Controversy Over Voting Right's Act Continues

AUSTIN — Controversy over the federal Voting Rights Act's effect on Texas units of government continues to rage.

Tax assessor-collectors boiled over a federal court's instruction that they send out with long-delayed voter registration forms the message that voters don't have to return the forms to remain eligible for elections.

Harris County had 800,000 registration forms sealed in envelopes awaiting court clearance and couldn't make mailing deadlines with necessary reopening and stuffing of the new message.

Secretary of State Mark White Jr. notified the tax assessor-collectors they did not have to observe the original mid-December deadline if faced with impossible problems.

Meanwhile, top U.S. Justice Department officials received lectures from White and Atty. Gen. John Hill at a House Elections Committee briefing on VRA. Under the act, all changes in election practices and procedures must be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for prior clearance.

Hill said he doubts the act really covers cities and special districts and expressed the view it is confined to state and county activities bearing on elections. Local officials applauded him at the House committee briefing here.

Our reverent wish is that our many friends will find in this Christmas all the hope and joy of that most wondrous night.

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Inflo Of New Industries In State Declines

Texas Industrial Commission reported a continuing steady decline in new industries moving to Texas.

Only eight new industries located in the state during November.

But TIC Executive Director Jim Harwell noted a nationwide study showed Texas has the best business climate in the nation, considering taxes, labor laws, cost of government, welfare cost trends, debt and unemployment.

Harwell said he thinks the deline may be nearing an end and that 40 companies are looking for branch plant sites in the state.

Vet Land Loans Program To Be Suspended

The Texas Veterans Land Board temporarily suspended applications for loans under its program effective Dec. 31, 1975.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said the Veterans Land Program is simply too popular and has experienced a whopping increase in applications during the last nine months.

About 12,000 have requested applications for the long-term, low interest real estate loans since June 1—double the usual rate.

Armstrong said the program will be reopened in three to six months, when conditions are more favorable to the veteran and when there will be a minimal delay in loan processing.

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Sister of Mrs. Edith Duty Passes Away

Mrs. Selma Conoly, sister of Mrs. Edith Duty of this city, passed away Dec. 18th, 1975 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian Church in Bay City, Texas at 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21st.

Friends join in extending sympathy to Mrs. Duty and other relatives on their loss.

Services Held Dec. 17 For Bertsch Baby

Friends in the community learned with deep regret of the death of a baby girl for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bertsch. The baby died at birth in the Memorial Hospital in Houston Monday, Dec. 15th.

Mrs. Bertsch will be remembered here as the former Miss Pam Szymanski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. (Butch) Szymanski.

Last rites were held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17th in the Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston.

In addition to her parents, the baby girl is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Szymanski and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Meyer of Victoria.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Utility companies got a stern warning from the new Public Utility Commission they are not to pass along to consumers without approval a state assessment on their gross revenues.

The one-sixth of one per cent assessment was ordered by the 1975 Legislature to finance the Commission's regulatory activities. Revenue is estimated at $12 million to $15 million a year.

PUC members said they received a consumer complaint against Southwestern Public Service Co. of Amarillo and voluntary disclosure from Houston Lighting and Power on plans for a pass-through on electric bills.

"This is an assessment and not a tax; therefore, any utility is violating its rate schedule unless it has prior approval from the appropriate regulatory authority for an increase in rates before passing it on," said Commission Chairman W. Garret Morris.

Acknowledging that the Commission yet lacks jurisdiction to act in the matter, Morris said he feels the increase would be "an improper, pass-through." He said he thinks individual consumers would be entitled to enjoin a utility from passing along the assessment in the form of a rate hike.

AG Opinions

Texas Youth Council may employ house parents on a live-in basis and offer educational services and care, including meals and housing on a voluntary basis to residents of homes for dependent and neglected persons 18-21, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

In general, the Texas Department of Public Safety has access to student and faculty campus vehicular registration information.

Importation of coin-operated machines for personal use and resale does not necessarily bring a person under licensing requirements.

Relationship to a county commissioner does not rule out a person's employment by the sheriff as a jailer.

Gas Curb Ordered

Texas Railroad Commission ordered a 10-year program to reduce use of gas as boiler fuel.

At the same time, the agency acknowledged conversion to oil or coal would cost utilities $18 billion and bring more air pollution.

It directed a 100,000 cubic feet daily ceiling for any gas utility on sale of gas for boiler fuel without a specially-approved exception.

