of San Angelo was named vice-president.

The club mainly interests itself in providing scholarships for deserving students of this area, said the new president.

North Concho River Soil Conservation Column

Temple, Texas—Water-short Texas towns are waking up to the opportunity of adding to their water supplies through the Department of Agriculture watershed protection and flood prevention programs in the Trinity and Colorado River watersheds and in local projects assisted under Public Law 566.

State Conservationist H. N. Smith of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service reports growing interest on the part of municipalities eager to pay added costs to provide needed water storage behind floodwater retarding dams.

Smith explained that the dams are designed as detention structures primarily. Their purpose is to slow down floodwaters and release them automatically at a rate stream channels can hold. Each dam must first be justified on the basis of its usefulness in flood prevention. Water storage for any purpose other than flood prevention must be secondary and in keeping with state law.

Applications for SCS help under the comparatively new Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 566 now total 113 Smith reported. Modification of the Act has made it easier for municipalities and special purpose districts to make use of the program in meeting local water needs.

In the new watershed protection program, municipalities or other

authorized organizations can build water storage into a floodwater retarding structure by paying the difference in cost, Smith explained. The city of Kaufman, in the Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil Conservation District, was the first Texas city to take advantage of the water-storing opportunity.

Added capacity of 1834 acre feet was built into a floodwater retarding structure on Big Cottonwood Creek, a small watershed in the big Upper Trinity flood prevention program.

The 1834 acre feet of storage—nearly 600 million gallons—was provided at a cost to Kaufman of \$18,114.

Smith said construction has started on a similar project near Coolidge, Texas, to provide 355 acre feet of storage for that city in the Pin Oak Creek watershed program.

In the new watershed protection program the government can lend up to \$5 million for periods of as long as 50 years at a rate of about 2½ percent. The loan is retired on an annual basis. There is no such loan provision in the older Upper Trinity and Middle Colorado flood prevention program.

SCS is authorized by the new law to cooperate with local subdivisions of government in building structures up to 500 acre feet of floodwater detention capacity. Additional storage up to 25,000 acre feet in total capacity can be provided for municipal water supplies.

A city of water district must use its own engineer or employ one to determine water needs and suitability of the watershed and the proposed structure for a municipal supply. The local engineer may redesign the dam to include the additional storage, or the city or water district may use SCS engineering help and reimburse the agency.

Smith explained that the objective of the locally sponsored watershed program is to give protection to land, crops and property against flood damage. Soil conservation

MOTHER'S MARCH FOR POLIO WILL BE JANUARY 29

The Mother's March for the March of Dimes will be held here on Tuesday night, January 29, said Mrs. William Foster. Mrs. Foster, who is in charge of the march, said the drive would be between the six and seven o'clock that night.

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treatment of land in the watershed is fundamental. It insures a long period of usefulness for the floodwater retarding structures by reducing sediment carried by runoff into streams and reservoirs. It also benefits the farmer and rancher through more efficient use of land and available moisture.

AROUND THE COUNTY
by
ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT



It has recently been announced that the reduced freight rates on hay in the drought area will be extended through March. The reduced rates had expired on January 15 and the extension has been announced by the Western Traffic Association, a group of western railroads.

Under this plan all hay going into designated drought areas is shipped at half the usual rate if the person receiving the hay, (in all cases they must be ranchers) has the certificate designating them as eligible. Certificates are available from the county judge who must sign them. Hay must be bought in carload lots to come under the reduced rate classification. However, several persons can pool small orders to total a carload and still be eligible.

The Sterling County Stock Show has gone into the history books for another year. The weather was good for a show and the turnout was good, also. About 150 lambs were shown by 4H Club and FFA members. LeRuth Reed, 4-H Club member, had the champion fine-wool lamb and Bill Davis, FFA member, had the champion crossbred lamb. LeRuth's lamb was a W.N. & L.R. Reed bred lamb and Bill's crossbred was bred by Gene Alley. Don McDonald, 4-H Club member, had the reserve champion crossbred lamb and teamed up with his sister, Cecilia, to produce the reserve champion fine-wool lamb. Both lambs were of W. N. & L. R. Reed breeding.

There were 50 crossbred lambs, 98 fine-wool lambs, 8 Southdowns, and 6 registered Rambouillet breeding sheep entered. Total was 162 head.

Thirty lambs sold in the sale averaged 97 1-3 cents per pound.

The next few weeks is the time for spraying your fruit and nut trees for San Jose scale. Scale is a small parasitic insect that attacks all varieties of fruit and nut trees and leads to the eventual

death of the tree.

