

# Meeting Called For Auditor's Report Of City's Books

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Slaton City Commission met in a called session in Municipal Hall at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 28, for the purpose of receiving the audit report of Certified Public Accountant John Haggard for the fiscal year ended March 31. Mayor Cain presided, and all four commissioners, Banks, Bollinger, Boudns, and Reasoner were present.

Slaton could do about financing required expenditures immediately. Bill Smith, Harold Tucker, Charles Walton, and Tommy Wallace were present. The other three members of the Committee, M. G. Davis, Clark Self, Sr., and M. G. Taylor had prior engagements or had not known of their appointments in time.

The report of the Auditor, Certified Public Accountant, is published elsewhere in the Slatonite. It should be noted that a separate audit of the account of the Board of City Development, a tax supported branch of the city government, is also printed separately and should be considered in connection with Mr. Haggard's certificate of audit which follows:

"I have examined the balance sheets of the various funds of the City of Slaton, Texas, as of March 31, 1964 and the related statements of revenue and expenditures, income and expense, and surplus for the

City officials not members of the commission in attendance were Attorney C. S. Cravens, Jr., Secretary Robert W. Sokoll, H. Bennett Reaves, Engineer; Robert Breedlove, Acting Police Chief, and Wayne Baker, Director of Public Works. Auditor John Haggard and his associate, Fred Payne were on hand. Joe Smith, representing First Southwest Corporation of Dallas, had prepared an analysis of Slaton's ability to finance its needs.

**JOHN P. HAGGARD**  
Certified Public Accountant

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Thursday, May 28... ing cards. Both... basic four - plan... ation for the six... and victory roll... e public is being... and the Thunderb... ion and to see the... aerospace aircraft... time. A variety of... bers and transport... ed to be on hand... Thunderbirds ge... - planned seg... rolls, whiffle... y changeovers... turns, climaxed... "bomb - test... h the planes in... formation climb... out of the auto... a way to the fog... compass. Traini... e like a burning... ch airplane stre... d to crash, han... directly in fr...



Pictured above are Lavern Schwertner and Oleta Bednarz with 1st prize certificate that the girls won as a team in a contest at Lubbock. They are competing this week at A. & M. College.

## Local Men Receive Major Order Of Diaconate Sat.

Two students of Assumption Seminary, San Antonio, received the Major Order of Diaconate in the Catholic Church on Saturday, May 30.

Rev. Mr. Roland Buxkemper, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Buxkemper, and Rev. Mr. Timothy P. Schwertner, son of Mrs. R. Schwertner, were ordained to the Diaconate by the Most Rev. Stephen A. Leven, Auxiliary to the Archbishop of San Antonio, during Pontifical Low Mass at the Chapel of the Oblate College of the Southwest, San Antonio.

The Diaconate is the last of the Major Orders given a cleric before final ordination to the Priesthood. By Orders the Deacon undertakes the task committed to him by Christ of preaching the Gospel to all nations. He is allowed to perform the solemn rite of Baptism, to distribute Holy Communion during the Sacrifice of the Mass, and to carry the Sacred Eucharist to the sick. He proclaims the Gospel in chant during a Solemn Mass, and closely assists the celebrant in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

## Last Rites Said For A. K. Carnes

Ardain K. Carnes, 46, of Slaton died in Veterans Hospital at Big Spring Friday. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Church of Nazarene in Slaton with Rev. Lowell Bell officiating. Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of Rix Funeral Home.

Carnes had lived in this area for the past 27 years, coming to Slaton from Levelland about two years ago. He lived with his mother, Mrs. Billy L. Carnes at 650 South 15th St. He is survived by the mother; three daughters, Mrs. Linda Jeffcoat, Morton; Miss Roma Kay Carnes and Miss Kelly Jean Carnes of Levelland; one son, Wendell of Lubbock; three brothers, Lee, Hobbs; A. F., Lubbock; Obie of California; four sisters, Mrs. Fern McCullough of Slaton; Mrs. S. P. Ledbetter, Lucerne, Calif.; Mrs. Billie Henn, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Jewell Cornwall, Dallas.

## Services Held For Vidal Salas

Vidal Salas, 32, died at his home in South Slaton early Thursday.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Rev. James Erickson officiating. Burial was in Englewood cemetery under direction of Williams Funeral Home.