Short Snorts

Palmetto Bend Reservoir opponents urged rejection of a $400 million state bond issue for water development.

Veteran state employees J.K. Davis Jr. (assistant attorney general in the state and county affairs office for 33 years) and Ethel Weitzel (governor's clemency assistant who has served 25 years) are retiring.

Governor Briscoe again warned that higher education spending may "break the state."

Paul L. Wehrle and Buddy L. Kenneda, Denison tax official, were named comptroller's office directors of sales tax and ad valorem tax divisions respectively.

Texas cotton production dropped 13 per cent this month.

Mayor Leo J. Lee [illegible] the governor to the Advisory Council on Community Affairs.

Warm wishes for a Christmas full of peace and happiness. Special "thanks" to all our customers and friends.

SPORTSMAN'S MOTEL
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Control Cattle Lice Warns County Agent

Lice can weaken cattle, stunt their growth and make them more susceptible to other diseases. That's why it is important to check cattle periodically for the tiny pests, said County Extension Agent P. Johnie Cooper.

It's especially important to check cattle in the fall, winter and spring months because lice are attracted to the cooler skin temperatures of animals.

Both bloodsucking and biting lice are parasites of cattle. Biting lice feed on pieces of hair, scabs and skin excretions of the animal and can cause cattle to scratch and rub off pieces of skin. The loss of blood caused by bloodsucking lice can keep young animals from gaining and can affect meat and milk production in older animals.

Lice are most numerous on the neck and shoulders of an animal and are more common on poorly fed cattle.

Lice can be controlled by spraying, dipping, dusting or a self-treatment rubbing device. The insecticide used depends on the application method and whether it is for dairy or beef cattle.

The most effective way to apply an insecticide is to wet the animal to the skin. This usually takes from one to two gallons of spray for mature animals with heavy hair coats.

The application should be repeated in two or three weeks and cattle should be inspected periodically after that.

A Prayer For All At Christmas

Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts — that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifice.

Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we may face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the child-like faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life . . . and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man . . . . then, the treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretense of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children.

Our sincere thanks to the unknown author.

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☆ A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the gay Christmas song, "Jingle Bells," which has been popular for over a century.

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Truckers' CB Terms

Whether you're among the nearly 50 per cent of motorists who have citizen band radios in their cars or maybe just curious, you might find of some use this list of truck drivers' CB terms, according to the Federal Communications Commission:

18-Wheeler: Big rig with 18 wheels.

Four-Wheeler: Car, van or pickup.

Bear's Den: Police station.

Running Barefoot: Illegal CB operation.

Brown bottles: Beer

Flip-flop: Return trip.

Front Door: Lead truck or car.

Back Door: Trailing truck or car.

Rockin' Chair: Between back and front doors.

Hammer: Accelerator.

Hammer Down: Full speed.

Drop the Hammer: Accelerate.

Chicken Coop: Weigh station.

Portable Chicken Coop: Portable scale.

Fool Warmer: Over-legally-powered CB.

Smokey: State policeman.

County Mountie: County policeman.

Local Yokel: Local city policeman.

Picture Taker: Smokey with radar.

X-Ray Machine: Radar.

Plain Wrapper: Unmarked police car.

Tijuana Taxi: Marked police car.

Green Stamps: Money.

All Clear: No smokey in sight.

Grass: Median strip.

Handle: Code name.

Uncle Charlie: FCC listening team.

Seat Covers: Interesting subject in a four-wheeler.

$50 Lane: Left lane on four-lane highway.

Monfont Lane: Left lane of divided highway.

Negatory: Negative.

Shake the trees and Rake the Leaves: Lead truck watch ahead, rear truck watch behind.

Mercy: Shucks! Wow! and other expletives.

Threes and Other Good Numbers: Signing off, have a safe trip.

Bear in the Air: Speed trap using aircraft.

Loaded with Sailboat Fuel: Running empty.

Bushel: 1,000 pounds.

May the joys of this holy season fill every heart and bring to all the true spirit of Christmas.

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Life Expectancy Up In County

For children born in Colorado County this year, the chances of living through the first half of the next century are excellent. When that point is reached, in the year 2050, they will be 75.

Barring unforeseen holocausts, their survival to that age is well within current projections. It represents a life span that is only 3.1 years greater than that prevailing today.

The gap is expected to be closed in the intervening years by medical science, which has been making substantial progress in recent years in the fields of biology, nutrition and public health, as well as in reducing the mortality from heart disease and some forms of cancer.

