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Traffic Hampers Firemen

The need for an officer to direct traffic at fires was indicated once again at the scene of the fire in Fulton Sunday when observers blocked the road and hampered movement of the fire trucks.

Some curiosity seekers may be cooperative but many certainly are inclined to follow the mob and after the first car made the turn off the highway onto the road leading to the flaming house many others followed. Three trucks were trying to operate to best advantage in the narrow quarters where one house was blazing and the roof of another had caught.

Perhaps if someone were on hand to direct traffic at these occasions, it would help to solve the problem. Requests for people to park their cars considerable distance from a fire has been of no avail. In this instance cars could have been kept off the side road and instructed to park well on the shoulder of the highway, permitting a flow of two-way traffic instead of the narrow strip of one-way traffic which was not always open.

The services of members of the fire department are purely voluntary and they deserve the cooperation of the citizens. Perhaps if one of us were to serve as a traffic director it would help to solve the problem.

Accurate Wage Reports Assure Full Payment

Retirement and family insurance benefits under the Social Security Act are based on the wages received and the time spent by each worker in covered employment. H. M. Cleveland, Manager of the Social Security Administration in Corpus Christi, explained.

"A record of each earner's wages is kept from the reports which employers send in with social security taxes four times a year. Since the benefits which a worker or his dependents will get are based on the worker's wage record, it is essential that his

wages be correctly reported," Cleveland said.

"Accuracy in recording the wages is made possible through the use by employers, of the exact name and correct account number of each worker as they appear on his social security card."

Cleveland urges all employers to keep faith with their employees by reporting their wages properly. This applies to all workers whether they are full time, part time, or temporary. Employers are helping to pay for the protection of their workers when they get old and for their families when they die. Properly completed reports assure getting value received for social security tax payments.

Texas A.&M. College System Will Have Exhibit At State Fair of Texas

The Texas A&M College System exhibit at the 1949 State Fair of Texas Oct. 8-23 will give Texans a quick look at one of their most valuable properties, an educational and research institution which reaches into every corner of the state.

The system, which Texans have never seen depicted in one piece before, includes four colleges and five major statewide services. With a staff of 5,000 teachers, researchers and extension workers, it operates on an annual budget of \$25,000,000, controls some 45,000 acres, enrolls more than 13,000 students in its colleges yearly and conducts adult education courses for 25,000 other Texans each year.

The State Fair exhibit will cover nearly 5,000 square feet of space in the Agriculture Building. The display will show the work of the nine major divisions of the system — the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at College Station, Arlington State College at Arlington, Tarleton State College at Stephenville, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College at Prairie View, The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension Service and Texas Forest Service.

Huge photographs and models will picture the vast system and its growth and automatic slide projects will show activities. An air-conditioned theater will show educational films on agriculture and engineering.

Adult education conducted by the agricultural and engineering extension services will be described in the exhibit. The Agricultural Extension Service, with county agents in nearly every Texas county, is one of the state's best-known agencies. Less widely known are the activities of the Engineering Extension Service, which trains Texans for jobs in industry.

Research in the fields of agriculture and industry will be shown by the experiment station displays. The Agricultural Experiment Station is the nation's biggest. The Texas Forest Service Exhibit will feature the story of one of the state's most valuable resources, its protection, conservation and improvement.

Texas A&M System Day at the State Fair has been set for Sunday, Oct. 16, with Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist of Texas A&M College in charge of the program.

Fuel Conservation


COLLEGE STATION — Farm tractor operators should be interested in making every gallon of fuel that goes into the farm tractor fuel tank work for him, says W. L. Ulich, extension agricultural engineer of Texas A. & M. College. Tests and reports indicate that a lot of gasoline is being wasted and in most instances you can do something about it.

Ulich says there are about 240,000 farm tractors in the state and a conservative estimate indicates that each tractor burns about 900 gallons of gasoline per year. Tests show that about 10 percent of this is wasted. A little simple arithmetic and you have 21,600,000 gallons of wasted fuel. Now this is the amount of gasoline that is not working for the farmers of Texas. Figure a little further and see what this is costing you in dollars and cents—that amount will help pay the taxes or might even buy the wife a new dress.

