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Kelly Dawn Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hawkins was the First Prize winner in the Children's Photo Contest staged by Winston B. Lucas of Irving, Texas several weeks ago. Bob McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McWilliams won the Second Prize. Mark Metzger, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Metzger won the Third Prize. Pictured with these youngsters are others who were entered in the Photo contest. The winners were selected by the Lucas studios.

Pictured above reading from left to right: Kim King entered by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. R. J.

Harmon; Danny Mayfield, Grandfather Mrs. John King; Lucreta Diane Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

Second row: Donna Jean Martin, daughter of Mrs. Patsy Martin; Susan and Randell Hunter, children of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter.

Third Row: Kelly Dawn Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hawkins, First Place winner; Bob McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McWilliams; Regina Gail Dudley, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dudley.

Fourth row: Kenneth and Seritha Helms, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms.



Left above is Debbie Clay, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay and on the right is Third Prize winner Mark Metzger, son of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Metzger.

SHOP EARLY FOR AUTO STICKERS URGES DPS DIRECTOR GARRISON

Austin — Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today urged Texas automobile owners to "do their shopping early" this year to reduce the last minute rush for inspection stickers.

All vehicles coming under the provisions of the Texas Vehicle Inspection Act must secure the 1963 inspection sticker by April 15, 1963. After that date, vehicles not displaying the new inspection sticker will be operating in violation of the law and the operators of those vehicles will be subject to arrest, Garrison said.

He reported that approximately one half of the inspection has expired and about one-fourth of the vehicles in the state have been inspected. Unless the number of inspections is increased appreciably soon, he added, long waiting lines will be forming at inspection stations as the April 15 deadline approaches.

"There are approximately 5,000 authorized inspection stations in the State and they are ready and capable of handling the inspection of all vehicles without delay if the owners of uninspected vehicles do not wait until the last few days before the deadline," Garrison said.

First row, left to right: Darrell and Donald Ramsey, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ramsey.

Second row: Ann and Kena Ruckler, entered by Mrs. Mary Pittman. Third row: Ricky and Vicky Dudley, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dudley.

CPL. LUCAS LUCERO, JR. BACK IN CALIFORNIA

Camp Pendleton, Calif. (FHTNC) Marine Corporal Lucas Lucero, Jr., son of Mr. Lucas Lucero, Sr. of Quitaque, has returned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., after serving with the fifth Marine Expeditionary Brigade of the United States quarantine forces in the Caribbean.

The unit arrived in California on December 16, two months after embarking in 20 amphibious ships and passing through the Panama Canal. The combined Navy and Marine Corps force leaving the Pacific Coast was 18,000.

The force spent 51 days at sea and visited ports in Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Panama.

Mrs. Wayne White underwent major surgery last Friday at Lockney General Hospital. At the latest report Wednesday she is able to sit up some and is feeling fairly good. She may possibly be allowed to return home the latter part of this week.

MR. AND MRS. HUBERT DUDLEY OBSERVE 25th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dudley celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday, January 8.

The Dudleys were married in the home of Justice of the Peace and Mrs. J. S. McGee at Turkey on January 8, 1938 in a double wedding ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. Jephtha Young.

Engineering Survey Party Due To Arrive Next Tuesday

(By Virgil Henson)

A Watershed Engineering Survey Party will arrive in Quitaque next Tuesday, January 15.

The survey party will start detailed surveys on the site of each dam, starting on the Jim Mayfield place. From Mayfields, the party will go to the site on Lem Weaver's place; from Weavers, the survey party will go to the site on the Freeman Tate farm and so on down from west to east.

The Survey Party will be headquartered in Quitaque in the Hospital Building across the street from the Pioneer Natural Gas Office. It is estimated that the survey will require about one month to complete. The survey party will collect the necessary information to actually design the dams and the channel improvements.

It is hoped that no more delays will occur and that actual construction work can begin this spring or summer.

POSTAL RATES HAVE INCREASED; COSTS A NICKEL TO MAIL A LETTER

Starting last Monday it now costs five cents instead of four cents to mail a first class letter weighing no more than an ounce and other postage rates have increased also. The raise in postal rates was voted by the Congress in the last session.

