

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

Feb. 29 through March 4

You Are Cordially Invited To Visit School Next Week!

The need for the public school never changes, but times and conditions may change or require to be changed methods and practices of public education. This is inherent with anything that grows for growth is the result of change.

Our Texas public schools were created 106 years ago. In 1854 the first law was passed establishing the public school.

It is a healthy thing in our democratic way of life to have intelligent understanding of the important functions of our basic institutions. This is especially true of the schools. The initiative and resourcefulness and the wisdom and leadership that our schools are inculcating in the youth of today are the answer of the problems of citizenship in the years ahead.

Yes, "bring me men to match my mountains." That is the need of our times and must come from the public schools -- schools that are strong in virtues required for building strong men and women.

We can be assured of this and do our part in understanding and helping the public schools to fulfill their great obligation to our times by being a participant in the annual Public Schools Week, February 28 through March 4. Schools will hold open house; accept their hospitality, and you will enjoy the experience of going back to school -- if but for a day.

The following wish to encourage every citizen to visit the school in your community

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As It Looks From Here . . .

It is human nature for most of us to attempt justification for errors, rather than to admit them.

In last week's column, reference was made to the current argument in Washington as to whether we should be willing to gamble the existence of our Nation on guesses as to what the Soviet Union may do, rather than on what they are capable of doing.

Some newspapers and several political critics have leveled these charges at the Administration, and particularly at the Secretary of Defense, as proponents of this policy.

As the truth develops, statements made in this connection by the Secretary of Defense and other high military officials were lifted out of context or an oversimplified interpretation was made of their remarks.

The facts are that reference to Russia's capabilities referred to their production of missiles

and other war preparations, and not as to whether they may attack the United States.

Our best intelligence estimate indicates that the Communists have a greater capability in production of the instruments of war than they are now utilizing.

There is a vast difference in these two conceptions, and confusion has been created, either by design or by misinterpretation. Regardless of which, the results are the same. For the good of the Country, and in fairness to the officials involved, this matter should be clarified.

Invariably and almost without fail each new "program" created by Congress expands beyond what was originally provided. It seems every Federal spending program has "built-in" features which make it practically necessary for expenses to increase and activities to expand. The provisions of a new "program" usually start off with moderate sums. To make a program fair, other beneficiaries are soon brought under it.

Another reason why programs grow and expand is because money appropriated for the purpose is expended on the request of the beneficiaries, which is

then followed by the sponsors of such legislation for greater sums and increased activities, using as proof the "demand of the people."

Senator Byrd of Virginia, in a recent speech, said that when he came to the United States Senate in 1933, Federal "programs" could be counted on the fingers of one hand, and that the total cost in Federal money was about \$100 million. He said that by 1936 there were 17 such programs, and ten years later there were 30, with the cost totaling \$845 million. By 1956 there were 54 programs costing \$3.5 billion, and in 1959 the total was \$6.4 billion with an estimated cost of \$8.4 billion.

Many "programs" are, within themselves, good, but they have a way of growing to colossal proportions from the original intent. Few, if any, are ever reduced. The cost is automatic. Once provided, it must be paid for. Added to the cost of past wars and present military preparedness, this leaves a comparatively small percent of the total over which economy can be practiced.

It is a dilemma, and the choice becomes more narrow each year in trying to reduce Federal expenditures.



Charlene Shelton and Billy Cummings Wedding Held Friday Evening

Marriage vows were exchanged by Charlene Shelton and Billy Cummings Friday evening at eight o'clock in a double ring ceremony performed by Otta Johnson, minister of the Baird Church of Christ.

The wedding was held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shelton. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. William Cummings.

Mrs. Hubert Ross read "A Wedding Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. V. E. Hill, pianist.

Mrs. Jackie Corn attended the bride as matron of honor. She wore a blue suit, blue hat and white gloves. Jackie Corn was best man.

Candles were lighted by Darlene Saunders and Carolyn Shelton, cousins of the bride.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street-length white velvet dress with white gloves, shoes and hat. She carried a bouquet of white lilies of the valley atop a white Bible.

A reception followed in the home. Serving in the houseparty were Jackie Chausen of Sweetwater, Sue and Kay McGlothlin of Abilene, cousins of the bride.

For traveling to San Antonio for the week end, the bride wore a brown sweater dress.

Mrs. Cummings is a student in Baird High School, and Mr. Cummings is employed by Home Telephone & Electric Co.

Highlights From The State Capitol

By VERN SANFORD

With an eye on the growing cost of government and need for new taxes, a committee from the Texas Senate has launched an economy study.

Overall state budget for the present two-year spending period is \$328,000,000 more than for the previous two-year period. It was an increase of about 11 per cent. There is every indication that the next Legislature will be faced with demands to raise salaries and expand and improve state services in approximately the same proportion.

