

Riding The GRUB LINE

By Franklin Reynolds

In keeping with a movement that appears to be gaining momentum throughout the state, plans are being set up in Nueces County for a commercial steer program for the junior feeders.

Heretofore, only classes for finished steers have been included in the county show. However, in several other counties in the Coastal Bend there has been a trend on placing more emphasis on commercially fed calves, and young livestock feeders are being encouraged to feed calves on a strictly practical drylot basis. In Bee and San Patricio counties the county shows feature commercially fed steers.

The Grub Line Rider has been taken to task for a statement that recently appeared in this column, which was to the effect that club boys from outside Howard County, who had bought calves from Howard County Hereford breeders, were well pleased with them and had done well with them.

This comment grew out of the fact that a club boy from another county who had previously fed out steers that had been raised in the Wild Horse Creek part of Howard County had recently come back to this county for another calf from the same herd.

Criticism of our statement came, in substance and effect, in these words: "You don't see any of those steers at the big shows." This meant, to be more specific, no steer from a Howard County herd, sold to a club boy from outside the county, had ever been seen at such shows as Timonium, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Kansas City.

We do not have information that any of these steers ever reached any of those shows, nor do we have any information that they did not get there, either.

The point we would make is that the boys who bought these steers, with the advice of their youth leaders, have been well pleased with them. They bought them for the purpose, as such is generally understood over the country, in order to learn the practical side of feeding steers for a profit, and not as something to ride to the "big shows" and they have been happy with their purchases. In fact, they are expected to come back for more of these calves.

As we understand the basic principle of steer feeding in 4-H and FFA projects it is to teach sound practices of steer feeding and not showmanship.

Better lessons in showmanship could probably be learned by feeding the animals in a circus or by going to Hollywood.

In order to clear the situation as far as this column is concerned, taken on the whole and on the average, there are no better Herefords anywhere than those found in Howard and the surrounding counties, so far as practical and profitable beef-building enterprise is contemplated.

The Grub Line also takes the position that the best of education or practical education once the boy or girl has learned to read, write and cipher. This fact is universally recognized and the field of practical education is one that is being made broader all the while, for both boys and girls.

We deny that any junior feeder can get better practical feeding experience with calves from elsewhere than he can with Hereford calves from the herds in this area.

The 56th annual convention of the American National Cattlemen's Association will be held in Kansas City, January 5-7, and a large delegation from Texas is expected to attend.

Two men from Amarillo will head the Lone Star cowmen. They are

New Draft Check Slated For Medical Men By Military

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department today announced a lowering of physical requirements which will allow another check of 4,000 doctors, dentists and veterinarians previously rejected for military service.

The department said its lowered standards would permit fuller use of doctors who are under Selective Service or in the officers' reserve without hurting the quality of medical care in the armed services.

The announcement also said a saving equal to the services of 4,000 physicians has resulted from relieving military doctors from non-medical duties. Deaths among wounded getting medical treatment since the Korean War it added, are running at only half the World War II rate.

Search Is Resumed For Private Plane

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Air Force and Civil Air Patrol fliers resumed their search today for a private plane with two aboard, missing since Dec. 19 en route to McAllen, Tex.

The CAP identified the men as Gerald Sutcliffe, Bronx, N. Y., and Max Weber, Cliffside Park, N. J. Sixteen planes took part during the first day of the search yesterday.

C. R. Miller Funeral

DALLAS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Funeral services for Clarence R. Miller, 68, were scheduled here today. Miller was a member of a pioneer Texas family and chairman of the board of Texas Textile Mills, Inc. He died Wednesday following a heart attack.

Jay Taylor, vice-president of the National, and T. L. Roach, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association. Besides these two, other Texas Stockmen active in the organization who will attend are Joe B. Finley of Encinal; Fred Hobart and E. S. F. Brainard of Canadian; Jack Mansfield of Vega; Joe B. Matthews of Albany; Hayes Mitchell and J. E. White Jr. of Marfa; Roy Parks of Midland; J. M. and Watt Reynolds of Fort Worth; Louis L. Farr Jr. of San Angelo, and Monte Ritche of Palo Duro.

One of the convention's guest speakers will be Laurence Lee, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Recent sales of registered Texas Herefords include 15 bulls from Winston Brothers of Snyder to M. C. Sibbey of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and 12 cows from Miles Culwell of San Angelo to E. S. Pritchard of Dalhart.