Other increases in postal rates as announced by Postmaster Sid Bogan include the following: Letters mailed to addresses within the city, raised from three cents to four cents.

Post cards, raised from three cents to four cents. Airmail letters, eight cents first ounce. Airmail postcards, six cents first ounce.

Second class matter, four cents for first two ounces, one cent each additional ounce. Third class, four cents for first two ounces, two cents for each additional ounce.

Already in effect, starting Jan. 1, is a new regulation barring from the mails envelopes and cards smaller than 3 by 4 1/2 inches. Thus the very small envelopes and cards cannot be mailed under the new rules. Patrons should notice carefully the size of cards and envelopes before they are purchased.

The reason for banning the very small and odd-sized letters or postcards from the mail is a part of the post office department's drive to speed service with mechanized equipment.

It is said that extremely small and oddly shaped letters and postcards cause trouble in modern cancelling machines and in other mechanized equipment that is being used increasingly in 35,000 post offices.

When a piece of mail snarls the mechanism not only does that item have to be taken out manually, but other mail stacks up behind it.

Main targets of the new regulations are novelty cards in the shape of animals, automobiles and the like, and tiny greeting cards or birth announcements which traditionally have been sent in very small envelopes.

Only about one or two per cent of all mail falls under the new ban.

Large commercial mailers and envelope manufacturers have had about two years' notice that the changes would be going into effect so they are prepared. The commercial mailers account for 75 percent of all U. S. mail volume and much of the oddly shaped items.

Many foreign countries have imposed minimum sized limitations on letter mail.

Mrs. Walter Taylor and Mrs. Patsy Martin were in Quanah for medical attention on Monday.

POT LUCK SUPPER TO BE SERVED AT P.T.A. MONDAY NIGHT

Pot Luck Supper will be served at the regular meeting of the P-T-A next Monday night, beginning at 7:30 P. M.

The Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades will present a program of entertainment after the business session.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rice drove to Tyler Sunday for a visit with Mrs. E. G. Rice and other relatives. They returned by way of Dallas and did a little shopping for the store, returning home Tuesday evening.

Jackie Bedwell and Sammy Wilson, students at Baylor University, spent the weekend with Mrs. L. J. Bedwell and other relatives. Other guests at the Bedwell home were Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Bedwell and baby of Patton Springs.

Library Planning Committee Meets

The P-T-A Library Planning Committee met on Tuesday, Jan. 8 to plan the campaign to increase the school-community library facilities in Quitaque.

The project has been selected by the P-T-A for the 1962-63 school year in an effort to build the number of selections for students. Too, it is hoped that the school library will be kept open at least one day per week during the summers so that adults as well as students will have access to the library during the vacation months.

In the very near future the committee will release the kinds and types of books most needed to present an adequate book supply that will meet the needs of both the school and community. It is hoped that the citizens of Quitaque will back this project by donating their current books. If you do not have books to give, a donation of money would be most appreciated. All money received will go directly into the library fund.

Those present Tuesday were: Mrs. Billie Wise; Mrs. Jim Stroup; Mrs. Jake Merrell and Supt. Johnny Mason.

The next meeting will be at 4:00 P. M. on January 29, 1963. It is hoped that all committee members will be present for that meeting.

In addition to those mentioned above, other members of the committee are: Novelle Wise, O. R. Stark, Amelia Johnson, Ina Mae Baird, Elva Rice and Ann Jones.

COUNTY HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

The appointment of a County Historical Survey Committee was announced by M. G. Moreland, County Judge of Briscoe County.

Members of the Briscoe County Historical Survey Committee selected for a two-year term are James Brunson, Mrs. Jake Merrell and O. R. Stark of Quitaque; and J. E. Minyard, Mrs. J. E. Arnold, Mrs. L. D. Griffith and Arnold Turner of Silverton.

Governor - elect John Connally has designated January 19th as Texas Historical Preservation Day. On this date all new County Historical Survey Committees are to meet on call of the County Judge to elect officers, appoint subcommittees and formulate plans for the year's work.

