

State Comptroller discusses surplus

State Comptroller Bob Bullock unveiled the biggest budget surplus in Texas history Thursday, but warned "there are thorns among the roses."

The record \$1.3 billion

result of the good times we have had," Bullock said in a capital press conference. But the Comptroller cautioned Texans that "the growth we are predicting today is substantially less than we have seen in the past 10 years."

Although Texas is the "flagship of the United States economy," and has led the nation in the creation of new jobs, Bullock said, "The recession has come to Texas. Our economy has begun to slow down. We are beginning to see significant drops in some major revenue sources."

The Comptroller pointed out Texas does not pay corporate or personal income taxes and have not had a tax increase since 1971. "Last year alone,"

Bullock said, "31 other states burdened their citizens with higher taxes."

Bullock announced the surplus with an official revenue estimate, which the Texas Constitution directs him to make for each session of the Legislature and "at other times as may be necessary to show probable changes."

Bullock noted an expected drop in federal funds coming into the Texas Treasury will make other revenue sources more important to the state budget in years to come. He cautioned those involved with the investing of state funds and leasing of state lands to "be looking closer than ever to make sure these important revenue sources reap the greatest possible benefits for the state."

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USDA seeks comments on grain program

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block July 29th asked the public to comment by August 26 on provisions of the 1982 feed grain program, the details of which must be announced by November 15.

Block plans to announce the 1982 feed grain program well in advance of the November 15 statutory deadline.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture would like to receive as many comments as possible so it will have a broad range of public opinion about the program. He said he will study the public's recommendations, as well as the most current date on U.S. and world crop conditions and crop supply and demand before he makes final decisions.

Block asks for opinions on provisions for a farmer-owned grain reserve, commodity eligibility, premiums and discounts, the establishment of county loan rates and all other provisions necessary to carry out a loan and purchase program for feed grains.

Details of program options USDA is considering were scheduled to appear in the July 27 Federal Register.

The Texas Animal Health Commission had planned to publish a directory of certified free herds. "We are getting so

many additions every week and month that a directory would be out of date. However, we will be happy to supply any one with the names of certified free herds by contacting this office or any of the 15 area TAHC offices in the state," Dr. Holcombe said.

Currently, there are 26 different breeds in Texas with certified free herds. These include Brangus, Angus, Maine Anjou, Holstein, Beefmaster, Brin, man, Charolais, Santa Gertrudis, Red Angus, Polled Hereford, Hereford, Pinzgauer, Simmental, Jersey, Limousin, Red Brangus, Red Brahman, Longhorn, Beefalo, Polled Brah-

man, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Aberdeen Angus, Tarentaise, Braford, Chianina.

A certified brucellosis free herd is available for beef cattle producers, both registered and commercial as well as dairymen.

"The interest in establishing a certified free herd is statewide, and we are finding commercial as well as purebred breeders are getting their herds certified," Dr. Holcombe said.

Complete details on getting a herd certified may be obtained from any area TAHC office, county Extension agents, or from veterinarians.

Marine Corps and Coast Guard and commissioned members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service. Cadets and midshipmen at the four service academies and members of the ready reserves also are covered by SGLI.

The program began in 1965 with coverage limited to \$10,000. Maximum coverage was subsequently increased by Congress on three occasions, most recently last December 1, to its current limit.

The SGLI program is funded by servicemembers' premium payments. The premium reduction is the result of the program's increased investment in income and continuing favorable mortality experience, Myatt said. There is no change in the premium rate for retired reservists and ready reservists with part-time coverage, he added.

Myatt described SGLI as "the largest group life insurance program in the country. More than 99 percent of eligible servicemembers hold SGLI policies."

The program insures commissioned, warrant and enlisted members of the Army, Navy, Air Force,

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Dornan-Ziegler reunion

The sixth annual Dornan-Ziegler reunion was held at the Garwood Irrigation Plant the weekend of July 24 and 25th. Those present for the occasion were:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Street, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Paradaux and Dusty, Sean Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moody, Shane and Michelle, all from Baytown; Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Lee and Amanda Jane from Channelview; Mrs. Mary Pitonyak from Alvin; Mrs. June Pitonyak, Mary Jo and Billy, Paul, Jr. and John Pitonyak, all from Port O'Connor;

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Doe Matyak, Lisa and Lori from Hallettsville; Mrs. Sharon Wocytak from Alvin; Mr. and Mrs. John McGlothlin, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gibson, Brandi and Bryan, all from Garwood; Mr. and Mrs. David McGlothlin, Leah, David, Susan and Rebecca from Bay City; Mrs. Wilma

Jeannette Woods of El Campo visited Mrs. B. J. Drapala last Thursday. Mrs. C. P. Hopkins, Mrs. Marion Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin attended a reunion at the home of Mrs. Ellen Battelle last Sunday.