## Report Submitted To Council On Needs

The City of Slaton last year employed the firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., of Lubbock to make studies and prepare a comprehensive report on the condition of the Public Works Facilities, and to make recommendations for future needs.



PICTURED AT RIGHT is J. E. Todd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Todd of Slaton, receiving his orders after re-enlisting in the U. S. Navy.

## Son Of Slaton Couple Will Teach Naval Electronics

John E. Todd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Todd, 525 West Crosby, re-enlisted in the Navy May 18, and was sent to San Diego for an eight-week course in leadership and advanced electronics. On completion, he will receive the rating of Electronics Technician-1, and will be assigned to the Lubbock Naval Reserve station as an instructor.

## Local Girls Attend Round-Up

Laverne Schwertner and Oleta Bednarz, both of Rt. 1, Slaton were among the Lubbock County 4-H delegation traveling to Texas A&M University June 2, 3 and 4 for the Texas 4-H Roundup.

These girls won first in Poultry Marketing at the District Contest at Texas Tech. They will compete with 20 other teams from the 12 Extension Districts in Texas. State winners will be announced at a banquet Wednesday night during the Roundup.

## County Buys Voting Booths

At Lubbock Friday, The County Commissioners in a special meeting, voted to buy 10 "Uni-Pack" voting booth units, 36 starter units and 64 auxiliary units from the Steck Company of Austin, but withheld decision on whether to purchase booths made of steel or of aluminum until they could inspect samples.

## Mrs. McFall Dies Here

Mrs. Epsie McFall, 91, grandmother of Mrs. Joyce Atinip, died in Mercy Hospital at Slaton Thursday evening.

Funeral services will be held in the First Methodist Church at Quitaque at 2:30 p.m., and burial will take place there. Williams Funeral Home at Slaton made the arrangements.

## Plans Suggested

Two plans were suggested—two new wells southwest of the city, or five smaller wells near which would require more pump; but less pipe line. These should be drilled and in service by the summer of 1965. It was also suggested Slaton might buy an additional supply from the City of Lubbock — if available, which they say is unlikely.

## WEATHER

Weather continues dry, rainfall past week averaging about ten hundredths inch in different parts of the city.

Wednesday	84-66
Thursday	72-54
Friday	70-55
Saturday	71-50
Sunday	60-44
Monday	74-42
Tuesday	84-54

## Run-Off Elections Will Be Held Sat.

The second primary, or run-off elections of both the Democratic and Republican parties will be held Saturday, June 6. Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.



TOPICS AT EDUCATIONAL conference in San Antonio bring a lively discussion. Seated, from left, are BRT Assistant to the President B. W. Fern, BFL&E Vice-President and National Legislative Representative A. M. Lampley and BRT National Legislative Representative Al H. Chesser. Standing, from left: BFL&E General Secretary and Treasurer R. R. Bryant, R. F. Stansell, legislative representative of BRT Lodge 892, Slaton, Tex.; Dean L. Gilliland, BLF&E member, Slaton; Al L. Paschall, vice-local chairman of BRT Lodge 892; Bill R. Herman, local chairman of BRT Lodge 837, San Angelo, Tex.; and Henry E. Cook, BLF&E Lodge 932, Houston.



### Around The FIRE HOUSE

By ROB KERN

Monday night's meeting of the Slaton Volunteer Fire Department was spent in a business session.

Plans were made for attendance at the upcoming school in handling and disposing of explosive materials. The two-night school will be held June 29 & 30 at the Fire Station and the pub-

lic is invited to attend. No admission fee is charged. The school is sponsored by the U.S. Army and is conducted by experts and instructors from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

A majority of Volunteer Firemen and the Slaton Police Force are expected to be present.

Radio-active cones are still being brought to the fire station in an attempt to dispose of the possibly - dangerous objects. Call the fire department or bring the cones by the fire station and the objects will be disposed of.

O. M. Baxley, resident fireman, has returned from a week's vacation in East Texas. Most of the week was spent fishing and camping out. Ollie was

### Services Held For O. J. Wilborn

Funeral services for Oscar J. Wilborn, Jr., 67, were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Mt. Olive Baptist Church, with Rev. E. W. Wyatt officiating. Interment was in Englewood Cemetery, with South Plains Funeral Directors in charge.

