

Highlights and Sidelights FROM THE State CAPITOL

by VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

One envies the job of the legislators who convene Austin on the 11th. They must solve the state's greatest financial problem in years.

Cut out for them is the task of: (1) providing more money for increased enrollment in public schools; (2) finding additional funds for public welfare; and (3) locating construction dollars to maintain and enlarge public highways.

A heavy load of students during the next two years will add \$24 million to school expenditures.

Public welfare, increased by a November constitutional amendment, will take \$14 million more over the same period.

An estimated \$50 million per year is needed for highway maintenance and construction.

Education, public welfare and highways already take 90 cents of each tax dollar. And there is pressure for more money from other quarters.

In the general fund is slightly more than \$12 million.

What To Do?

A two cents per gallon increase in the gasoline tax is one proposal. Present tax is four cents state, and two cents federal. That would meet highway needs.

Adding \$2.75 per barrel to the

present \$2 per barrel beer tax is another proposal. This would bring in an estimated \$10 million annual revenue.

Colleges may be asked to increase the present \$24 per semester tuition fee to \$50. That would bring in \$3.5 million more per year.

Legislators are eyeing natural gas production. A 1954 tax law allowed a levy on the market value at the well, with a one per cent tax reduction each following year. They may vote to cancel the reductions. By so doing the state would keep \$14 million per year of the tax money.

Veterans Land Sales Hearings will be resumed next week by a Senate Investigating Committee looking into "block" land sales made to the state under the Veterans Land Program.

Testimony during the first two-day session showed that individual land sellers had made as much as \$200,000 on a single deal.

Indicated by the committee were suits to cancel some block sales to veterans, criminal prosecution in other cases, and changes in the law.

Investigations were being held at the request of the Veterans Land Board itself. All its members, Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, chairman; Gov. Allan Shivers; and Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, testified.

Complaints have been received in other land transactions, be-

sides the 11 now under investigation.

These too will be investigated, say officials in the Department of Public Safety, the State Auditor's Office and the Attorney General.

Veterans to whom the land was re-sold by the state testified that they didn't know they were buying land. They thought they were getting a cash bonus, or prolonging their rights to buy land on credit, or "selling their signatures" and waiving their rights for \$100 to \$300 each.

Duval County Attorney General Shepperd is turning over the investigation of Duval County affairs to District Attorney-Elect Sam Burris.

Shepperd, who forecast recovery of some \$500,000 in stolen public funds, said he was in complete agreement with Burris. The transfer brought to an end a two-year personal investigation of the County's affairs by Shepperd.

Motor Vehicle Tax A bill to abolish the ad valorem property tax on motor vehicles will be presented to the Legislature by State Rep. Douglas E. Bergman of Dallas.

His bill also would propose a one-third increase in the registration (license tag) fee.

Another Bergman bill would permit judges to deny bail on second felony indictments when the accused is out on bond for a previous felony charge.

Crop Income Up A cheerful note from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA office in Austin reports that the value of Texas crops for the year reached \$1,036,000,000 despite the drought. That's \$67 million higher than the preceding year.

Construction Up Brightest spot in an already bright 1954 business year was the construction industry.

Building permits issued during the first 11 months of the year

ranked 26 per cent higher than a like period in 1953, reports the UT Bureau of Business Research.

Their findings were in line with a U. S. Department of Commerce estimate that new construction in the USA reached an all-time high in November—eight per cent above Nov., 1953.

Inductions Drop Texas' draft quota for Feb. will be the smallest since June, 1952.

Selective Service Headquarters has called for 587 men during the month.

No men will receive pre-induction physical and mental exams during the month as draft boards have an ample backlog.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Whitehorn and daughter, Miss Rheba, spent Christmas in Cross Plains in the Oran Barr home. Other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holt and daughters of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moore of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Worthy of Andrews; Pfc. and Mrs. E. J. Barr and son of Amarillo and Mrs. A. H. Ussery of Cross Plains.