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Murder Count Doesn't Halt Dancer From Being In Show

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—The "Flame of New Orleans" has a new night club engagement here, murder charge notwithstanding.

The "Flame" is attractive brunette Billie Shonase, 23, charged with murder in the fatal shooting of Alfred Rosenfield Jr., 38, last Sunday.

Also charged in the shooting is Roscoe Ails, 54, a balding, sad-faced night club comedian. But Ails doesn't have a new engagement. He's still in jail without bond.

The "Flame's" agent, Dick Leonard, said his client has received several offers to appear in what she describes as an "exotic" dance

since she was released on \$5,000 bond.

Rosenfield's bullet-riddled body was found in Ails' apartment. Ails told police he shot the former cafe owner in self defense after Rosenfield made his third trip to the apartment between 3 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Miss Shonase, who said she was nicked on the arm by the first shot fired, was arrested the next day in Cedardale, Okla. Her lawyer, Maury Hughes, said the shot was fired by Rosenfield as he and Ails drew at about the same time.

Ails and the "Flame" are married. It all added up to a lot of news-

paper space and radio time. So tonight—and for the rest of the week at all the "Flame" dances. "And please," she says, "don't call me a stripper!"

O'Connor Urges Nation Retain Faith In UN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans should not let allegations that subversives have infiltrated the U. S. staff at the United Nations undermine their faith in the world organization, Sen. O'Connor (D-Md) said yesterday.

O'Connor is a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, whose hearings have been a factor in the discharge of 29 U. S. nationals from the U. N. staff. The Americans were fired on the ground that they may be disloyal to the U. S. government.

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A Bible Thought For Today—

She was first at the cradle and last at the cross, that is the role of motherhood. When the whole world turns against a bad son the mother loves him still. "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." — Luke 2:19.

Court Has Very Important Task In Naming A New County Clerk

In selecting a successor to Lee Porter as county clerk, the Howard County Commissioners Court has a tremendously important task. Fortunately, Porter's service is not lost to the county, for he resigned his place to accept appointment as county auditor, a position for which he also is peculiarly suited.

It is quite natural that each officer at the courthouse will look upon his own place as the most important of all. That is a commendable quality and one which makes for better performance in office.

Huge Toll May Turn Question Of Limits Of Bigness On Airplanes

The series of Air Force crashes involving transport planes in the Northwest, in Alaska and in Korea, climaxing with the worst in all history—which claimed 86 soldier lives at Moses Lake, Wash.—obviously calls for fast and stringent action on the part of the authorities to find the causes and take steps to ward off repetition.

In arriving at the field, the ill-fated plane was heavily loaded but not beyond its rated capacity. Any crack-up that claims human life is a tragedy, but when the numbers involved reach close to a hundred, the tragedy is compounded. The heavy loss of life in this series of military air disasters may well raise the issue whether the development of planes of such great capacity can be justified.

Business Outlook—J. A. Livingston

Big Business Got Reprieve And Not An Acquittal, From Election

"The American people have just demonstrated their confidence in American business by electing Dwight D. Eisenhower President. As business men, we all share in that victory. We can be proud." That ringing statement was made the other night by the president of a large corporation in an after-dinner speech to a group of his fellow executives. Did it bring down the house? Did it evoke applause?

nized the deep desire of workers for (1) protection against inflation and (2) a rising standard of living. He offered a contract Reuther couldn't turn down. A cost-of-living escalation clause took care of inflation. An automatic wage increase each year took care of the urge for a better living standard. Thus, Wilson bought years of labor peace.

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Officers Planning To Study Economy

ISTANBUL (U)—The Turkish army plans to open a national war college this year to teach such subjects as national and international economy.

Old Square Dancers

CALGARY, Canada (U)—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wilson, aged 80 and 76, have been presented with a perpetual pass to dances held by the Mountview Community Club Square-Dancing Association.



"Uh—This Doesn't Mean You're The Majority"

Notebook—Hal Boyle

Let Women Rule The World, Men Are Against The Wearing Of Any Girdles

NEW YORK (U)—Success can cost too much. And if men have to start wearing girdles to achieve it—well, success has plumb priced itself out of the market for the average man.

The idea that the American male needs a girdle to get ahead in a woman's world belongs to Dr. Burgess Gordon, president of the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia. The distinguished medic says girdles contribute to a girl's sense of well being by elevating her abdomen, thus allowing her to get more air into her lungs and oxygen into her body tissues.