Wilborn had lived in Slaton since 1921 and was a retired Santa Fe Railway employe. He was a Veteran of World War I, and died in Big Spring Veteran Hospital the preceding Sunday. He leaves his wife, four sons,

two daughters, twenty five grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers.

About 200 people attended the funeral.

### Slaton Man Graduates

Donald H. Schmaltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Schmaltz of 1100 West Knox, Slaton, Tex., is scheduled to graduate May 23 from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

During the nine-week long "boot camp" he made the transition from civilian to Navyman. He learned basic military law,

customs and etiquette of the Navy, seamanship, and a basic knowledge of shipboard routine. Also included in the training was extensive military drill, first aid, swimming, water survival tactics and physical fitness.

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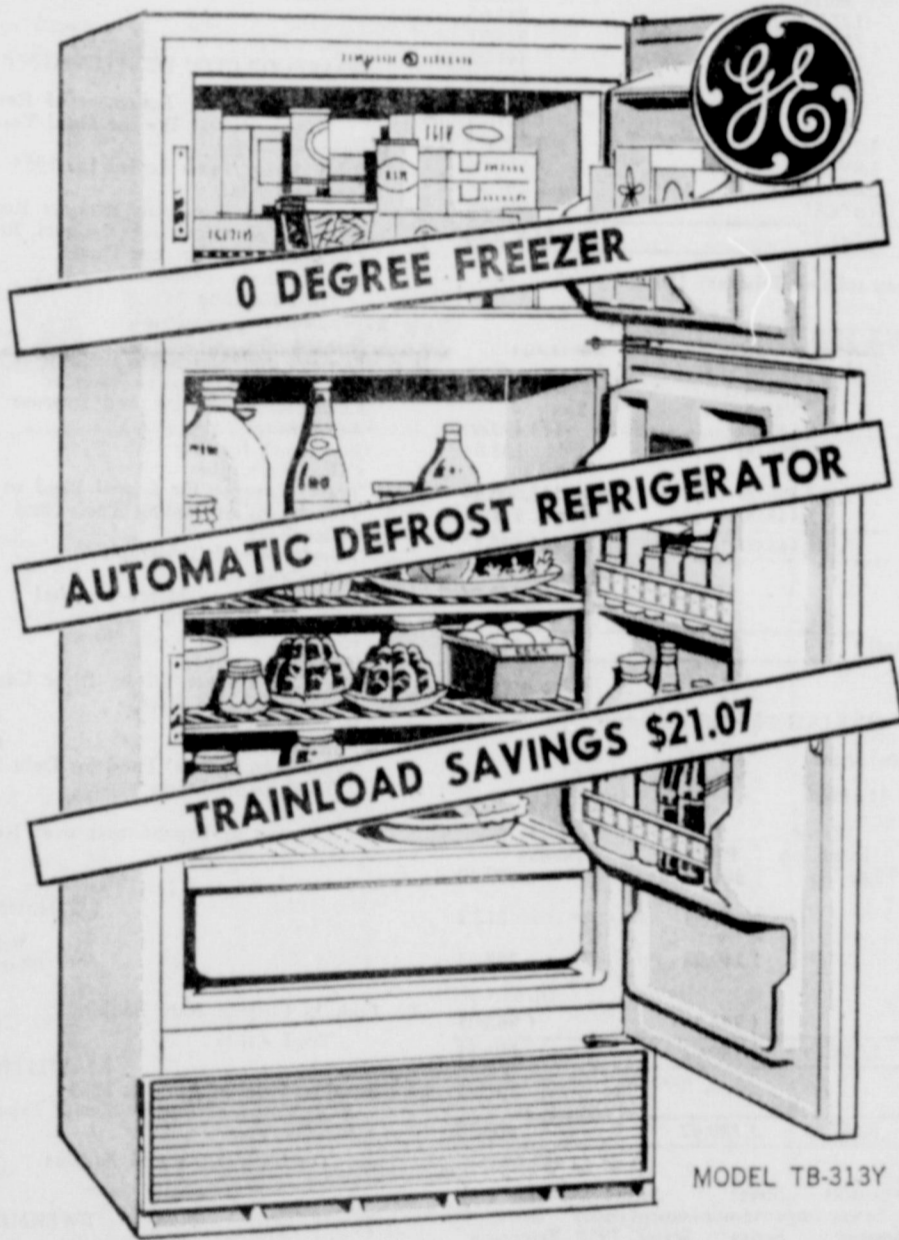
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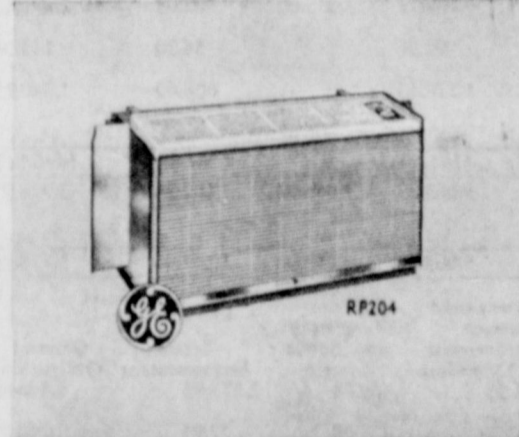
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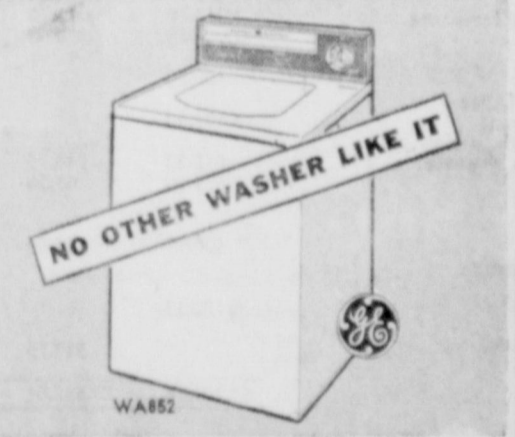
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LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Table showing liabilities and surplus for current year, including items like Payable Taxes, Deposits, and Liabilities.