Anyway it's a lot of gasoline. It would fill 1,160 tank cars—each holding 10,000 gallons and that in turn would make up 21 trains—each of more than 100

LOOPHOLES in the Law

By WILL WILSON
Past President, Texas District and County Attorneys Association



(Editor's Note: This one of a series of short case histories, all taken from court records, showing how legal loopholes often enable criminals to escape punishment in Texas. Will Wilson, of Dallas, is chairman of a special steering committee of the State Bar, which is working for revision of the antiquated Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure in order to eliminate these loopholes.)

Having drunk more beer than he could handle, Joe started a great disturbance in a tavern. The county sheriff was called. When he reached the tavern he tried to



FILLS THE BILL—At home, on the campus, or on a weekend bicycle trip, this sweater set fits many occasions. The pastel pullover has short sleeves, a club collar, and a five-button convertible neckline. The cardigan, done in darker shade, is finished with pearl buttons. A neat tweed skirt completes the costume.

cars, one mile long. Much of this loss, says Ulich, can be avoided if the farm tractor is properly maintained and operated.

An elevated and shaded tank for storage is much better than barrels that set out in the sun. Always stop the engine before filling the tank, and adds Ulich, leave room in the tank for expansion—don't get it too full.

Check the fuel system often to see that there are no leaks in the gas lines and be sure the carburetor is functioning as it should. If the carburetor leaks, it probably needs a new float or float valve, he says. Use the choke only when necessary. (A choked tractor wastes a gallon of gas an hour). Make carburetor adjustments only when the engine is hot and follow the instructions in your tractor operator's manual. Don't change the carburetor setting to start or pull when the engine is cold—use the choke. The proper adjustment on the idle and idlespeed stop screw can save up to 100 gallons of gasoline per year.

Use the correct type of manifold or manifold setting for the fuel you use. Inspect and re-gap spark plugs every 200 hours and replace faulty plugs. Use the correct type of plugs for the fuel you use. Check the magneto regularly and service the air cleaner

quiet Joe by talking to him. But Joe was in no condition to listen to reason. He threatened to kill the sheriff.

The sheriff was unarmed, so he went back to his car and got a pistol. When he returned to the tavern Joe had been carried to the back door by two men. The sheriff followed the men and approached Joe. As he came close, Joe stabbed him in the chest with a knife.

The wound was wide and went to the rib. It would have produced death if it had not struck a rib. Since that happened, however, the wound was not serious and the sheriff had to make only one visit to a doctor.

Joe was arrested of course, and charged with assault with intent to murder. He was convicted of that charge. But when the case was appealed the higher court reversed the decision, the court ruling that the trial testimony was faulty because the record contained no testimony regarding the size and length of the knife blade or the type of knife Joe had used.

Too many criminals go free in Texas because of such technicalities as this one. The State Bar wants to close the loopholes through revision of the criminal statutes.

Kemper Williams Guest Speaker At Rotary Luncheon

Kemper Williams, secretary of the Victoria Rotary Club, related his experiences at the 40th annual Rotary Convention which he attended in New York last June, to the members of the Rockport Rotary Club at their noon luncheon Wednesday. Williams also gave the highlights of the trip enroute to New York.

J. C. Williams, who reports that he intends to be a permanent resident of Rockport, was admitted to the club as a new member.

Guests at the meeting were John Brandenberger of Houston, Bert Warrick, Enid, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nyland, Corpus Christi, H. E. Palmros, Fort Worth, Melvin Pullin, Corpus Christi and Chas. E. Grighton, Tulsa, Okla.

daily and oftener in dusty work. A clogged cleaner can waste 5 to 8 gallons per day. Watch the temperature of the water in the radiator. This is important.

These are a few of the "gremlins" that are working on your tractor and running up your fuel bill, says Ulich, and you can just about get them all out of the way by just simply watching and caring for the farm tractor in an orderly way.

So called "closet dramas" are those designed to be read, but not acted. Only persons who have been dead for ten years can qualify for election to the Hall of Fame.