New Years visitors in the Grady Whitehorn home were: Mrs. A. H. Ussery, Mrs. Oran Barr, Francis Kay and Charles Clayton of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whitehorn and Sonny of Abilene; Mrs. C. L. Holt and girls, Charlsye Dee, Rosa Lee and Pamela Sue of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murdock of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy and sons of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant are visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bryant and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lane in El Paso, this week.

Mrs. Eddie Bullock who has been a patient in the hospital for several days is much improved and able to be moved home.

Down Memory Lane

January 6, 1911

Mrs. J. C. Barringer spent last Sunday with friends in Ranger.

Miss Evalyne Johnson, who spent Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, at Santo, also visited relatives at Paradise, returning home last Saturday.

Miss Daisy Powell, Will Franklin and Claude Flores attended the Elks Ball at Abilene, Monday night.

Alex McWhorter, Lowery Blakley and Oscar Lambert were in from the Bayou, yesterday.

Dick Wright, Phil Yost, W. P. Atwood and Summer Harris, of Oplin came in Wednesday. Summer Harris and family will leave Sunday for Arkansas, where they will spend two or three months visiting.

W. R. Cook, of Clyde, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Conway and children returned yesterday from a visit to relatives in Okla.

W. B. Ferguson of Lula, was in town Wednesday.

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Miss Merle Allman spent Christmas in Ranger the guest of Miss Wanette Hash.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Jones and children spent Christmas with

Rowden Round-Up

By Thelda Crow Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter

Several of the people of Rowden attended a musical at the Rowden Community Center last Friday night. Some played forty-two. Cake and coffee was served.

Nelda, Mae Dell, and Noah Smedley visited J. R. and Sue Duncan Saturday evening.

The Christmas holidays are over and its time for school to begin again.

Mrs. Lillie Swafford has returned from her visit with her daughter and family, Mrs. Sonny Burleson in Amarillo.

Visiting with Mrs. Anne Miller and Ray Boen over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jug Garrett of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Starnes of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls visited Mrs. Dale Gibbs and Gary Dan Friday evening.

There will be a musical at the Rowden Community Center every fourth Friday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

A snow fell here in Rowden Tuesday morning early, which gave us some moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls attended the Gorman Indian Trail Tournament Wednesday and Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore and Lynn spent the weekend at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Roberson from Wichita, Kan. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roberson over the weekend.

The Denton Valley basketball girls visited Friday night and Saturday with Nelda May Culpepper. The girls were Patsy Varner, Tug Farmer, Marco Lyndan Burns, Sue Crawford and Jan Barron.

Mrs. C. W. Wilkerson has gone to Big Spring to stay a few days with her grandson.

Mrs. George Williams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carpenter.

Mrs. Lonnie Ray made a trip to Midland last weekend to take her granddaughter, Kay Eatherly home. She had been visiting since Christmas.



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Indirect profits are even greater. Industry employees receive and spend about \$850 million a year; royalty and lease payments to landowners add up to \$500 million. Most of this money passes promptly into trade channels.

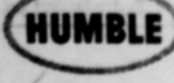
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EDITORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

(Editor's Note—Due to the appalling death toll of the holiday period just ended, we think Mr. Frank Grimes' editorial as published in the Dec. 30 issue of the Abilene Reporter-News is timely and worthy of re-publication.)

TEACH 'EM TO DRIVE

One of the goals of the Committee on Traffic Safety Education of the President's Highway Safety Conference is establishing standard Driver Education and training courses in all the high schools of the nation.

Taking note of this The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in their convention last November decided to lend support to the program by adopting as their Safety project the development of public support for increasing and improving the teaching of Driver Education in the public schools of Texas.