"The Texas State Historical Survey Committee is happy to have Briscoe County included in the more than 240 actively working toward the goal of historical preservation," said Dr. Rupert N. Richardson of Abilene, president of the State Committee. "The Committee wishes to thank Judge Moreland for appointing a Historical Survey Committee in this county."

Dr. Richardson pointed out that every county has a unique history, and Briscoe County is no exception. The County Committee will be concerned with historic buildings, museum pieces, markers and records of the county.

The Texas State Historical Survey Committee works to coordinate the historical preservation work accomplished on the local level with the programs carried on the state level. Currently County Historical Survey Committees are locating and marking graves of Civil War Veterans and sponsoring Historical Building Medallions to be placed on historic structures.

Mrs. Jimmy Davidson and boys, Mrs. Willie Woods and Chloez visited Willie Mae Woods in Lockney Saturday afternoon.

BOTH TEAMS BEAT TURKEY PLAY ESTELLINE HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Quitaque basketball teams won all three games over Flomot here last Friday evening, the Jr. High taking two wins and the Panthers kicked the lid off the district schedule with a win over the Longhorns, 67-34.

Flomot does not have a girls high school team, thus the Pantherettes did not play last Friday night.

On Tuesday night here in the local gym the Panthers and Pantherettes both took easy wins over Turkey, but highlight of the two games was a whopping 54 point outburst by Janice Dudley, 34 of them coming in the first half. As far as can be determined, this was probably a record score ever made by a Quitaque player, boy or girl. A few years ago Mozelle Carter hit 49 points in one game and 40-odd another time, the nearest to that total anyone here can remember.

The final score of the Pantherette-Turkey game was 64-36. The Panthers won over the Turks 76-41 with the Panther reserves playing the final three or four minutes.

Turkey salvaged one game, a boys "B" game which the Turks almost lost after leading 20-3 at halftime.

Janice Dudley's 54 points came on 19 field goals and 16 free throws. She made 16 of 20 free throw attempts. Freda Reagan made 6 points and Judy Colvin 4 to round out the scoring for the local girls. Lane was high for Turkey with 15 points.

Quitaque's Dudley was 'nt the only player in this district, however who knocked the bottom out of the baskets. While Janice was getting her 54 points against Turkey, Jill Seaff of Matador was firing in 49 points as Matador took a 71-59 win over Lakeview. Top scoring honors for the night however, went to Estelline's highly-touted Teddy Barnes, who chalked up a season high total of 64 points as Estelline whacked Flomot 84-23.

Jack Johnson sparked the Panthers to their 76-41 win over the Turks. Jack Tossed in 21 points and hauled in a lot of rebounds in a rough game.

The Panthers are now 2 wins and no losses in district play while the Pantherettes have won 1 and lost none.

The Panthers face what will undoubtedly be their toughest competition here Friday night when they take on Teddy Barnes and the other Estelline Bearcubs. The

Pantherettes should win their game since the Estelline lasses are reported to be weak again this year. Coach Gene King and the Panthers will be out to stop the highest scoring schoolboy basketball player in the Panhandle in Barnes. Barnes is averaging about 36 points per game thus far this season. Last Friday night he scored 46 points against Matador to lead the Bearcubs to a win over the Matadors, who earlier in the season had beaten Estelline and held Barnes to 19 points, his lowest effort this season.

This reporter does not believe that Barnes will hit his average against the Panthers. It will be interesting to see how this one comes out. Fans are urged to be on hand early for this one in order to find a good seat as Friday night contests will probably draw a sell-out crowd.

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Dudley, Jan	19	16	2	54
Reagan, Freda	2	2	3	6
Whittington, J.	0	0	2	0
Colvin, J.	2	0	0	4
McKay, Shar.	0	0	0	0
McKay D.	0	0	0	0
Woods, C.	0	0	3	0
Stephens, S.	0	0	3	0
Elliott, J.	0	0	2	0
Whittington, B.	0	0	1	0
Bedwell, D.	0	0	1	0
Grundy, J.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	18	17	64

Panthers 76, Turks 41.