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Mrs. James G. Hooper, finance
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afternoon that the initial Silver
Tea in the chain of teas planned
for the fall would be held at her
home October 12. Mrs. G. M.
Hooper, Miss Ruth Lipscomb and
Mrs. Jas. G. Hooper will be co-
hostesses. The event will be in
celebration of the eleventh birth-
day anniversary of the organiza-
tion.

Mrs. G. M. Hooper, grounds
chairman, reported that work on
cleaning the grounds is progress-
ing as fast as possible with pre-
ference being given to lots whose
owners are paying dues. Publica-
tion of an ad in the Pilot calling
for additional workmen was
authorized.

The association met at the home
of the president, Mrs. John C.
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Mrs. Willie Rees of Fulton un-
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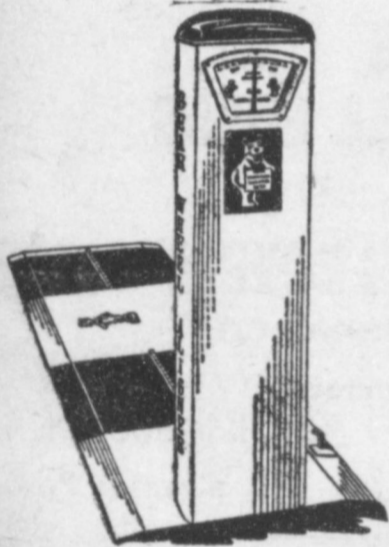
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ter.

1936 Chevrolet sedan—John H.
Sweeney.
1949 Frazer sedan—Major Jas.
A. Jarboe.

1949 Willys station wagon—
Fred M. Percival.

1949 Chevrolet—Mrs. Eleanor
Reiber and Miss Jewell Fulton.
1949 Mercury—Harry Traylor.
1949 Ford coupe—Charles
Cleveland.

Though not registered at the
courthouse in this county, Alec
Scott is sporting a new 1949
Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Scott and
Mrs. George Jacobsen of Dumont,
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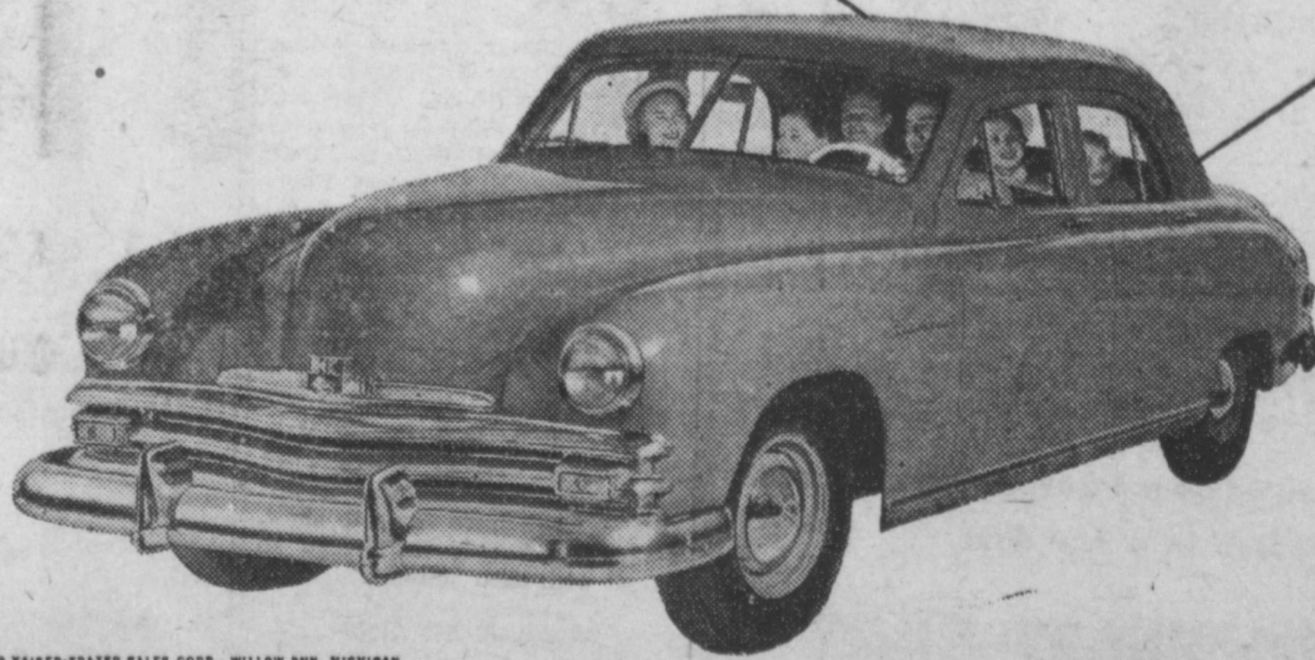
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Atomic Energy Show Is Feature of State Fair