And if men are going to compete with women successfully, he believes, they had better start wearing this secret success weapon, too. Well, I have just completed a poll of 15 men on this question, and they voted 14-to-1 as follows: "If wearing a girdle is to spell the difference between success and failure, we'll give up right now and go fishing. Let women rule the world."

The only negative vote was from a middle-aged fellow who pulled me aside and whispered: "I've been wearing a girdle for five years, but it has been 10 years since I got a raise in pay. Do you think my girdle is too tight or too loose?"

The surprising thing about the poll is that the men didn't object to girdles on the grounds they were unmanly or that George Washington had managed to win a war without the help of a corset. The chief objection was that girdles for men are basically impractical.

"My wife looks better in a girdle, and it is only reasonable to admit that I would, too," said one man. "But here's the problem. It takes all the muscle that both my girdle and I have to pour her into mine."

There just isn't enough strength in our family to get us both into a girdle now.

Because the Times is a morning paper the Stalin story had to appear in the Christmas morning editions. And with news usually scarce Christmas Day a Stalin statement was bound to get maximum attention. It did.

And since Christmas is the one day when the Western world sings most longingly of peace on earth Stalin may have felt it was the day most appropriate for representing himself as big-hearted Joe, although it is well known he is no believer in Santa Claus.

One of the Times' questions said: "Would you welcome diplomatic conversations with representatives of the new Eisenhower administration looking toward the possibility of a meeting between yourself and Gen. Eisenhower on easing world tensions?"

World Today—James Marlow

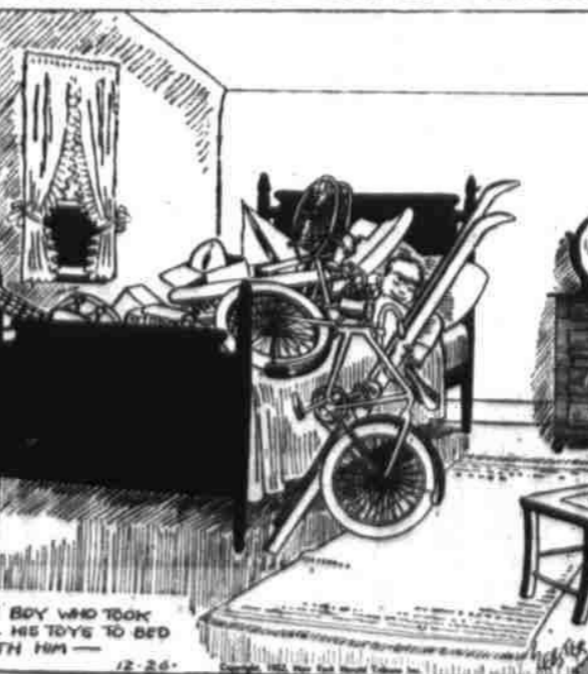
Stalin Leaves Loopholes For Doing Lot Of Nothing

WASHINGTON (U)—Joseph Stalin had nothing to lose by giving pleasant answers Christmas Day to questions about peace. By being pleasant he made propaganda hay. If he had snarled it would have been propaganda against him.

Actually he committed himself to nothing when he said he was "favorable" to arrangements for a meeting between himself and President-elect Eisenhower and would "co-operate" in trying for peace in Korea. He has loopholes for doing nothing if he intends doing nothing.

The New York Times on Dec. 15 submitted to the Russian Embassy several questions to be forwarded to Stalin. The timing of the answers may have been accidental but from the viewpoint of Russian propagandists was excellent. The answers were delivered to the Times late Christmas Eve night.

The Thrill That Comes Once in a Lifetime



THE BOY WHO TOOK ALL HIS TOYS TO BED WITH HIM

Around The Rim—The Herald Staff

The opinions contained in this and other articles in this column are solely those of the writers who sign them. They are not to be interpreted as necessarily reflecting the opinions of The Herald—Editor's Note.

Possibility Of Women Jurors Is Considered In New Courthouse

Big Spring is going to move a step ahead of Big Dallas when the new Howard County Courthouse is completed. Although women are not allowed to sit on juries in Texas, provision is being made for such an event in our new Courthouse. There will be two modern dormitories for jurors, separated by a sort of lounge or reading room.