Some of the cost increase is attributed to sheer quantity. With Texas population increasing an estimated 26 per cent

from 1950-60, there are more youngsters to educate, more patients for state hospitals, more cars wearing out the roads.

More significantly the percentages of oldsters and youngsters is increasing faster than the percentage of middle-aged people. Older and younger people generally up revenue needs -- for welfare benefits and schooling -- but contribute less in taxes than income-earning middle-agers.

Some of the increase in costs results from a drive for quality -- better schools, hospitals and highways.

With undeniable money needs so great, the Senate committee was set up to seek out any indications of extravagance or waste and "see if we are getting our dollars worth for the money we are spending."

As a starter, the committee, headed by Sen. Ray Roberts of McKinney, agreed to hold its own expenses to the bare minimum.

Bridges too low --- State Highway Department Engineers are faced with the task of re-designing bridges for the interstate highways to conform with a U. S. Defense Department requirement for a 16-foot clearance.

Texas has 254 bridges in the interstate system which do not meet the newly announced overhead clearance requirements.

U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, which works with the Highway Department in planning the joint federal and state road system, has specified only a 14.5 foot clearance.

Bridges cost approximately \$140,000 apiece, and re-designing to meet the new standards would cost about 55 per cent of the original cost. By-passes for transport of missiles and other defense equipment are being considered.

Marathon water hearing --- When the subject is water development, Texans always seem to have a few million well-chosen words to exchange.

Hearing before the State Water Board over whether Houston and the Trinity River Authority shall receive a permit to build a new Trinity reservoir is one of the longest ever held. It has been in progress off and on since November.

Main opponent is the San Jacinto River Authority which wants Houston to use its money developing the San Jacinto rather than the Trinity.

SJRA witnesses contend the Trinity water will be inadequate in amount and unsuitable for domestic use.

Oil flow cut --- Texas Railroad Commission set the March oil allowable at 2,900,568 barrels a day.

This is 120,498 barrels a day less than the February allowable. It continues February's 10-day production pattern.

Most of the industry testimony

before the Commission was gloomy. There is an over-supply of oil now, said some spokesmen, and another month of over-production would be disastrous.

Cities due recognition --- Cities of Harlingen and West University Place (Harris Co.) are to receive awards for their water and sewage plants on March 2.

Dr. J. E. Peavy, State Health Commissioner, will present cups to representatives of the cities at a banquet sponsored by the Texas Water and Sewage Works Association.

Harlingen will be recognized for having the "most attractive water treatment plant in the state" and West University Place for the "most attractive sewage treatment plant."

Care for oldsters --- Texas' need for more mental hospital space has focused attention on the number of state mental hospital beds occupied by persons not mentally ill.

In a talk before the Texas Association for Mental Health, Gov. Price Daniel said, "One of our toughest problems now involves those 5,000 hospital patients whose only illness is advanced age."

"Senility is not insanity," said the governor, "and a concerted effort must be made to enable these aged citizens to be cared for in nursing homes or in their own homes."

State Hospital Board Chairman French Robertson called it "a sad thing that people send their old people to mental hospitals when they don't want to take care of them."

Patrol exams set --- Young men between 21 and 35 years of age will have an opportunity in April to seek admission to one of the nation's most highly regarded law enforcement agencies.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., Director of the Department of Public Safety, announced that entrance examinations will be given April 12, 13 and 14 for candidates for the State Highway Patrol.

Applicants must be high school graduates, in good physical condition and of high moral character. They must be not less than 68 inches nor more than 76 inches tall and weigh not less than two pounds nor more than three pounds per inch of height.

Applicants should contact regional or district DFS offices or write the Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin.

Gas hike okayed --- Texas Railroad Commission has granted Lone Star Gas Co. permission to raise its rates from 30 cents to 35.4 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

Lone Star which sells to 328 Texas cities, had asked for an increase to 40 cents.

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Rowden Round-Up

By Mrs. B. Crow
Mrs. Liddle Owens of Okla. spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Adair.
Mrs. B. Crow visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boen Thursday.
Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Nowell had dinner Sunday with the Lon Duncan family.
Mrs. Elveta Sikes and Sam of Abilene visited her sister, Mrs. Lella Gibbs the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boen visited Mrs. Gene Mauldin one day last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Adair Bobbie and Gene of Cross Plains and Mrs. B. Crow visited Mr. and Mrs. John Adair Monday evening.
Ray Boen visited with Mr. W. C. Hazle Thursday evening.