The "Man and the Atom" show at the 1949 State Fair of Texas will reveal how atomic energy ultimately may affect the lives of Texans in three ways:

1. Medical science will use it to make Texans live longer—radioactive iron, phosphorus, sodium,

iodine, already are being used to study and treat such ailments as anemia, heart disease, thyroid cancer, blood and lymph diseases.

2. Industry will use it in drilling for oil, the state's greatest mineral resource—radioactive isotopes can be utilized to make sure oil wells are cemented properly to seal out water seepage, and to determine the location of oil

through comparison of the abilities of various types of rock to absorb radioactivity.

3. Agriculture will use it to improve the quality and yields of Texas farm products—knowledge gained in current study of the nature of plants will later be applied to treatment of crops not only for healing diseases but also for mak-

ing them more resistant to pests and hardships.

"Whether or not we understand atomic energy, it will affect the lives of each of us," declared David L. DeJarnette, curator of the American Museum of Atomic Energy at Oak Ridge, Tenn. cradle of the atomic bomb. "Each of us must make his individual effort to grasp the possibilities of atomic

energy."

The dramatic and comprehensive State Fair exhibit will come direct from Oak Ridge for its first public showing in the South outside the vast Atomic Energy Commission reservation in Tennessee. The show is one of the first steps by the AEC and the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies to broaden the scope of knowledge

of the average man in matters atomic.

The State Fair will honor the Institute of Nuclear Studies on Oct. 15, when the executive director of the institute, Dr. William G. Pollard, will be the guest of the fair at ceremonies in the Science Building and at the football game between Rice and SMU. Dr. Pollard received his master's and doctor's degree at Rice.

The "Man and the Atom" show at the fair will picture the world of 20 or 30 years from now as it probably will be shaped by the wise use of atomic energy.

Exhibits, although comprehensive, are presented in such a simple manner that a grade school pupil can understand them.

New Equipment Installed At Carbon Black Plant

The new unit for the manufacture of high grade carbon black which has recently been installed at the United Carbon Company plant north of Aransas Pass was shut down on Saturday, Sept. 4, in order that newly arrived equipment might be installed, H. L. Teegerstrom, General Superintendent, has announced.

The new equipment, consisting of the latest and most improved type of smoke control devices, was included in the original plans for the unit and has been on order for many months. Due to the wide demand for this type of equipment, the manufacturer has been unable to make delivery prior to this time.

Mr. Teegerstrom was unable to estimate the time required to install the equipment. He estimated that approximately 60 men were affected in the shut-down.

Governor, State Solons And Press to Open Texas Prison Rodeo

Huntsville, Tex.—Opening day at the greater Texas Prison Rodeo will be known as "Governor's Day," French M. Robertson, Abilene prison board member and chairman of the board's rodeo committee, announced today.

He said that Governor Allan Shivers has accepted the prison board's invitation and will appear as guest of honor at the opening of the Prison Rodeo on Sunday, Oct. 2, in Prison Stadium, Huntsville. It will also be a day in honor of the members of the Texas Legislature. Each member has been issued a personal invitation by prison General Manager O. B. Ellis.

In a further display of honor to Governor Shivers, A. C. Turner, prison rehabilitation director and rodeo publicity chief, has asked all Texas newspaper and radio men to be his guest on "Governor's Day." He expects about 2,000 newshawks and their wives to be present, and has arranged a special "press section" for the visitors.