Because of these gains, life expectancy in the United States reached a record high of 71.9 years in the past year, an increase of no less than six months over 1973.

The findings are based upon life table studies made by the National Center for Health Statistics, the Institute of Life Insurance and others.

In Colorado County, this increase has been evidenced by a rise in the number of older people.

Currently, in the local area, the figures show a total of 2,620 men and women at age 65 or over. They represent 14.8 percent of the population.

For those who have just reached 65, their added life expectancy is greater than it ever was at that age—13 years for men and 18 1/2 for women.

The span of life has increased considerably from what it was in earlier years. Since the middle of the last century, each generation has had a better survivorship record than the one before it.

Compared with the present expectancy at birth of 71.9 years, it was 68.2 for those born in 1950 and 59.7 for those who arrived in 1930.

The likelihood of survival is greater for women than for men at every period of life. On the basis of the national findings, a young woman in Colorado County, just married at age 22, had better than 90 chances out of 100 of living for the next 30 years, by which time there would be no more dependent children on hand. For her husband, who was two years old when they got married, the chances are about 88 in 100 of his surviving the 30 years.

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To everyone in all the nations of the world: A prayer for peace and goodwill

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No News Yet On 1976 Rice Program

The December letter from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in this county relates that up to the middle of the month no news had been received of a definite program for rice in 1976, D. C. Sheehan, county executive director, noted that loans are available for eligible producers for their 1975 rice drop at interest rate of 7.5 per cent.

Allotments are being prepared for the 1976 peanut crop and will be mailed out around the first of the year. "As far as we know, the 1976 program will be the same as in 1975," the letter stated.

The cotton and feed grain program for 1976 is practically the same as in 1975. The preliminary loan rate for middling one inch cotton is 37.32 cents per pound. This is an increase. Feed grain remains unchanged to date.

Mr. Sheehan reminded farm operators that they should notify his office of any changes in farm operations such as land bought, sold or acquired by other means so that records can be kept up to date.

The County ASC office will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Let's Look Back:

YEAR END ACTIVITIES 24 YEARS AGO

(November 15, 1951)

Nine ELHS seniors play their final game, including Bill Hanly, Sammy Tise, Robert Zahradnick, Ernest Larmer, Vernon Sheppard, Jerry Gibson, Bruce Kilgore, Frankie Parma, Tommy Wilcox and Cledus Hollas. . the Rev. H. A. Lee of the First Baptist Church will deliver the sermon at the annual Union Thanksgiving Services. . Two local Negro men, Joe Lightfoot and O. C. Choice, [illegible] Miss Grace Dell Sinclair and Lewis Bland Epps are going to Crowley, La., to attend a Sallie Hawkins party. . Work on the street improvement program in this community is in full swing with Holland Page Const. Co. doing the work. . Southern Pacific cancels two passenger trains through Eagle Lake. . Marine Geo. E. Spates is attending a food service school in the U. S. Marine Corps. . F. A. Hoenighaus' entertain at luncheon honoring their son, Friedrich, and his bride-to-be. . New Negro Cemetery Association formed here under the sponsorship of the Baptist Minister's Union. . A. J. Hrusak's Sr. of Rock Island, welcome daughter, Beverly Frances. . Eddie Wiese of Lissie had the misfortune to break his arm while playing in a tree at Rock Island. . W.S.C.S Circles have meeting and hear Mrs. Fletcher Warren, wife of Ambassador Warren. . Garwood Garden Club has arrangement clinic and meeting in W. K. Lehrer home. . Garwood 3rd and 4th grades entertain Garwood PTA with Mrs. John Williams, president of the PTA. . The Sheridan High School student council elected Roy Pettiette, a senior, as its new president. . Dr. A. S. Tjaden takes in an associate, Dr. W. H. Cypert. . Joe Duncan is home on a ten day furlough from the U. S. Army at Camp Roberts, Calif. prior to entering a leadership course. . The Bennie Blairs visited with Marshal Ney in Eagle Pass. . E. H. Henry High School Blue Eagles battered Brookshire by a score of 51 to 0. . Miss Mildred Frnka and Friedrich Hoenighaus exchange vows in Columbus. . Kolberg Kreamilk Dairy lists price of quart of pasteurized milk at 54¢ and half gallon at 46c. . Roger Killough wins trip to New Orleans with Southwestern Life Insurance sales. . Gardner Duncan home is the setting for Columbus Music Club program and meeting. . Robert Starke, once a two pound infant baby, celebrates first birthday. . Floyd Hodde, Jr., was home from duties with the U. S. Army at El Paso on a three day week-end pass. Mrs. I. V. Duncan, president presided at Eagle Lake Garden Club meeting when plans were made for the Christmas Market. . . Mrs. Henry Dostal is among hostesses for a tea shower honoring Miss Dottie Lou Kulhanek. . Catholic Altar Society meets with Mrs. L. J. Rosprim. . . Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker and Misses Melba Jean and Eleanor spent Sunday in Old Ocean with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Miller and children.