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Johnson, Jack	10	1	3	21
Saul, Jim	8	2	5	18
Wise, Cappy	1	1	2	3
Woods, Terry	2	2	2	6
Morrison, Bobo	8	2	2	18
Barefield, Phil	1	2	0	4
Woods, Carl W.	1	0	1	2
Hamilton, Joe	0	0	0	0
Johnson, Jamie	0	0	0	0
Monk, Eddie	2	0	1	4
Merrell, Warren	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	32	10	16	76

G. Hawkins and Fuston both hit 13 points to lead the Turks. Next Tuesday night the local teams go to Lakeview for a pair of conference games. The teams are scheduled to play in the Estelline Tourney starting on Thursday but there are rumors that the affair may be cancelled. Coach King said that if the tournament is not played, games would be matched if possible with some of the teams that were to have played in the tournament.

Grass Fire Is Quickly Controlled

A grass fire broke out in one of the Webb Taylor pastures about noon Tuesday but quick work on the part of a neighbor, Mrs. Cecil Reagan who called in the alarm and the Quitaque Fire Department, who quickly controlled the blaze, kept the loss from being a large one. Mrs. Taylor reported that about fifteen acres of grass was lost.

According to Mrs. Taylor, the fire started from burning Johnson Grass on a field. High winds caused the fire to spread to a tree row, from where the fire jumped the road and caught the pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor expressed their thanks to the Fire Department and all others who helped put out the fire.

The Department's quick work prevented the loss of one of the Taylor's best pastures.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CEMETERY FUND COMING IN WELL

Your contributions to the Cemetery Association are coming in fine. We will try to list each name and if yours does not appear on this list, watch for it later.

Following is a list of contributing as far back as August.

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Mrs. W. E. Morrison, N. V. Hamilton, J. F. Tiffin, Cecil Price, Otis Wilson, Paul Hamilton, James Brunson, Mrs. Opal Broxson, Roy Hunter, Mrs. Carrie Jago, Pauline K. McKnight, Mrs. J. J. Turner, C. T. Rucker, R. B. Persons, H. S. Foster, C. E. Bedwell, Bessie McMurry, Frank Hawkins, Orin Stark, Mrs. A. V. Tipps, Mrs. Rosa Mayes,

Ina Bradshaw, Mrs. Dora Stroup, Mrs. W. W. Merrell, J. T. Persons, Homer J. Morris, B. L. Chandler, Mrs. J. A. Grundy, Mrs. W. R. Tyler, J. H. Boggs, Mrs. Joe Woodruff, Ethel, Tracy, Cecil Purcell, Mrs. J. T. Bradley, Raymond Hamilton, Glynn Morrison and J. R. Stroup.

MRS. J. W. LYON HONORS HUSBAND ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. W. Lyon, Sr. entertained with a dinner Monday evening, January 7, honoring her husband with a birthday party.

Those present to enjoy the occasion and wish Mr. Lyon many more happy birthdays were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyon, Jr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick of Silverton and Mrs. Geneva Curtis.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hamilton proudly announce the arrival of a son, Forrest Blake, born Tuesday, January 1, at 12:48 P. M. in the Plainview Hospital and Clinic. He weighed in at 8 pounds and 2 ozs. He was the third baby born in the new year at the Plainview Hospital. The young fellow has a sister, Kelly, who is 19 months of age.

Grandmother, Mrs. Ray Carpenter of Ruidosa, N. M. is here caring for the boy and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Hamilton are the paternal grandparents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Buster Chadwick were in Matador last Friday for Buster's regular check-up. He received a good report. The Chadwicks reported that Dr. Stanley suffered a broken arm in an accident last week and was out of his office and Buster received his check-up from Dr. Wells. The Chadwicks drove to Memphis from Matador for a visit with Roger Arnold of Turkey who is very ill in the hospital there.

Freddie Davidson and Emadine Colwell and Freddie's cousin Dan Shackelford and a friend, all of Amarillo, spent the week-end in Quitaque. Miss Colwell was a guest at the home of her aunt and family, the Alton Johnstons.

Mr. and Mrs. Euel Dudley and children visited her sister, Mrs. R. B. Sain and family in Amarillo one day last week.