WATER SUPPLY FUND

Statement of Income and Expense for the Water Supply Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1964.

Income statement for the Water Supply Fund, detailing Power and Pumping, Distribution, Accounting and Collecting, and Total Expense.

SANITARY SEWER FUND

Balance Sheet for the Sanitary Sewer Fund as of March 31, 1964.

ASSETS

Table listing assets for the Sanitary Sewer Fund, including State Bank, Doubtful Accounts, and Current Assets.

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Table showing liabilities and surplus for the Sanitary Sewer Fund, including Payable Taxes and Liabilities.

SANITARY SEWER FUND

Statement of Income and Expense for the Sanitary Sewer Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1964.

Income statement for the Sanitary Sewer Fund, detailing Gross Income, Expenses for Maintenance, Retirement System Cost, and Education.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

Table showing general fixed assets, including Building, Improvements, Equipment, and Vehicles.

Table showing investment in general fixed assets, including Bonds and Other Sources.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT AND INTEREST

Table detailing general bonded debt and interest, including Available and to be Provided for the Year and Available in Sinking Funds.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Summary schedule of bonded indebtedness, listing various bond issues, their dates, maturities, and interest rates.

Note regarding the annual 2% minimum constitutional requirement for bond issues.

BONDS

Table summarizing bond issues, including Retired Previous Years, Retired Current Year, and Total Bonded Debt.

Table for Outstanding March 31, 1964, showing Principal and Interest requirements for various bond issues.

Sewer Extension Bonds—Series 1924

Table for Sewer Extension Bonds—Series 1924, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Water Extension and Pumping Plant Bonds—Series 1924

Table for Water Extension and Pumping Plant Bonds—Series 1924, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Paving Bonds—Series 1926

Table for Paving Bonds—Series 1926, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

City of Slaton Fire Station Bonds—Series 1928

Table for City of Slaton Fire Station Bonds—Series 1928, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Waterworks Improvement Bonds—Series 1928

Table for Waterworks Improvement Bonds—Series 1928, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Waterworks and Sewer Extension and Improvement Bonds—Series 1947

Table for Waterworks and Sewer Extension and Improvement Bonds—Series 1947, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Street Improvement Bonds—Series 1949