ADMIRAL NEWS

By Anna Smith
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dallas of Clyde and Mrs. J. W. Woodard visited Mrs. Smartt Saturday night.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodard visited Mrs. Virgil Fulton of Cottonwood Saturday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Grogan and family of Anson spent the afternoon with the Wendell Smiths Sunday.
Bro. and Mrs. Ted Johnston and children were dinner guests at the James Walker home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crosland and children of Seminole spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodard, Curtis Allphin, who is in Dyess Air Base Hospital, and Mr. Allphin who is in the Baird Hospital.
We had a good singing at Admiral Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. The Key City Quartet and the Gospel Teens Quartet were there to entertain us.
Mrs. Wendell Smith and Teddy visited Mrs. Ollis Williams Wednesday and Friday.

Tecumseh Topics

By Lillian Crawford
The Dudley community suffered a loss Friday afternoon when the Baptist Church burned down. It was believed it caught fire around the meter.
This church building was one

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Eula News

By Missa Bentley
The County Teachers Association will meet at Eula Monday, February 29.
Texas Public School Week is February 29 through March 4. Eula is planning to have "open house" on Friday night, March 4, beginning at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium. Mr. B. C. Goodwin will give a talk on "A Time Like This." Teachers will be in their respective departments to display works and show equipment. The parents are invited to visit classes and eat lunch in the school cafeteria on the following days:
February 29 - First and Second grades - 11:20 a. m.
March 1 - Third and Fourth grades - 11:30 a. m.
March 2 - Fifth and Sixth grades - 11:40 a. m.
March 3 - Seventh and Eighth grades - 11:50 a. m.
March 4 - High School - 12:00 noon.
Lunches will be 25c each.
The Earl B. Goodmans were the week end guests of the Houston Favors.
Kay Lee from Gordon visited the C. W. Blacks over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Davis and son at Coleman.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rock Jr. and family visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rock Sr. at Cotulla over the week end.
The Paul Cardeys visited Mrs. Carleys sister and her family, the Jack Jacksons, in Dallas.
Mrs. Jones visited with her daughter Mrs. Maples over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Downing, Janice, Donna and Larry visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Downing and family in Houston.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Billingsley and family visited Mrs. Billingsleys mother, Mrs. R. R. Ash in Bronte.
The Joe Bentleys visited the Stewart Slattons in Cisco Sunday.
Eula grade school boys and girls played Clyde there February 18. Eula girls won 23-13, but the Eula boys were defeated 27-28.

I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE
Dr. Walter Prescott Webb has been described as having one of the four finest intellects in Texas. He is the immediate president of the American Historical Association and he is the author of several scholarly books which have won wide respect. For many years he has been connected with the University of Texas where he holds the title of distinguished professor.
So much for the learned educator -- and now a little about the man.
The first time we ever met was at an autographing in Dallas for his first book. As I shook hands with him, I said:
"Dr. Webb, something is going to have to be done. I am the author of a book which came out a short time ago and the title of your book is very similar to mine. People are going to get confused and buy your 'Texas Rangers' thinking that they are getting my 'Were You in Ranger?'"
(Actually his volume was 400 pages and sold for \$5; mine less than 200 pages and was priced at \$1.50.)
I continued:
"So I suggest that you change the name of your book."
His admirers gasped -- but a slow smile lit up his face.
Soon afterward, out of the cor-

ner of his mouth, he murmured, "Let's slip out of here and get a cup of coffee" -- which we did and had an opportunity to get acquainted.
He read my book on the Ranger oil boom and wrote, generously, "I envy you the ability to get the interest of the reader with your first sentence."
Dr. Webb was especially interested in Ranger because he attended high school there and earned his way by janitorial work. Once when I introduced him as having graduated from Ranger High, he said, "Boyce, they didn't give diplomas then."
He placed me on the program of the Texas Historical Society to speak on the Spindletop oil boom, along with savants.
One time a friend of mine and I entered an Austin cafe and I caught sight of Senator Ralph Yarborough and Dr. Webb at the counter. I said to Yarborough, "Judge, I believe you would be interested in meeting the man who was the boy chief of police in Ranger during the boom."
The learned historian drawled "What makes you think I wouldn't like to meet him too?"
If, from all this, you conclude that -- doctor of philosophy and all -- Walter Prescott Webb is a real human being, with no snobbery or condescension in his makeup, you are exactly right.

partment of Health were called upon for assistance.
After careful questioning to determine whether the victims had eaten pork, plus intensive laboratory analyses of specimens, trichinosis was identified as the cause.
Trichinosis is difficult to diagnose since it resembles other physical disorders such as typhoid fever, meningitis, influenza and heart trouble.
Studies indicate that many people are infested with trichinae (the tiny worms that cause the disease), but never know it. Laboratory tests of blood specimens taken during illness or convalescence may confirm clinical diagnosis.
The principal way that the disease is transmitted to man is by eating insufficiently cooked meat, mainly pork.
Hogs ordinarily get the parasites from eating raw garbage containing trichinae -- infested pork scraps or occasionally by eating rats.
All garbage fed to hogs should be thoroughly cooked and intensive rat eradication programs carried on in hog production areas. However, complete control among hogs seems difficult to maintain.

