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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Automotive Industry Urges "Hard Look" at Recession

Have you seen the cartoon depicting the obviously startled pollster talking to an obviously haggard consumer who is standing at the front door wearing a mouse around his neck? The caption reads: "It's a poll on how the consumer is doing - I hope I'm not disturbing anything will be corrected upon it being brought to the attention of the publisher."

Not too funny, but directly to the point. Texas does not have a monetary recession-but we may have a mental recession which can hurt just as much. Consumer confidence has been eroded by recession psychology which is amplified by the high cost of living.

However, look at the facts before you leap. Texas has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. In comparison, nearly 10% of our 1974 working population is unemployed. The majority of our Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area actually shows a drop in unemployment. Bryan-College Station, according to government predictions, will soon be among the highest growth areas in the nation for personal income.

Texas has the lowest cost of living rates in the nation. Witness: the national television news story about costing less to live in Austin than anywhere else-and the other national news story about the strong job market in Odessa.

The public attitude about recession can be changed. And only then, can the individual do something about inflation. Smart consumers are the ones who get the most for their money. True enough, they cut back on spending-but when they do buy, they buy something that will last longer and give better service.

The better merchants, the better manufacturers recognize this. As a direct result, the consumer can get more value for his dollar. The family automobile is a good example. The average is nearly six years old. Twelve percent are more than ten years old.

Until the gas shortage, most cars had sloppy maintenance. That will have to change. When faced with a big repair bill, take a hard look at the new '75 models. They are built better and give better mileage, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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24 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

(January 11, 1951)

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Attend Adult Education Classes



Two Adult Education students, Mrs. Dolores Gonzalez, left, and Mr. Alfred Gonzalez, right, receive some help in their studies at Eagle Lake Middle School from Mrs. Rowena Watkins, center, aide in the program.

Let's Look Back 48 YEARS AGO

(January 22, 1927)

Starting with roller skates on

the sidewalks of Eagle Lake

is getting to be a nuisance,

Wednesday night, several

boys, said to be around

the ages of 14 and 15 years,

ran into Mrs. J.C. Cooper who

was walking along the side-

walk near the home of Mr.

and Mrs. W.M. Cummins,

knocking her to the pavement

and considerably injuring her.

The recent Teachers' As-

sociation will give an en-

tertaining at the high school

auditorium on next Friday

evening. On the program will

be, in Flag Drill; Pearl

Lee Adams, Farley Ross,

Lea G. Wink, Joe Kelly,

Ruth Elkins, Billy Porter,

Corinne Wade, Henry Thomas

Sumnerman, Florine Stoltz,

Dick Ney, James Elkins,

Dorothy Dodd, Maud Howe,

Manly Lee Grantham, Natalie

Abbe, Billy Eggers, Rosalie

Hayden, Greig Butler, Mau-

rice Todd, Raymond Waddell,

Marjorie Heffley and Arnel

Land. A trio "And Along

came" will be sung by Lloyd

Spaulding, J. E. Roberts and

Robert Samuel Martin; and

Dance of Roses will be given

by Madeline McCarty.

Franklin, Henry, John West-

moreland, Jane Reed, James

Cash, Daisy Armstrong,

Leonard Scholm, Edith

Reberford, Frank Davidson,

Betty Jule Terrell. . . Sena-

tor of the Senate Banking

Committee. . . Mr. and Mrs.

J. G. Thomas left Sunday

morning for their home in Nix-

on after a few days' visit to

his parents Mr. and Mrs.

Henry C. Thomas, at Ramsey

pass, were detained by a land-

slide on their way back and

were a little late getting back

to camp. And now they're

getting a little extra duty,

Glenn, a loyal Texas, says

every hour you can spend in

Texas is worth a million dol-

lars, though. Cornelius was

visiting in Chesterville with

his mother, Mrs. Joe J. Sen-

senior, Jr., and other mem-

bers of the family. . . Among

the new homes being built in

this area are the C. E. Dvor-

ak, Jr., home next to Mrs.

State Frazar's home and the

Gardner Duncan home on the

Wharton highway. . .

wash at Johnny's Kwik Kar

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State License Required To Board Children

Kaye N. Strick, new super-

visor of day care licensing for

Fort Bend, Austin and Color-

ado Counties. Mrs. Strick

reports that the representa-

tives will be contacting all

day care and commercial

boarding home facilities as

soon as possible. "Many per-

sons are not aware that a

state license is required to

care for any unrelated chil-

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