Table for Street Improvement Bonds—Series 1949, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Street Improvement Bonds—Series 1950

Table for Street Improvement Bonds—Series 1950, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Water and Sewer Extension Bonds—Series 1950

Table for Water and Sewer Extension Bonds—Series 1950, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Park Bonds—Series 1952

Table for Park Bonds—Series 1952, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Waterworks and Sewer Improvement and Extension Bonds—Series 1953

Table for Waterworks and Sewer Improvement and Extension Bonds—Series 1953, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Waterworks and Sewer System Bonds—Series 1957

Table for Waterworks and Sewer System Bonds—Series 1957, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Street Improvement Bonds—Series 1958

Table for Street Improvement Bonds—Series 1958, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

General Obligation Bonds—Series 1959

Table for General Obligation Bonds—Series 1959, detailing Debt Service Charges Until Maturity.

Note: Bond Numbers 81 to 150, inclusive, optional at December 1, 1974.



News about Railroad Folks For Railroad Folks

## Railroad News..

E. H. Quattlebaum, 65, of 2216 Tyler, Amarillo, has announced his retirement as chief clerk of the accounting department of the Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway, effective May 31. Friends and associates will honor him at a reception in the accounting department offices from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., May 29.

Quattlebaum is a rarity among railroaders in that his entire 43 1/2 years of service have been spent with the company at Amarillo.

Born at Collinsville, Tex., in 1899, he attended Clarendon College at Clarendon, Tex., prior to his entering service in 1920 as an extra clerk in the accounting offices at Amarillo. The offices were then located at Second and Grant Streets. He was promoted to traveling accountant in 1926, head clerk of the disbursement department in 1926, assistant chief clerk in 1937, and chief clerk in 1961.

Deeply interested in church work, Quattlebaum has been a member of the official board of the Peik Street Methodist Church for more than 40 years. In 1936, assistant chief clerk in make a survey of Methodist mission churches in Bolivia, South America. He has since lectured more than 40 times in churches and before other public groups in the Panhandle on his Bolivian experiences.

Mr. and Mrs. Quattlebaum intend to keep their home in Amarillo. He was recently elected president of the Amarillo Council of Churches, and plans to devote a lot of his leisure time now to church work through the Council.

Quattlebaum and his wife, Gaynell, are the parents of two children, Glenn E. of 6116 Adirondack Trail, Amarillo, and Mrs. G. M. (Nell) Elliott of Dallas. They have six grandchildren.

John H. Blake, Assistant General Manager at Amarillo, resumed duty June 1 after being off several weeks following an eye operation in Albuquerque. W. E. Brack, who has been acting for Mr. Blake, returns to Chicago as Superintendent of Transportation.

Agent L. E. Landers and family left Amberst Saturday for Washington, D.C., where 13-year old Debbie will participate in the national spelling bee. She was the winner in this district.

Return of military impediments to the home bases from the Desert Strike maneuvers in the Arizona - California - Nevada desert is already being scheduled, and should result in heavy traffic and increased employment at Slaton for awhile.

Thirty two men have been killed accidentally out of the more than 100,000 engaged in the exercises. Press reports told of two men from Fort Hood run over by a tank while in their sleeping bags. Most of the fatalities were in traffic accidents.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jones  
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Robertson  
Mr. and Mrs. Q. W. Withers

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and kindness during our bereavement, for the loss out our husband and father. The family of Oscar Wilborn

Scientists have proposed a study program to make an inventory of the extent, nature and distribution of the world's total water supply.

## ARCHIMEDES

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## Jaycees Elect Schwertner Officers Here Reunion

The following Jaycees were elected to office at a meeting held Thursday: Bobby Jones, president; Jerral Draper, vice president; Lawrence King, secretary treasurer; Fred Melcher and Jerral Miller, directors.

Installation of officers was conducted by Lonnie Crow, state director of Plainview.

Members and wives from the Hale Center and Plainview clubs were present.

The Slaton Jaycees will meet every Tuesday night at Citizens State Bank Directors Room at 8:00 p.m.