Guests in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. J. W. Ewing for New Year's Day were her brother and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gregg of Plainview and Mrs. Oneva Nuse, also of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Davidson received an announcement from Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cross of the New Arrivals. Twin girls were born to the Cross' on December 31. They were named Carol Ann, 6 lbs. 11ozs. and Cheryl Lynn, 6 lbs. and 3 ozs. They are the first grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cross, who are former residents of Quitaque. He was superintendent of schools and she was a teacher in the school system here. Mr. Cross is Principal at Paducah H.S. now. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cross live at Mesquite, Texas.

Mrs. N. B. Herrington is visiting her mother, Mrs. Artie Jones in Henrietta, Texas this week.

Mrs. Odell Johnston and David and Mrs. Ted Hester spent Saturday in Amarillo shopping and visiting Mrs. John Kyle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Johnston and David attended the basketball game at Clarendon Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Persons and Ronnie Hutcherson spent Sunday in Plainview, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Persons and Tommie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Owens and Betty spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Dell City with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ebbs and Carl Wayne. Mrs. Olen Lane and Leigh Ann accompanied them and were met near Dell City by Olen Lane who returned them to their home at Van Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Johnson and all of their children spent part of the recent holidays with Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. W. D. Johnson at Haskell. Several of Mr. Johnson's brothers were present also.

Mrs. R. L. Patrick and Mrs. Tracy Drake drove to Tulla Friday to have a prescription filled for Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Patrick became ill while they were there and had to enter the hospital. She returned home Saturday evening and at present report is feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Persons had all of their children home for the recent holidays with the exception of son-in-law George Kaether, who is a Fort Worth Star Telegram employee and was unable to be present. Mrs. Norma Hewett of Lubbock has been ill and remained with her parents for a few days visit with her parents, but has now returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery and Richard of Lubbock spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Roy Smith and family.

Mrs. Roy Smith spent a recent week-end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw returned Mrs. Smith to her home and

they spent New Year's Day with the Smiths.

Connie Brummett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brummett, had a near-serious accident with an electric mixer last Saturday morning.

Connie was preparing a cake for baking and had inserted the beaters into the mixer. Connie then plugged in the mixer only to find that the mixer had been left switched on and her hand became entangled in the beaters. She could not free herself and tried to call her mother at the Bank but got the wrong number, then called neighbor Ruby Cushmanberry who enlisted the aid of Mrs. Mack Tru-lock to help her free Connie's hand.

Mrs. Brummett took Connie to the doctor in Tulla where it was determined that there were no broken bones.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Duck, Mrs. A. B. Ramsey, Jr. and Mrs. Wendell Farley were in Amarillo Friday and Saturday at the bedside of Mrs. Duck's brother, Bert Degan of Turkey, who underwent surgery on Friday. They spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Barrett. Mr. Degan is in Northwest Texas Hospital and at latest report was recovering well from his surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Hamilton had their grandchildren, Carol and Kris Hamilton of Amarillo as guests in their home over the weekend. The children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton were in Dallas on business. They returned home and came by for their children Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms and family spent Sunday in Childress with W. E. Helms and Johnny.

Mrs. Orlin Stark and Mrs. Clarice Douglas of Silverton left Monday to visit their sister, Mrs. Madison Ayres in Lamesa. Mrs. Ayres husband is in the hospital there very ill.

BILLY GRAHAM TO SPEAK AT BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Dallas (Spl.) Famed Evangelist Billy Graham will be the principal speaker here for the annual Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference, slated Monday through Wednesday, January 14-16.

Total attendance at the three-day meeting may exceed 20,000, predicted Dr. C. Wade Freeman of Dallas, director of the division of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and conference director.

Peak attendance is expected at the Wednesday night session when Dr. Graham will speak. Television and motion picture actor Gregory Walcott of Hollywood, a Baptist layman, will also be on the Wednesday night program.

Sessions will be held at the 10,500-capacity Dallas Memorial Auditorium. In case of overflow crowds, closed-circuit television will project the session into a nearby 2,000-seat theater.

No business will be conducted during the inspirational-type meeting. It is designed primarily for Baptist preachers and lay leaders, but the general public is invited to attend, especially for the Wednesday night sessions.