The only control for scale is an oil emulsion spray. This must be applied during the dormant season of the tree as the oil will burn the leaves of the tree if applied during the growing season. Trees are fully dormant now and during early February and the spray should be applied as soon as possible. Some trees would have budded out in a short time as a result of the warm weather but last week's cold spell will prevent early budding.

To effectively control scale, 3½ gallons of a 97% oil emulsion in 100 gallons of water should be used. This will also control phylloxera, another insect that sometimes damages fruit and nut trees.

The incentive level for shorn wool during the 1957 marketing year which will begin April 1, 1957, has been announced as 62c per pound, grease basis, to the producer. As under the 1955 and 1956 program, producers' returns from shorn wool will be supported by means of payments based on the percentage needed to bring the average return per pound up to the national average incentive level.

Indications are that growers prices probably will be higher in 1957 than in 1956 because of increased consumption. World production is expected to be increased but stocks are lower due to the increased use of wool. Mills used about 8% more apparel wool which helps Texas prices. This marks the second year in succession that domestic consumption has increased.

United States production of wool is not expected to change much in 1957 in comparison with 1955 and 1956, because there has been little change in total sheep numbers on farms and ranches. It is true that there has been a reduction in the west due to the drought but there has been a corresponding increase in numbers in the eastern section of the country.

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- MONDAY, JANUARY 28
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Prune Plums
Oatmeal Cookies
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 29
Sausage and Gravy
Creamed Sweet Potatoes
Buttered Rice
Apple-Celery Salad, Rolls
Apple Pie
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30
Hamburgers, Red Beans
Tomato Slice, Onion, Pickles
Lettuce, Enriched Bread
Plain Cake, Chocolate Iced
Orange Juice
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
Chicken and Dressing
String Beans and Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Cabbage Salad, Rolls
Fruit Jello, Cake
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Fried Chicken, Gravy
Macaroni and Cheese
Buttered Peas
Vegetable Salad, Biscuits
Ice Cream

Seventh Grade History Club

The Seventh Grade Texas History Club met January 18. The meeting was called to order by the president Clayton Stewart. Jacque Caperton read the minutes and C. L. King gave the treasurer's report. Chairman David Durham and the program committee gave a program on Robert E. Lee. President Clayton Stewart adjourned the meeting.
Willene Glass, reporter.

Game Night for Polio Monday

Be sure and attend the game night at the community center on Monday night. Benefit goes to the March of Dimes drive. Coffee and cookies will be served.
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METHODIST CHURCH

Services at the Methodist Church will be held at the usual time next Sunday. The sermon subject for the morning worship service will be "Love's Supreme Test," and at the evening service "God Forward." The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. The choir will practice on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

All workers in the children's department will be looking forward to the meeting in Water Valley February 23 beginning at 6 in the evening. Miss Nancy Miller, Conference Director of Childrens Work, will be the leader.

Son to the Bades

A son, named Richard Cuen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bade of Clyde on January 20. Announcements of the baby were received here this week. The baby weighed seven pounds and one ounce, according to the announcement.

Martin Brown was returned home from the St. John's Hospital last Saturday. He will be confined to his bed for some time, said Mrs. Brown.

CARD OF THANKS

We thank everyone for the good deeds and visits during my recent illness. And for words of comfort during these trying times. God bless all.

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Mrs. Willie Rhodes of Fort Worth has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Sparkman.



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IN THE CITY WATER BOND ELECTION SATURDAY

The city, if this issue should pass, is still bound by signed contract, to allow one particular bond company and only one to buy this bond issue at up to 5½% interest with no competition from any other bonding company. In the other issue the interest was limited to 4¾%.

Many people are interested in whether Sterling City's central water supply would be soft or hard. In open public meeting, the engineer consultant to the council on water installation, stated that there was no soft water available. It was all hard. This bears out what old timers here have known for a long time.

Ordinarily when a person prepares to enter a new venture, he first—

1. Determines the need for it. He gets a count on the possible customers. In this case, no attempt has been made to see how many will use the water.
2. Next he would be sure he could furnish a quality product. Here we have only hard water.
3. He would get bids for the capital to do the job at the cheapest rate possible. In this case we are bound to one company by contract with no chance for competition.
4. After, this getting the idea in mind, he would compare the setup with others in the surrounding country. In our case Robert Lee, Miles, Bronte, Eldorado, are furnishing softer water, at a cheaper interest rate for capital, with a far smaller capital investment to larger numbers of population than Sterling City would be doing.

It is well known that water conservation is one of the most important questions facing both our national and state legislators. Some of our citizens feel that in the future there will be a lake on the North Concho from which city water might be taken. If we have already installed wells for city water, the money will have been truly sunk in a hole in the ground.

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