













Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chase accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Keith Stegall and children, Janet and Keith, to Pyote, Texas, Monday where the Stegalls will make their home.

Mrs. David McClesky underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday, at the Adair Hospital. Reports from her bedside indicate that her condition is satisfactory.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

BY JULIAN CAPERS JR.

AUSTIN — There is a classic newspaper story about a young reporter who was sent to write the details of a story involving the destruction of a town by a tornado. He surveyed the wreckage, and then spent several hours trying to think up an impressive opening sentence for his story, while his editors waited impatiently. Finally he produced this masterpiece: "All is confusion."

And that phrase might aptly be used to describe the Texas political scene, in the wake of the taxless special session. Gov. Allred apparently is undecided what he will do. He insisted this week he wouldn't call another session "until assured a tax bill will be passed." His closest advisers are telling him that he shouldn't try for a third term, but the governor seems reluctant to take their advice. This week a man who has been his closest political adviser told this reporter: "I don't think the Governor has any idea of running for a third term."

Within an hour, the Governor told another of his friends, who is supporting Col. Ernest Thompson for governor: "Don't count me out of the race too soon."

THOMPSON'S FRIENDS ACTIVE

Meanwhile, Col. Thompson's friends are pushing ahead steadily with organization of his campaign, and the colonel is expected to make a formal announcement soon after January 1, and launch a vigorous personal campaign soon thereafter. Attorney General Bill McCraw, who has been campaigning since the last election, is driving ahead with his speaking tours and publicity barrage.

Meanwhile, politicians were intensely interested in a report that one of the Federal District Judges in the Western Texas district (in which Allred's home town of Wichita Falls is located) is nearing the retirement age, and might step down soon, creating a vacancy upon which the Governor has his eye. Allred has assiduously cultivated his already relationship with the White House in recent months, keeping alive the belief that a Federal Judgeship is his idea of how to get out of his present political dilemma.

PENSIONS TO CONTINUE

The political threat to suspend old-age pension payments if the Legislature failed to enact a tax bill blew out of the water this week—as predicted in this column—when the Board of Control, through John Wallace, its minority and retiring member, de-

clared arrangements had been worked out with the Republic National Bank in Dallas to pay off the \$1,600,000 of pension warrants the bank holds, on the installment plan. This, Wallace declared, assures pension payments for November, December, January and February.

A pretty little political drama was enacted behind the scenes. The Board of Control sent a letter to Harry Graves during the session, saying pensions would have to stop unless the tax bill passed. The Governor made the same declaration in his radio "fireside chat." When the tax bill failed, Wallace, who wasn't reappointed by Allred and retires January 1, was sent to Dallas by the Board, to negotiate with the Bank. So well did he do the job that at least four months' additional pension payments were worked out. That left both the Board of Control and the governor out on a limb on their threat—but the old folks won't go hungry, and Wallace gets the credit.

NEPOTISM PROBE GOES ON

The final report of the House investigating committee looking into the employment of relatives of legislators, campaign contributions and other alleged malpractices in State departments may contain some sensational matter developed through its questionnaires or in executive sessions, but the probe so far has not developed anything exciting. Under the chairmanship of Judge Ben Cathey of Quitman, it has brought out testimony that employees in the treasury, the comptroller's office, the department of education and other state offices have contributed to the campaign funds of their bosses. But there was no evidence that these contributions were extorted. And, while everybody knows that it is a favorite trick of department heads to hire friends or relatives of legislators—therein being the chief strength of the official lobby—it is pretty difficult to get the legislators to work up much of a lather over a practice in which they are the chief beneficiaries. The committee also heard Land Commissioner Bill McDonald voice a stout defense of his policy of rejecting high cash bids for oil leases on state school lands, and awarding the leases to bidders who offer small cash sums, and large payments in oil royalty—if oil is found.

"It is, of course, a gamble either way," said McDonald. "But I get the best information I can on the prospect of striking oil on each tract, and I think the schools will profit more in the long run by accepting the larger share of royalty, particularly on the tracts which look like they are sure to be oil producers." McDonald said he wouldn't oppose a bill vesting the leasing power in a board, instead of in himself alone, but admitted he opposed a bill by Coke

Stevenson with such a provision, at the regular session.

"I opposed it because there were a lot of other things in that bill I didn't like," he said.