The fifth annual Schwertner family reunion will be held on June 14 at Rowena in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Descendants from Slaton, Temple, Louisiana and surrounding towns are expected to come to renew old acquaintances and enjoy a noon barbecue meal. No advance meal tickets are necessary. Holy Mass will be offered by Monsignor Marthaler at St. Joseph's Church at 9:00 a.m.

The officers for this year's event are President George Schwertner, Vice - president George Jansa, Secretary Edwin Book, and treasurer Elo Jost.

At Gilmer, Texas, Mrs. Tom J. Atkinson, 77, died of a heart attack while attending THE FUNERAL OF HER HUSBAND, who had died the previous day, also of a heart attack. His burial was postponed, and double services were arranged for them.

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First Baptist Church of Southland Eddie Fortson, Pastor

Southland Methodist Church Rev. Roy Bassett

First Baptist Church Wilson Rev. H. F. Scott

Acuff Baptist Church W. O. Donley Pastor

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Msgr. Peter Morsack 19th & Lubbock

Gordon Church Of Christ Cline Drake, Minister

Acuff Church Of Christ Brooks Terry, Minister

Grace Lutheran Church 840 W. Jean Jimmie C. Hecklotz

St. John Lutheran Church Wilson Rev. John W. Onda

First Baptist Church 255 S. 9th Dr. Charles Wood

First Christian Church 145 E. Panhandle John L. Floyd

Immanuel Lutheran Church Posey Rev. F. A. Wittig

First Presbyterian Church 425 W. Lubbock Rev. Fred Ryle

Bible Baptist Church W. Panhandle Rev. H. E. Summar

Wilson Methodist Church Wilson Rev. W. A. Rucker Jr.

Pentecostal Holiness Church 105 W. Knox Rev. Robert R. Brown

Trinity Evangelical Methodist Church Linam Prentice, Pastor

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# STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**VERN SANFORD**, Texas Press Association, headquarter in Austin, is backing a bill to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages in Texas. Vice President W. reports that a committee of his member would authorize local elections on the sale,

by food establishments, of distilled spirits in sealed containers of two ounces or less. Also it would extend the liquor curfew until 2 a.m. Price said he has sounded out a number of legislators and found them enthusiastic. One of the most prominent members of the House of Representatives is expected to introduce the measure. Price, however, declined to name the sponsor. Repeated efforts to legalize over-the-bar sales of mixed

drinks in Texas have collapsed in recent sessions of the Legislature under the combined weight of opposition by united dry forces and church groups. "This is not a wet-dry issue," said non-drinking ex-restauranteur Price. "Texans can buy anything they want to drink right now. All we are trying to do is make it convenient for a man who wants to have a drink served in a dignified manner at a nice restaurant to be able to get one."

Price, who also is secretary of the Texas Tourist Council, said he believes sale of mixed drinks "will definitely stimulate the tourist program in our state."

Furthermore, he estimated, the TRA bill would produce nearly \$3,000,000 a year in new tax revenue. "SKY'S THE LIMIT" Legislative Budget Board members heard a warning from their executive director, Vernon McGee, that "they seem to be the limit" on state agency spending requests for 1965-67.

As an example, McGee cited budget proposals of the State hospital system and institutions of higher education. He also noted the legislative committee of the State Bar of Texas judicial section has proposed big pay boosts — of \$12,000 a year — for judges. Under the Bar Committee's plan, base salaries of district judges would be doubled — from \$12,000 to \$24,000 a year. Court of Civil Appeals judges would be raised from \$16,000 to \$32,000 and the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Some civil appeals judges had requested no raises at all until the committee report came out, McGee said. But amended budget requests now are being received and the \$12,000 raises supported in budget hearings now underway.

**Rump Delegation Threatened** Threat of a rump liberal delegation to the national democratic convention was posed by State AFL-CIO President H. S. (Hank) Brown. Brown said a sure way to prevent that is for all legally elected delegates to be seated

at the state democratic convention at Houston on June 16 and for the convention to embrace the national party platform and all party nominees. Gov. John Connally said moderate-conservative delegates will comprise two-thirds of the duly elected representatives at the June meeting, and he does not want resolutions endorsing all planks of the national platform.