Only five other states do not permit women to serve on juries, and most people who have given the matter any thought feel that these other states will admit women to jury panels sometime in the future, possibly within the next decade. If this should occur in Texas within the next 10 years, Howard County likely will be one of the few counties in the state which is prepared in advance.

Washington Calling—Marquis Childs

Truman Policies Have Done Fair Job In Containing Communism

WASHINGTON—The easiest thing in the world these days is to draw down the curtain of gloom. At practically every spot on the globe the formula is trouble, trouble, boll and bubble. This can be added up to an impenetrable blackness calculated to frighten the hardest optimist.

Yet, from the perspective of the change so soon to take place there are real glimmerings of hope. It is a dual spectacle: The effort of those who are departing to appraise what they have achieved in as good a light as possible and the changed approach already being planned by the men soon to take over.

Nationalist Chinese as an asset in that struggle; The application of pressure in a variety of ways to the strong-hold of Communism on the Chinese mainland, thereby ceasing merely to respond defensively at those points where Communism chooses to attack;

Uncle Ray's Corner

Wrote Play, 'As You Like It'

Some of the plays of William Shakespeare are tragedies, but others are comedies. The comedies provide light stories, and end happily.

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Purdue Plans For A Formosan Link

TAIPEI, Formosa (U)—Professor R. Norris Shreve of Purdue University is scheduled to come to plan an affiliation of the Taiwan College of Engineering with Purdue.

Murderer Baptized After Sentencing

Some of the plays of William Shakespeare are tragedies, but others are comedies. The comedies provide light stories, and end happily. Thirty-seven plays are listed as having come from the pen of Shakespeare. He seems to have written "Henry VI" at the age of 25. After that, he produced from one to three plays each year until he was 49 years old.

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Tomorrow: Letters from Readers. THE STORY OF THE ALPHABET is a new leaflet by Uncle Ray. It contains 15 fine illustrations and many facts about the names of people. To get a copy send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Uncle Ray, in care of this newspaper.

Gilliland To Show New Sewing Machine

Due to go on display this week at the Gilliland Sewing Machine Exchange, 112 E. 2nd Street, is the "only modern portable sewing machine," the Elina.

that has made that country famous for its precision watches and other fine work, incorporates many features commonly found only on full-size machines. Actually, it is a full-size machine adapted to a case that is compact and convenient to move, but which unfolds into a full-sized sewing surface.

Set up on any convenient piece of furniture, it provides the seamstress with all sewing facilities found in console models.

An extremely popular feature of the Elina is its "Free Arm" which adapts it to such difficult tasks as darning socks, mending tears in sleeves or legs, and performing other tasks rapidly and thoroughly despite had-to-reach location of the work needing needle and thread.

With the Elina Free Arm, trouser-legs, closed cuffs, armholes, etc. may be sewn as easily as flat work.

The portable machine monograms, shirts, embroiders, mends woollens so that repairs are almost invisible and performs other jobs with professional exactness. Because of its precision manufacture, the Elina can take the very fine threads for work on fabrics as sheer as chiffon. A knee control is provided for instant response of the precision motor which starts and stops in a split second.

Necchi sewing machines in all sizes may be inspected at the Gilliland display room. Portables, console models and desk machines are available. The desk model is particularly popular because of its dual usefulness.

Gilliland's complete sewing machine service includes, of course, a thorough and rapid repair service for all makes of machines. Operated in conjunction with the business is the Alteration Shop for the convenience of home seamstresses.

For repair service, residents of the Big Spring area may telephone No. 39.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anne Baxter, Academy Award winner, has started the film colony by filing suit for divorce from John Hodiak.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elderly women in a ward at Rancho Los Amigos, the Los Angeles county home, were asked what they wanted for Christmas.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Veteran movie producer Sam Goldwyn was presented a gold key to the city and a gold medal of appreciation at the climax yesterday of the observance of the 40th anniversary of his venture into films.

BRUSSELS sprouts have been known for only about 400 years, says the National Geographic Society.

Brown Fabric Shop Has New Spring Choices

Brand new shipments of quilted satins, quilted cottons and velveteens have been received by Brown Fabric Shop, 201 East 2nd Street.

Mrs. H. A. Brown, owner and operator of the shop, stated that some of the new spring lines are also being received. These include linens, cottons, nylons and satyns.

"We have practically any kind of fabric that there is," Mrs. Brown said. "If we don't have it, we can get it for our customers."

A large selection of fall and winter fabrics are on the shelves of the store. They include gabardines, gingham, rayon, broadcloth, winter cottons, taffetas, and many others.