Mr. Robertson promised many special features for the "Governor's Day" ceremonies and rodeo manager Albert Moore insists that he'll have the fastest, wildest show ever staged during his 16 years of prison rodeo experience.

Activities begin promptly at 2 p. m. on opening day and each Sunday thereafter during October. A Wednesday performance is also scheduled for Oct. 19. Reserved seats are now on sale at the ticket office in Huntsville. Prices are the same as last year: Two dollars for reserved seats and one dollar for standing room. "Early ticket sales are brisk," says L. J. Craig, chief cashier at the prison rodeo ticket office.

Hugh V. Haddock of Sulphur Springs, Ark., and Hugo Vetter of San Antonio visited friends in Rockport this week and did a little fishing.

ON THE CAMPUS



Nominated as a campus fashion favorite again this year is the ever-popular corduroy jumper dress. Here, a campus belle shows one of the new back-to-school jumper styles by Tabak in soft cotton corduroy. The scooped-out neckline and the panelled skirt are important style details, according to National Cotton Council fashionists.

Canned Shrimp, Oyster Business Nets \$12 Million

Washington—Canned shrimp and oysters were a \$12,500,000 businesses last year.

The Fish and Wildlife Service said the U. S. pack of canned shrimp in 1948 was 558,870 cases valued at \$7,791,313 to the packers.

This was an increase of 86,537 cases (48 five-ounce cans to the case) over 1947 and the largest pack since 1944, but it was only about a third as large as the 1933 record of 1,613,408 cases.

The pack of canned oysters in 1948 was 357,080 cases, valued at \$4,777,531 to the packers—a decline of 53,407 cases from the 1947 total, but an increase in value of \$518,046.

The 1948 production and value, by states:

Canned shrimp—Louisiana, 444,543 cases, \$6,104,539; Mississippi, 76,917 cases, \$1,095,964; Georgia, Alabama and California 37,410 cases, \$590,810.

Canned oysters—Louisiana, 114,722 cases, \$1,486,177; Mississippi, 85,673 cases, \$1,157,740; North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama, 73,196 cases, \$838,699; Washington and Oregon, 83,489 cases, \$1,294,915.