NAME AND NEWS

A strange parallel between the appointment of Harry Graves, Georgetown legislator, to the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the naming of Senator Hugo Black to the supreme court exists. Many lawyers claim Graves is not qualified, because he voted for a bill raising the pay of the judges at the regular session, then resigned to accept appointment to the court at the hands of Gov. Allred, exactly as the claim was made that Black had disqualified himself by increasing the emoluments of the Supreme Court, as a Senator, before he was appointed. Lawyers here are reluctant to discuss Graves' case openly, but most of the best ones privately say he is disqualified. Whether a court test will be made of the matter remains to be seen. Contract for the first 22-mile section of the Kenedy County road through the King Ranch to the Rio Grande valley probably will be let by the Highway Commission Nov. 23. The road was an issue in the last Governor's race, with Allred promising to get it started. The new road has been

designated a Federal route, and opens a shorter route to the valley. Sulfur taxes from Oct. 1, 1936 to Oct. 1, 1937 were \$2,251,936, a jump of 89.45 percent increase, due to larger production and increased \$119,041 over Oct. last year. Pensions got \$462,920 and schools \$141,859 of the October liquor revenue.

An odd picture of grief hangs in the bleak corridor which opened to a single door from my childhood. My mother had sent me to a neighbor's home for a cup of sugar and it was 'sundown. Shadows lay as a carpet on the clean, rough floor, and there was a sweet, enchanting odor in the plain room where a man and a woman sat silently in the gathering dusk. It seemed a long time before the man spoke and invited me to have a chair and some strange spell choked back the purpose of my mission. An awful silence gripped the moment and then I saw a pair of baby shoes on a shelf beside the clock and an empty cradle near the window where a red geranium was blooming. The woman gave me a cookie and placed a soft, cool hand on my brow before I left, gently as if touching the hem of a delicate memory.—Matador Tribune.

VERNON VISITORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Andrews of Vernon spent the week-end with Mrs. Andrews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rowland. Mr. Andrews was an employee of The News several years ago.

Advertisement for Easy Chair Travel Buses, featuring an illustration of a woman sitting in a chair and text: "Any Time Any Place", "Ride BOWEN COMFORTABLE BUSES", "ask your local agent", "MOTOR COACHES".

Advertisement for Zenith Radio, featuring an illustration of a radio and text: "MY NEW ZENITH HAS THREE SEPARATE DIALS", "Yet, only one clear, easy-to-read dial is visible at a time.", "26 ARM CHAIR MODELS to choose from", "ZENITH 7S258—American and Foreign Broadcasts, 10" Speaker, "Robot" Dial, Spinner Tuning, Tell-Tale Controls, (540-18,400 K. C.), 41 in. high.", "THE NEW ZENITH RADIO", "LONG DISTANCE RADIO", "USE GENUINE ZENITH TUBES".

Clarendon Radio & Electric Shop, AMERICA'S MOST COPIED RADIO AGAIN A YEAR AHEAD

Advertisement for Gulf Service Station, featuring a "GET READY for Winter!" graphic and text: "COLD WEATHER'S AHEAD!", "Change To: GULF Winter Grade Lubricants", "Gulf Motor Oils", "Good Gulf Gas", "Enclosed Washing & Lubrication Room", "With our Station Remodeled with Modern equipment and larger driveways we are better able to take care of your needs.", "FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY—We will Wash and Lubricate Your car for \$1.00", "Gulf Service Station", "On Highway 5 —24 hour Service— L. L. Wallace".

Advertisement for Hotel Clarendon and other local businesses, including: "STOCKINGS DRUG STORE", "SHELTON'S Grocery", "Bryan Clothing Co.", "BUNTIN BURIAL Association", "Pastime Theatre", "1938 Chevrolet", "Clarendon Ice Plant", "Geo. B. Bagby LIFE INSURANCE", "Hotel Clarendon 'MEALS FOR EVERYONE'", "Greene Dry Goods Co.", "Goldston Bros.", "Ben Franklin Store", "Simpson Mill and Feed Store", "CLARENDON STEAM LAUNDRY".

Advertisement for "COAST TO COAST" by The American Legion Auxiliary, featuring a list of characters and a chorus, and text: "THE SENSATION OF THE NATION", "Sponsored By THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY", "CAST OF CHARACTERS", "CHORUS", "—COLLEGE AUDITORIUM, Nov. 18 - 19, 8:00 P. M.—", "Admission Children 10c -:- Adults 25c", "Drink Coco Cola in bottles", "Clarendon Food Store", "CLARENDON PLANT & FLORAL CO.", "The American Legion Auxiliary wishes to thank the Clarendon Merchants for their Co-operation."

Advertisement for various local businesses, including: "SHIP BY Andis Bros. Motor Freight Line", "Douglas & Goldston Drug Co.", "Mellinger and Rosenwasser", "D. O. Stallings THE COAL MAN", "Just Received a Car Load of New 1938 PLYMOUTH CARS", "Holland Bros.", "Armstrong Service STATION", "West Texas Utilities Company", "Antro Hotel AND COFFEE SHOP", "Thompson Bros. Co. HARDWARE AND FURNITURE", "CITY CLEANERS", "Norwood Pharmacy", "Home Bakery", "Foxworth-Galbraith LUMBER COMPANY", "C. D. Shamburger", "Parsons Brothers Master Cleaners", "Compliments of CARAWAY".