Mrs. Brown stated that the quilt satins make high quality baby crib blankets and housecoats. The cloth can be obtained in pink, blue, red, or combination blue and pink. The quilted cottons can be used for the same purpose as satins, but many women make skirts with the fabric.

For the convenience of the customers, catalog books and dress patterns are numerous. A complete line of Butterick and Simplicity patterns are available at all times.

Brown Fabric Shop is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Thomas Shows New Machine

Gene Thomas, owner and operator of the Thomas Typewriter and Office Supply at 107 Main Street, displays one of the new royal typewriters, most popular machine of its kind in the world. The Thomas concern stocks all other kinds of office equipment.

Jones Berins 7th Year At Humble Station

Relace Jones, co-owner of the Jones and Warren Humble Service Station at Fourth and Scurry Streets in Big Spring, last Saturday began his seventh year of serving automobile owners and operators at that particular location.

Jones' partner is O. B. Warren, who has been associated in the business off and on since 1948.

A full-time employee of the Jones and Warren concern is Walter Davis, who also has been associated with the business for a number of years.

As the name of the station implies, the Jones and Warren station stocks supplies of the Humble Oil Company, including the best gasoline and motor oils.

The station operates from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily Mondays through Saturdays. On Sundays, the establishment remains open until 4 p.m.

U. S. TIRES

JOHN DEERE

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And right now, to help you with your Christmas shopping and to be sure you get the most in value for your Christmas spending, Charlie Creighton and Glenn Thomason, at the Creighton Tire Company, 203 West Third, are making some trades with the new Seiberling tire-and-tube combination that you will find very pleasing.

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Two Dead Reported In Christmas Fires

By The Associated Press

At least two lives were lost and thousands of dollars worth of damage was done by a series of holiday fires across the state.

Residents of Oak Cliff in Dallas received a scare early Christmas morning when clouds of black smoke rolled across the sky in the direction of Hensley Field and the Dallas Naval Air Station.

But the smoke came from burning trash and oil near the two

military installations. Hundreds of motorists rushed to the scene.

In Beaumont, Jerry Theriot, 11, died when fire destroyed his family's home in Dallas. Fire that destroyed his trailer home also killed Henry Moore, 55.

Two Christmas morning fires at Nacogdoches destroyed a portion of the Stone Fort Courts and badly damaged the College Coffee Shop. Fire Chief D. A. Tuetsch said total damages and origins had not been determined.

In Palestine, Tex., fire destroyed the Denby Furniture Co. warehouse and damaged two adjoining structures, including a food market. Sparks from the blaze damaged resident roofs blocks away.

Cause of the fire was not determined and Palestine Mayor Ralph Irvine said damages could not be estimated until value of stored furniture was known.

At Waco, a Christmas Day fire virtually destroyed a combination classroom and dormitory at Paul Quinn Negro College. Fortunately, the building — Grant Hall — was empty because of the holidays. Ordinarily, it houses 30 women students. Classrooms are on the first floor.

At Seymour, the third damaging downtown fire in a year marred the Christmas Day appearance of the North Texas town.

It took 55 firemen from Seymour and four adjacent towns to quench a blaze that caused an estimated \$75,000 damage to an auto store.

Last New Year's Eve a \$200,000 fire destroyed or damaged just about every other building in the block except a bank and the auto store.

And last June, another fire burned down a drug store on the Seymour square.



Death On Christmas

Hurrying to be with his wife and other relatives, Merle N. Birchfield, 38, Oklahoma City, was injured fatally in an automobile mishap five miles west of Colorado City on Christmas morning. His car skidded on icy road of the Morgan Creek bridge.

Oklahoman Dies In Crash Five Miles West Of C-City

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 25. — Merle Norris Birchfield, 38, of Oklahoma City, was injured fatally in an auto wreck five miles west of Colorado City on the Morgan Creek bridge on U.S. 80 about 8 a.m. Christmas Day.

The bridge had ice over and Birchfield struck its slick surface and lost control of his vehicle. According to Highway Patrolman Dan Nowlin and Ed Allen, he had skidded for 284 feet, his automobile upending in a borrow ditch west of the bridge. Birchfield who was alone, was thrown clear of the car before it completed its roll. He fell into riprap of jagged rocks, crushing his skull, chest and arms, and breaking other bones. He was rushed to the Root Hospital in Colorado City and died about 1:30 a.m.