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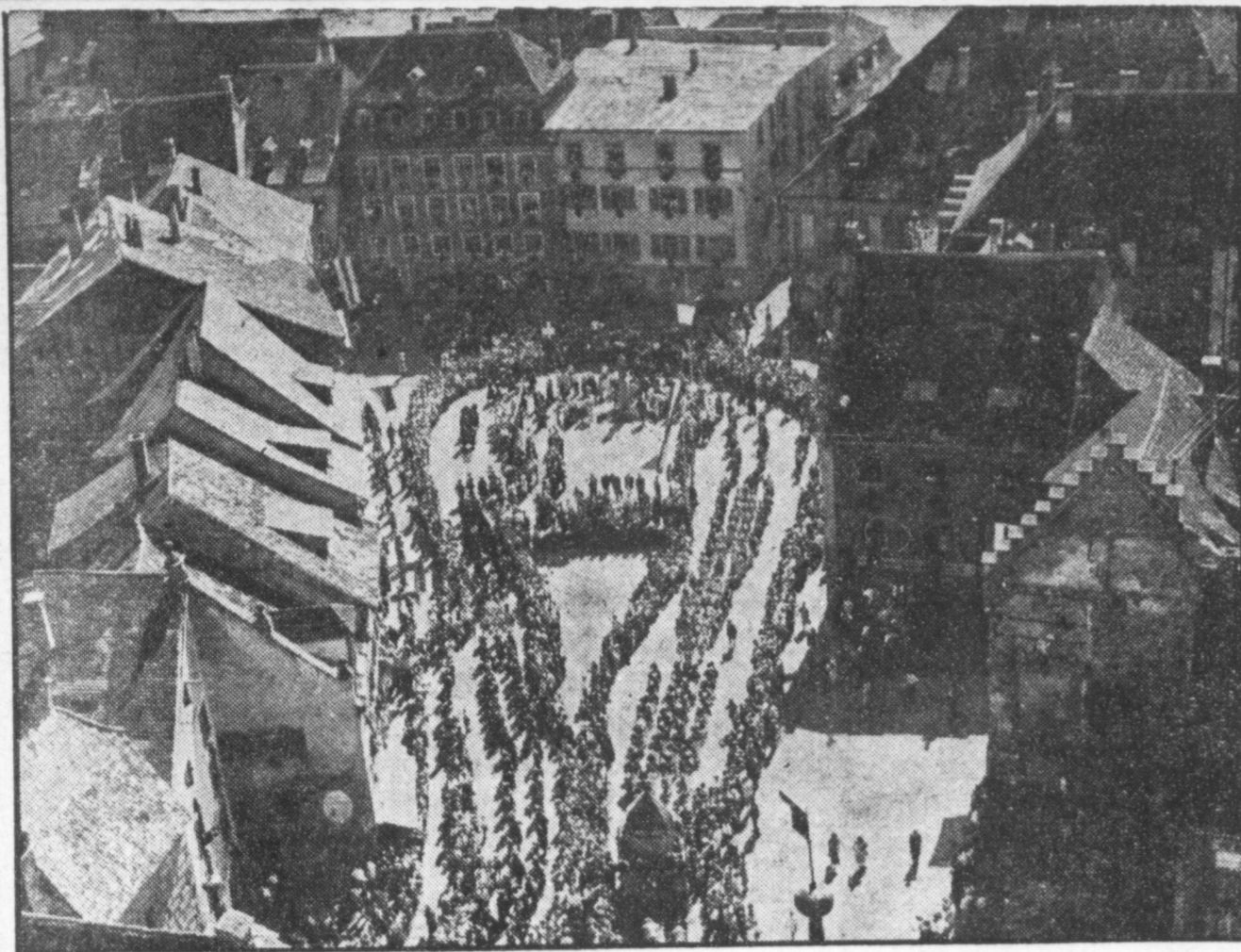
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COMMEMORATIVE DANCE—More than 1200 visitors from Austria, Switzerland and Southern Germany gathered in Uberlingen, Germany, on Lake Constance for the traditional Schwertle Dance—or dance with the little swords. The dance, held every 10 years, commemorates the city's heroic defense against Swedish troops back in 1634. Dancers, above, performed amid a big crowd on Muenster Place.

other departmental expenses in the following year. If remaining revenues for the second year are low, it might be very difficult, or impossible, to obtain a four-fifths vote of both houses for consideration of new taxes. The burden of such unevenness would fall upon regular employees and services of the State government and might have a crippling effect upon departmental efficiency.

The adoption of H.J.R. No. 5 would not change other provisions in the constitution for special sessions of the legislature called by the Governor to deal with emergency measures.

The constitution now regulates the time to be given in regular session to introduction of bills, committee hearing and finally the consideration and voting on bills.

Either house of the legislature can, and in some cases has changed this procedure by a four-fifths vote of its membership. The theory was that this orderly handling of the state's business would insure a better understanding by each member of all proposals before the legislature, and lessen the chance of hasty passage of unre-

Local Boy To Appear In Marine Production

Camp Pendleton, Calif.—Marine Private First Class Ramon L. Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rodriguez of Rockport is taking part in the forthcoming production, of the film, "The Sands of Iwo Jima."

The film, a Republic Studio's production includes such famous stars as, John Wayne, John Agar, Forrest Tucker, Wally Cassel and Adele Mara.

lated laws. The proposed amendment discards this theory. It proposes that the legislature adopt rules of procedure without this constitutional guide or mandate.

Amendments to this same section to increase the pay of legislators have been submitted to the people eight times since the constitution was adopted. In 1945 an amendment was submitted to make the annual pay of the legislators \$3,650 (\$10.00 per day during their tenure of office.) It was defeated by a vote of 103,983 to 42,879.