State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Frank C. Erwin Jr. has named Austin attorney Will D. Davis as head of a SDEC panel to hear delegation contests from Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Hutchinson, Edwards, Randall and Sherman Counties. SDEC will make the final decision as to which delegates to seat. The eight contests involve 819 of the Houston convention's 2,834 votes.

The Houston convention will name delegates to the democratic national presidential nominating convention and select Texas national committee representatives. Texas Democrats are united in support of President Johnson this year. Key issue is whether the convention will support the national platform and agree to support ALL party nominees.

**PRESIDENT HONORED** President Lyndon B. Johnson returned to Austin and Johnson City to address commencement ceremonies, talk politics and visit with friends.

In his fourth trip to his home state since becoming president, Johnson addresses graduates of Johnson High School in Johnson City, where he graduated 40 years earlier, and the University of Texas. Both the President and Mrs. Johnson received an honorary degree from UT.

The biggest gathering of state officials and lawmakers in the capital city since the last legislative session turned out to hear the President's university speech and visit with him at a reception afterward.

**COURTS SPEAK** Sunday closing laws specifically authorize emergency purchases, Supreme Court held in a Nueces County case. Case involved weekend sales by Shopper's World on emergency certificates.

Decision did not pass on constitutionality of the 1961 closing statute, although one judge said in concurring opinion the whole act should be declared invalid.

The high court also concluded oil and gas production formulas adopted by the Texas Railroad Commission are subject only to timely attacks in court. Its opinion apparently continues some 2,000 allocated formulas placed in doubt by its 1961 "Normanna" decision. The court overturned lower court rulings invalidating Calhoun County Gas field allocation. Aluminum Company of America claimed small track operators were permitted to drain away \$9,000,000 worth of gas from an Alcoa lease.

Texas Water Commission findings authorizing the City of Wichita Falls to build \$12,500,000 "Halsell Dam" on Little Wichita River were upheld by the Third Court of Civil Appeals. Commission affirmed a Travis County District Court ruling of last June. Suit was brought by landowners in the proposed reservoir area, who claimed the dam should be constructed 27.7 miles from Wichita Falls instead of 11 miles from the city as planned.

Supreme Court agreed to review cases where courts of civil appeals ruled paying traffic fines in corporation court does not constitute a conviction which can be counted toward drivers license suspension.

**OIL IMPORTS CHANGES URGED** Gov. John Connally and state railroad commissioners have called on U.S. Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall to revise the oil imports program before the next quota period starting July 1.

They particularly recommended oil from the Texas region of surplus be moved to the West Coast where foreign oil continues to fill almost total market growth. Connally said deterioration in Texas crude prices and production dropoff "threaten to erase the slight progress of 1963 and assure a third consecutive year of decline in the State's reserves and productive capacity." The domestic producing industry, he said, must continue to grow in proportion to total imports under a stabilized price structure.

**COTTON EXPORT PUSHED** On request of West Texas growers, the governor called on President Johnson to encourage favorable consideration of an export sales program for extra long staple cotton. The plan now is under consideration by the Department of Agriculture. Growers are faced with a surplus threatening price and acreage reductions. Supima Association advised Governor Connally there is a world demand for extra long staple cotton and this is an opportune time to dispose

of stocks owned by Commodity Credit Corporation. **ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR RESIGNS** Dr. R. G. Garrett, executive director of Texas Animal Health Commission has resigned effective October 1. He plans to devote all his time to his farm and ranch near Taylor.

Commission Chairman C. E. Knolle and other livestock industry representatives joined in commending Dr. Garrett for his work in the screwworm and brucellosis eradication programs, as well as day-by-day administrative direction of the agency.

**WATER HEARING POSTPONED AGAIN** Texas Water Commission for the third time rescheduled hearings — to June 30 — on five Brazos River watershed reservoir projects.

Reservoirs are Proctor, Comanche County; Stillhouse Hollow, Bell County; Somerville, Washington County; Decordova Bend, Hood County; and Belton, Bell County.

Negotiations on sale of water to downstream interests are continuing. "BACKTAGGING" PICKS UP The system of certifying for brucellosis eradication by vaccinating cows and culs as they go through livestock markets, called "backtagging", is catching on fast, according to Federal and State animal health authorities.

U.S. Department of Agriculture says that reports on 2,104 head of backtagged cattle were received from more than 20 slaughter houses in April.