"I've never seen so much interest among Baptists throughout the state in any meeting before," said Conference Director Freeman. "We will have some of the greatest speakers in the entire Southern Baptist Convention on the program," he said.

Principal speakers include Dr. Baker James Cauthen of Richmond, Va., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas; Dr. T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Dr. K. Owen White, Houston pastor and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Graham and Wolcott.

Theme for the Evangelism Conference will be "Basic World Need—Evangelism." The meeting will open Monday afternoon with three simultaneous conferences on plans for evangelism in Texas, the U. S. and in the World.

Monday night conference sessions will emphasize the Japan Baptist New Lift Movement, a nationwide evangelistic crusade co-sponsored by Texas Baptists in an effort to reach the entire nation of Japan with the Gospel message this spring.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION TO BE PRESENTED TO LEGISLATURE

Austin — A modest three-point program of school legislation will be presented by the Texas State Teachers Association to the 58th Texas Legislature which convenes January 8.

The program covers sick leave for teachers, cooperative regional film centers, and improvements in teacher retirement benefits. The latter would involve no additional cost.

Advance responses by lawmakers indicate majority support for the proposals in both houses of the Legislature.

The details are outlined in the January issue of the "Texas Outlook," TSTA monthly magazine.

The three items in the teachers' legislative program would:

1. Provide a minimum of five days a year sick leave for each teacher, cumulative to 30 days. Cost would be shared by the State and local districts on the same basis as they contribute to the Minimum Foundation School Program. Annual cost to the State is estimated at from \$1.5 to \$2 million.

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2. Permit regional film centers in which schools would voluntarily participate. The cost would be shared equally by the State and participating schools, with the State matching local contributions up to 50 cents per pupil. Estimated State cost is \$500,000 yearly.

3. Improve the teacher retirement program by:

(a). Offering an alternate base for calculating retirement benefits. The present base is tied to the 1950-55 period. The alternate would permit use of the best ten years of teaching for determining benefits.

(b). Retaining the present 1-000 guaranteed annual minimum retirement but make it possible for a higher minimum — perhaps to \$1,800 — for those who have taught longer.

Neither of these items would require additional funds from teachers or the State. Both contribute equally to the Teacher Retirement Fund.

Most legislators stated their

position last spring on these TSTA proposals as well as on other legislation affecting schools which might arise.

Of the 31 senators who will serve in the current Legislature, 24 responded. Of these, 20 supported the sick leave plan for teachers, 17 endorsed the film bill, and 19 said they favored the retirement improvements.

Of the 150 House members elected in November, 121 had responded to the TSTA questionnaire. Of these 97 supported sick leave, 90 approved the film bill, and 106 favored the retirement improvements.

Majorities also said they would oppose attempts to withdraw funds from the Teacher Retirement System for other purposes, would defend the Minimum Foundation School Program against attacks, would protect the Permanent School Fund, and would oppose drastic lowering of standards required for entering the teaching profession.

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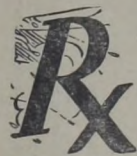
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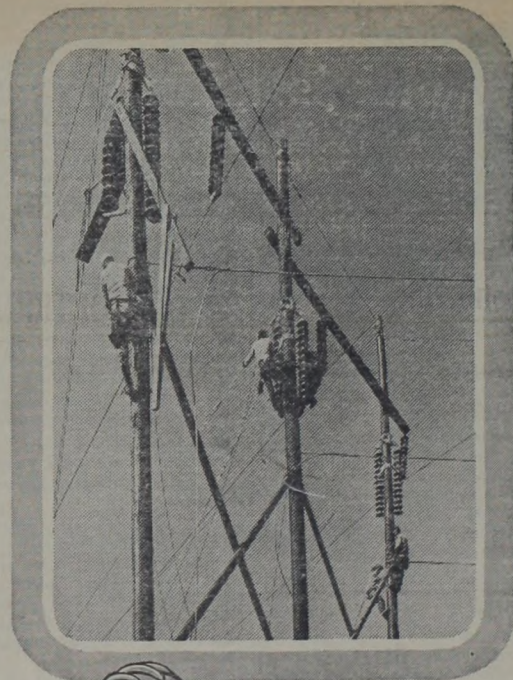
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