Rotary To Sponsor Cub Scout Group

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club voted to officially take over the sponsorship of the Cub Scouts at a meeting held Wednesday night. The work will be under the direction of the Youth Committee which is headed by Hugh Morrison. E. J. Albin and Weldon Cabaniss are also on the committee.

The committee was instructed to arrange for the purchase of 25 chairs for the Scout hut. The Board voted to sponsor the Scout Drive for funds to be held in October. E. J. Albin will be the chairman of this committee.

Plans for the entertainment of the District Governor were made. He will be a guest of the Club at the October 19, luncheon meeting. The directors announced that a vocational book, "Service is my Business", a book covering the proceedings of the Rotary International Convention in 1949 and the monthly Rotary magazine will be placed in the school library.

Former Pastor Returns To Theological Studies

AUSTIN — Frank Walker of Fort Worth, one-time pastor of the Fulton Community Church of Rockport, has returned to his theological studies at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He will be a senior at the Seminary.

Walker is a graduate of the University of Texas (1949) and is serving as student pastor of the Leon Springs Presbyterian Church, San Antonio. He is married and has two children.

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Constitutional Amendments

This week the Pilot offers you the second of a series of articles designed to discuss proposed amendments to the State Constitution which will be voted on in the November election.

H.J.R. No. 5 is an amendment proposed to increase the pay of members of the legislature, and providing for annual sessions of the legislature.

It proposes to amend Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of Texas so to pay each member of the legislature an annual salary of \$3600. It also proposes to amend Section of Article III to provide a regular session of the legislature each year instead of every two years.

In round numbers the State would have paid out one million dollars more in salaries to members of the legislature had this salary increase been in effect during the current biennium ending Aug. 31, 1949.

Many members of the legisla-

ture and many students of government or of the opinion that higher pay will attract candidates of a higher calibre, and that this will result in a more judicious handling of the affairs of the State. There are other students of government who question the effectiveness and the wisdom of this amendment. These people suggest that, if more pay is required to attract a better class of legislators, then it will take substantially more than \$3,600 per year to get men of higher ability and intelligence to devote their time to legislative work. In fairness to members of the present legislature, it should be noted that Texas now has and almost always has had a legislature composed of men who are very able, and who devote their time to public affairs, not because of the pay involved but because of a genuine desire to be of service to their state.

The proposed amendment retains provisions for payments of mileage now in the constitution but eliminates the prohibition of payment for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

The legislature now meets in regular session every two years and amendments to the constitution can be submitted only at the regular session, not at special sessions. The proposed amendment would provide for consideration of constitutional amendments at a

regular session each year.

The first regular session would come in the odd years, the same as under present constitutional provisions. The second regular session would come in the even numbered years, and be restricted to 1, appropriations to pay monthly recurring expenses and salaries; 2, Proposals to amend the constitution, and 3, such other measures only as four-fifths of the membership of each house may determine shall be considered. Such non-recurring items as building programs, emergency appropriations, claims against the state could not be considered, nor could taxes or special matters submitted by the Governor be considered by the legislature in the second regular session unless four-fifths of the membership in each house voted to take them up.

The purpose of this change, as stated in the amendment, is to restrict appropriations for the monthly recurring expenses and salaries paid by the state to not more than twelve month periods. There are many who favor this restriction, feeling that the legislature can not adequately foresee either the needs or the income of the State for a longer period.

There are others who feel that appropriations for a two year period are a reasonable compromise between a desirable long-term look at expenditures and the limitations on forecasting state income. They point out that a state's debt is an important measure of its ability to balance expenditures and income. In 1948 the six states which have annual sessions had a long-term debt, with the full faith and credit of the state behind it, in round figures as follows:

New York 824 million dollars, Massachusetts 175 million dollars, California 132 million dollars, New Jersey 102 million dollars, South Carolina 59 million dollars, Rhode Island 43 million dollars. For Texas the amount was 4 million dollars. The total such debt for the six states was one zillion, three hundred thirty-six million dollars—42.7 percent of the total for all forty-eight states.

A serious question has been raised as to demands on the legislature in its first session to spend all the money in sight. The result of such action, more particularly in a period of declining revenues, might be a sharp reduction in appropriations for state salaries and



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