According to his mother, Mrs. Leola Birchfield, nurse in the Midland Memorial Hospital, he had been working in Oklahoma City and was driving to Midland to visit his wife's family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frittle, during the holidays. The Birchfields were married Sept. 25, 1952 at DeQueen, Arkansas. In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by his father, Frank Birchfield, Oklahoma City, and three brothers, Olan, Oklahoma City, Weldon, El Paso, and Curtis, Safford, Ariz.

Flare Used To Break Up Red Convoy

U. S. 5TH AIR FORCE, Korea, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Air Force told today how the crew of a night-flying B26 bomber broke up a Communist truck convoy with nothing but a flare.

Cruising over battered highways in the eastern North Korean mountains, Maj. Orel C. Ouderkerk, Canton, Tex., saw supply trucks grinding over an ice-covered road with their lights on. The plane's bomb load already had been expended in knocking out 23 trucks.

"We had some target making flares, so the major brought us in and we let one go right on top of the convoy," said Capt. William L. Musladin, San Francisco.

"A tremendous explosion rocked the whole place," said A-2C James E. McConaughy, Amsterdam, O.

Engineer-gunner A-1C Alfred D. Aglialoro, Brooklyn, explained: "When they switched out their lights, pandemonium broke out down there. Apparently a truck driver smashed into another truck in the darkness. They must have been loaded with ammunition or gas the way they blew up."

The B26 crew noted two trucks destroyed, two probably destroyed and the rest bogged down in a jam of shattered debris.

Eight Dead In New Explosion In Japan

NAGOYA, Japan, Dec. 26 (AP)—Eight persons were killed and 21 injured today in the second explosion in downtown Nagoya in five days.

The explosion occurred in a camera shop. Six nearby houses were wrecked and burned.

An explosion in a chemical plant Monday killed 21 persons and injured more than 200.

Now He Doesn't Have To Climb Up The Hill

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—"I can't understand it, officer, this thing just won't climb this hill," an irate motorist told questioning policemen.

Officers L. H. Dye and R. E. Albee explained to the motorist patiently that the "hill" he couldn't climb was a concrete abutment guarding the approach to a viaduct—and then promptly arrested him for drunkenness.

Mahon, Rogers Seek Money For Big Dam Project

By TEX EASLEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Rep. Mahon and Rogers, Texas Democrats, said today they will seek a one-to-two-million-dollar appropriation next year to start work on the proposed \$5-million-dollar Canadian River dam project in their home state.

They told this to a reporter after a preliminary report by Rep. Miller (R-Neb) said the project should be built, but without federal aid.

Miller, top ranking Republican on the House Reclamation Subcommittee, recently inspected the area which would benefit from the project.

Congress already has authorized the dam and an aqueduct system to deliver water to a dozen cities and towns in the High Plains and Panhandle areas of Texas.

Mahon, a leading Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, said he believes the Canadian River project will be included in the budget recommendations the President will send to Congress early in January.

Rogers challenged Miller's contention that towns in the project area should finance the dam through sale of bonds rather than with a federal loan.

Congress decided that approximately 93 per cent of the total cost—roughly 79 million dollars—shall be repaid by the cities affected.

The rest covers primarily flood control benefits.

"These cities and towns want to stand on their own feet," Rogers said.

"They are not asking for any grant or gift. They will repay the government."

He suggested that the government might underwrite the bonds and permit them to be issued tax-free.

Spending Cut Before Tax Slash Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Three influential members of Congress said last night federal spending should be reduced before Congress cuts taxes, but a fourth noticed he will move to chop about 5 per cent off income levies.

Rep. Reed (R-NY), due to become chairman of the tax writing House Ways and Means Committee, said "there is no doubt that by cutting out non-essential government expenditures, the budget can be brought into balance and the savings passed along to the people in the form of tax relief."

Reed said that when the new Republican Congress meets Jan. 3, he will introduce a bill to reduce individual income taxes a little

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more than 5 per cent next year. The following year, he said, he will move for another tax cut, bringing the two-year total to 11 per cent.

Those who said the budget should be balanced before there is serious talk of a cut were Sen. Bridges (R-NH), in line to head the Senate Appropriations Com-

mittee; Sen. Byrd (D-Va), a member of the Finance Committee which considers tax bills in the Senate, and Rep. Taber (R-NY), due to head the House Appropriations Committee.

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