Follow-ups on the backtagged cattle, in addition to samples taken from 1,905 other cattle slaughtered last month, produced 205 reactors.

**DROP-OUTS AND STAY-OUTS** Top brass of the Texas Education Agency heard the initial report on progress in the agency's "Stay in School Project," aimed at reversing the rising tide of public school drop-outs.

Agency consultants reported on what they have accomplished since March when the SIS pilot project started. Commissioner of Education J. W. Edgar termed it an impressive start.

The study, and local efforts to implement it and deal with the drop-out problem, will continue and ultimately will become a state-wide effort.

**SHORT SNORTS** A congressional redistricting study committee headed by Senator George Moffett of Chillicothe met to consider holding public hearings over the state.

Texas for the first time has registered 5,000,000 motor vehicles and now ranks behind only California and New York in total registration. April retail sales index declined six percent from March apparently due to effect of the early Easter on retail apparel buying.

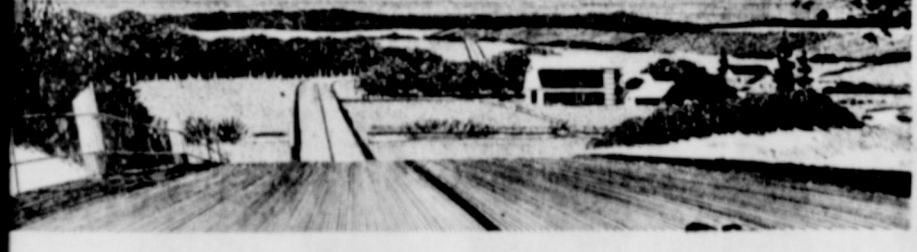
Bureau of Business Research reports. Governor's Committee of Higher Education met here to put together the preliminary second draft on its recommendations for building a top-rated system of state colleges and universities. Paul J. Thompson, longtime head of the University of Texas School of Journalism and a professor for nearly 39 years, died at the age of 73. Mrs. Richard Bass of Dallas is new co-chairman of the Texas Goldwater for President committee. Texas Railroad Commission took testi-

mony on whether several segments of Calhoun County's Appling gas field should be merged. Sixteen new game wardens, selected from 229 applicants, received diplomas this week. State Highway Engineer DeWitt C. Greer celebrated his 24th anniversary as head of the State Highway Department, and his 37th year with the department.

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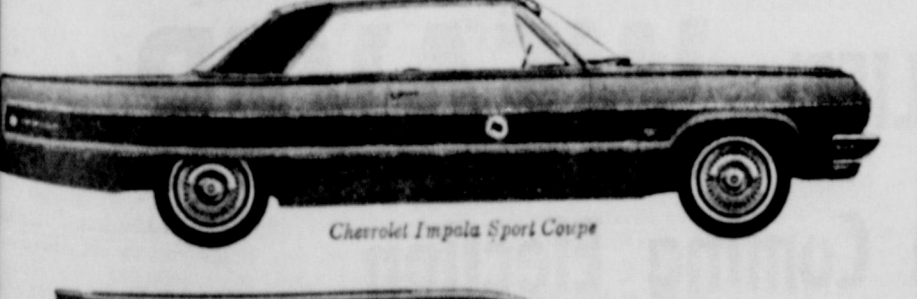
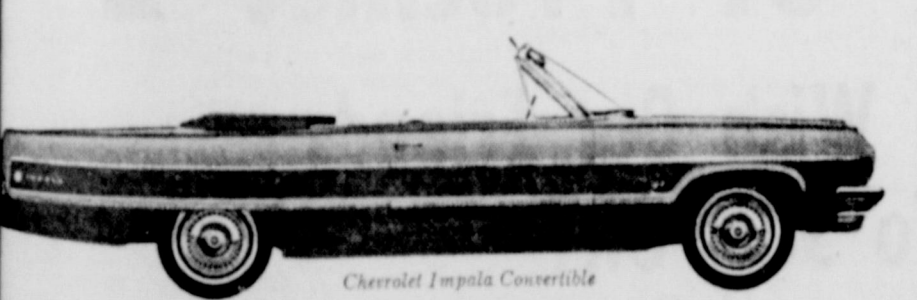
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