(November 22, 1951)

Cong. Clark Thompson and Post Office Inspector W. S. Watkins met with C. of C. committee and agreed that a new and adequate postoffice for Eagle Lake is badly needed. . Hundred new mail boxes installed as temporary relief. . . . 11.5 miles extension of FM 155 authorized by Highway Commission. . . E. A. Gibson improved after fall from oil rig. . City health officer Dr. J. C. Laughlin and County Health Nurse Grace Tolwell administered vaccination shots to school children. . . Deer hunters pack in deer. W. S. Cordy and J. H. Ware among first to make kills. . Last rites held for Mrs. S. A. Davidson. . City council votes to install parking meters on a six months trial basis. . . Miss Martha Lou Morrison and Pvt. Joe Duncan exchange marriage vows in Bay City rites. . T. W. Scotts hold pre-season deer barbecue at their camp. . Tuesday Bridge Club meets with Mrs. M. L. Heitman at Garwood. Bonnie Blanchard has party on tenth birthday at Sheridan. Miss Betty Muesse and Walter Hoffman are wed in Nada. . Lions hear the Rev. D. Rhea Allison speak on trip to England. . Lissie Church Women's Society met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Adkins to wrap gifts for New Mexico mission school. . Mrs. Tom Waddell is back in the hospital in Galveston. . . Jack C. Anderson is new sales man at Universal Motor Co. . . Miss Coraphine McDonald is named 1951-52 football queen by Eagles football team. .

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Our prayer to God is that we thank each one for your wonderful cooperation and pray that you keep on doing good wherever you can, whenever you can, as long as you can! Remember no Christ, no Xmas!

STAR-SPANGLED HISTORY

HISTORICAL DRAWINGS BY JOSEPH BOGGS BEALE (1841–1926)

"VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS"

T'was the night before Christmas, when all
through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a
mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney
with care,
In hopes that *St. Nicholas* soon would be
there;

The children were nestled all snug in their
beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced through
their heads;
And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long
winter's nap,—
When out on the lawn there arose such a
clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the
matter;
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of midday to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should
appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be *St. Nick.*
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called
them by name:
"Now, *Dasher!* now, *Dancer!* now, *Prancer*
and *Vixen!*
On, *Comet!* on, *Cupid* on, *Donder* and
Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane
fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount
to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they
flew,
With a sleigh full of toys—and *St. Nicholas*
too!

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning
around,
Down the chimney *St. Nicholas* came with a
bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to
his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes
and soot!
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedlar just opening his
pack;

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples,
how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a
cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as
the snow . . .

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a
wreath.
He had a broad face, and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laugh'd, like a bowful
of jelly.

He was chubby and plump; a right jolly old
elf;
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of
myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to
his work,
And filled all the stockings—then turned
with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a
whistle,
And away they all flew, like the down off a
thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of
sight,

"Happy Christmas to all! and to all a good night!"

Drawing from the collection of American National Insurance Company, Galveston, Texas.

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Dulwich Fox At Pyramid on New Year's Eve.

Dulwich Fox, popular orchestra from this area, will be featured along with Cripple Creek at the New Year's Eve Spectacular to be held at the Pyramid Club in Wharton on Wed., Dec. 31st.

A free beer blast (keg) and free party favors will be included in the $5.00 per person admission fee.

If you burn a bayberry candle during the Christmas holidays, and the candle burns bright and clear, legend says that you will have good luck throughout the year and a long and happy life.

Merry Christmas To All Our Diet Workshop Friends

From The Eagle Lake Diet Workshop Staff
JANICE HOGAN
JANET SCHORLEMMER
CAROL RIPPER

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The joys, the peace, all the traditions of Christmas be with you and yours this holy season. Thank you for your friendship.

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