The only sure way to prevent the occurrence of the disease in humans is to carefully cook all pork products -- this includes hams, sausages, and bacon which are not pre-cooked.
A safe rule-of-thumb for preparing pork is to cook it until you cannot see any pink meat. Cook all pork and pork products thoroughly, until the meat is white clear through.
Although not often fatal, trichinosis can seriously debilitate a mature adult and ruin the general health of children or infants.
Mrs. Felix Mitchell returned the first of this week from a visit with her daughters, Mrs. Victor Scarpelli at Midland and Mrs. Walter Bellamy at Odessa.

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Political Announcements

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(Bob) Wagstaff . . .
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and incurred the greatest deficit ever recorded in time of peace. Nobody knows with certainty how much the Government owes, or is appropriating, because while we are shoveling the money out of the front door in congressional appropriations, the back doors of the Treasury are wide open and the spenders are carrying it out the back door without the let or hindrance of annual congressional appropriations check or justification.

certain state, and it is certain that we are behind the enemy in the missile race. The national debt increases by billions, and no real attempt is being made to balance the budget. An unbalanced budget causes the cost of living to increase each month, and higher and higher taxes take an increasing amount of the individual's income each year. Interest rates on government bonds are the highest in many years. The farm problem is unsolved, the farmers' income is the lowest in fifteen years, and burdensome surpluses overhang the market and strain the

resources of the Government to pay storage charges. Old Age Assistance has been neglected, and money which might have been used to raise old age pensions to an adequate level has been squandered recklessly. The Social Security system is not actuarially sound, and faces a crisis during the next few years. The oil industry faces serious problems, and lacks effective leadership in Congress. The Federal Government continues to intrude into the affairs of the states. The only remedy people have is to retire enough 'Career Congressmen' to bring about a change. You will have an opportunity to express yourself on May 7th.

"I have made arrangements, upon taking my seat in Congress, to resign completely from the practice of law and to devote my entire time to the interest of the people of this district. They will be my sole clients, and I intend to represent the people of the smallest county in the same manner as the largest. From time to time as the campaign progresses, I will discuss my stand on specific issues."

Bridal Shower Honors Charlene Shelton

A bridal shower Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Bruce Brown, was a pre-nuptial compliment to Charlene Shelton, bride-elect of Billy Cummings. Other hostesses for the party were Meses. Tom Barton, Jack Sims, Clyde White, Harry Tom Varner, Hubert Ross, Ode Berry, B. L. Russell Jr., John Towler, W. C. Gordon, B. H. Freeland, Hernie Martin, Jack Corn and Vida Hill.

The bride's chosen colors of pink and white were accented in all party appointments. Pink roses in a crystal hurricane lamp centered the table, laid with white crocheted cloth over pink linen. Pink tapers in crystal candle holders flanked the arrangement. Other floral arrangements were of pink azaleas at the register.

During the evening, musical selections were presented by Mrs. Vida Hill, pianist.

Seventy-five guests were registered by Miss Kitsy Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell spent the week end and Monday in Amarillo and Lubbock visiting relatives.

Mrs. S. L. McElroy Reviews Book

Baird B&PW Club met Thursday evening, Feb. 18 for their regular monthly dinner meeting. In the private dinner room of Fox's Cafe, eleven club members and eight guests were present.

The dining room was beautifully decorated, and the color scheme used by Mrs. Fox for the meal was pink, gray and white, which was carried out in the table cloth and dishes.

Centerpiece on the main table was an artistic arrangement of pink carnations in a lovely milk glass bowl, flanked by pink candles in milk glass candle holders.

Miss Floy McCaw, president, presided over a short business meeting. Plans for some of the members to attend a convention in Houston next June were discussed. The club also voted by secret ballot for Baird's "Woman of the Year" - the winner to be disclosed at a banquet March 10, sponsored by the Luncheon Club.

Miss McCaw introduced Mrs. S. L. McElroy, who reviewed the book "Stars In My Crown" by Joe David Brown. As always in

the case of Mrs. McElroy's book reviews, it was very interesting and charmingly presented to the club members and their guests.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends who were so thoughtful of me during my recent illness. The beautiful flowers, cards, visits, and other tokens of courtesy are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lee Ivey.

All Texans should be proud of their school system. You are urged to pay some tribute to your public schools during the week of Feb. 28 through March 4, designated by the Governor as Public Schools Week. Meet the teachers and learn their problems. It's your responsibility to see that the schools are doing the job you want them to do. Visit a public school and see Democracy in Action.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Freeman and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Loper and family of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loper and family of Abilene, were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Loper.

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