It takes money to do these things, and a minimum of \$35 per pupil, and enrolling in driver classes of 100,000 young Texans, have been set as goals. It will take legislation to provide this money on a continuing basis, but in support of their thesis the Federated clubs point out that 2,368 persons were killed in traffic accidents in Texas in 1953 and the economic loss from the same cause was \$149 million. Anything that will reduce that frightful toll would demonstrably be worthwhile, to say nothing of the saving of lives and limbs.

Lack of adequate funds, permanently provided for, has handicapped the high school training program in Texas, where only half the high schools offer such courses, and then usually only in the senior grade. A great many traffic experts believe the age should be lowered to include junior high school instruction.

Abilene is among the high schools providing this training, but as elsewhere the numbers trained have been small due mainly to lack of adequate financing.

Wherever given a thorough trial and pushed vigorously, the education of young drivers has paid off handsomely. It works on the principle that as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined. A youngster who has been taught from his first contact with a steering wheel to drive safely and respectfully and competently becomes an asset to the community instead of a menace and a liability, as so many untaught youngsters are.

We wish the ladies of the Federation success in their worthy undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell spent part of the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gray at Kermit. Mr. Gray is Mrs. Norrell's brother.

Mrs. C. T. Clay and sons of Big Spring spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright and other relatives here.

The Clarence Boatwright family from Amarillo were visiting friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek had as their guests for the New Year holiday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, all of Ovalo; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tucker, Abilene; Mrs. Skinner of Ft. Stockton.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mauldin and El over the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mauldin and children, Earl, Mae and Jacklyn from Malden, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Foster Mauldin and son Kerby from Springfield, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Evans and son Ronald Joe from Burkburnett and Emmitt Bull from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Akers of Huntsville spent the holidays with her parents, Col. and Mrs. A. E. Dyer, Mrs. H. A. McWhorter was also a visitor in her daughter's home.

Mrs. Flossie Walsh of New Orleans, La., is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Harry Ebert and Mrs. Pat Haley. Also her mother, Mrs. J. A. Jackson.

Mrs. C. B. Ramsey and children of Ft. Worth visited her mother, Mrs. D. F. Harp, during the holidays. We are happy to report Mrs. Harp is doing fine since her recent car accident and is now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynie Spencer and daughters of Dallas spent the holidays with Mrs. J. H. Grimes and Miss Grimes.

Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Sims of San Antonio visited relatives here during the holidays. Bob and Cheryl Sue returned to San Antonio with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin left the first of the week for Abilene where they will visit for an extended time. Mrs. Gwin will have eye surgery while there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Chrisman enjoyed having their children and grandchildren home during the holidays. All were present except Alvin Christmas and family who live in Ft. Worth. He was stricken with polio some time ago and was unable to be here. Others here were: Mr. and Mrs. Grady Chrisman and children of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jones and daughters of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Chrisman and son, Clyde from Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graham and family from Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Chrisman and children of Ft. Worth.

Ralph Short of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Short, David and Barbara of Abilene spent Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Short.

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By Mary Lee Taylor

Chicken Loaf With Mushroom Sauce

2 eggs
1/2 cup fat
Evaporated Milk
1/2 cup cool chicken broth (see note)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 1/2 cups diced chicken or turkey, cooked or canned
1/2 cup cooked rice
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
3 Tablespoons finely cut celery
2 Tablespoons finely cut pimiento
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup fat, cooked or canned
Evaporated Milk

Beat eggs in a 1 1/2-qt. bowl. Add 1/2 cup milk, broth, salt, seasoning, chicken, rice, crumbs, celery and pimiento. Mix well. Put into a well-greased 9x5-in. loaf pan. Bake on center rack of 350 oven (moderate) about 55 min., or until firm. Remove from oven. Loosen sides of loaf with knife and let stand in pan 5 min. before turning out. Heat to steaming hot a mixture of the soup and 1/3 cup milk. Serve hot with the chicken loaf. Makes 4 servings.

NOTE: If you don't have broth you can make it by dissolving 1 chicken bouillon cube in 1/2 cup boiling water.



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