Celebrates 90th birthday Mrs. R. B. Shaw's guests on her 90th birthday last Monday were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seale and James Bryan Seale of San Antonio and Mrs. W. H. Seale and sons, Bryan and Kyle, of Houston. Mrs. Shaw said this was

the most wonderful birthday she ever had.

On Sunday, Mrs. Shaw's Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Broadway, lit a candle and said some nice things about her at the Adult Sunday School.

On Monday, Mrs. W. H. Seale and boys brought her a beautiful birthday cake and an arrangement of flowers. On Monday afternoon at 3 p.m., Mrs. Shaw's neighbor, Mrs. Troy Krenke, invited her and her guests to her house. She had another beautiful birthday cake, trimmed in candy roses. Some of her neighbors were there and they brought gifts for which Mrs. Shaw is thankful. Each guest enjoyed birthday cake, ice cream and iced tea.

Mrs. W. R. Frnka and Mrs. R. A. Shoop joined El Campo ladies, Mrs. K. E. Simank, Mrs. Winston Hold, Mrs. Edwin Schoenberg and Mrs. Carl Schoenberg, and attended the Texas District Convention of the American Lutheran Church Women, held at Texas Lutheran College July 16th through the 18th.

The price dipped to \$3.41 per bushel this past June. The total supply of wheat as of June was 3 billion, 784 million bushels. According to the USDA projections, the American need for wheat this year will be 872 million bushels. That means the U.S. has more than a four-year supply on hand to meet its domestic needs, which points up Chaloupka's contention that it is "necessary" for the U.S. to export more wheat.

Wheat export projections for this year are one billion, 850 million bushels. The average price for corn and grain sorghum, likewise, have plummeted during the past year.

Corn in June 1981 was selling for \$3.17 a bushel as compared to \$2.56 a bushel this past June. Sorghum sold for \$5.03 per hundredweight in June 1981, but dropped to \$4.36 a hundredweight this past June.

lar blood donations during the summer. Donors with type O blood are especially urged to make a summer-time donation.

Donor requirements include being between 18 (17 with signed parental consent card) and 65 years of age, weighing at least 110 pounds and being in good general health. If these are met, the chances are good an individual can donate blood. The process is safe, easy and takes only about a half hour of your time.

Donations may be made for individual and group Life Plan coverage or to replace blood used by patients in any hospital in the Texas Gulf Coast region or in any hospital in the United States which belongs to the National Clearinghouse Program of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB).

Over 700 units of transfusable blood are needed by area patients every single day. Individuals who wish to donate blood may call The Blood Center at 791-6230.

This summer, include someone else in your plans-GIVE BLOOD!

Ryan Lee DeBay born

Curt and Marilyn DeBay of Tulsa, Oklahoma, proudly announce the arrival of a son, Ryan Lee DeBay, July 22nd at 5:07 p.m. He weighed seven pounds and six ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vasina of Little and Mr. and Mrs. N. J. DeBay of Sugar Land.

USDA has new requirements for storage facility loan program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will resume approval of new applications for Commodity Credit Corporation farm storage facility loans, up to a total of \$40 million.

Under the New Program the following modified requirements will apply:

- Storage needs of loan applicants will be based upon the availability of storage for one year's production of wheat, feed grains or rice produced on farms participating in the acreage reduction program for those crops. The production of rice, soybeans, dry edible beans, peanuts, sunflower seeds, high moisture sorghum and silage will not be considered.
- New COC storage loans will be limited to \$25,000 per farmer. Loans

will be considered for one-year's storage needs and will be repayable in five years. Loans will be available for building new storage structures and for remodeling existing structures but not for electrical, handling, or drying equipment. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county committees may approve loans for up to

seventy percent of the eligible cost items. Ineligible items which are an integral part of the structure must be paid in full before loan disbursement.

- An extended interim rule requesting comments on the new eligibility requirements will be published in the Federal Register. All comments from the public concerning the regulation will be considered before the department publishes the final rule.

Colorado-Fayette L.V.N.s meet

The Colorado-Fayette Counties L.V.N.s held their regular monthly meeting at Eagle Lake July 20 in the dining room of the community hospital.

The meeting was opened by a prayer read by the president, Lorene Otto. The roll call was answered by 13 members. Reading of the minutes followed and they stood approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and those attending the convention were reimbursed for part of their expenditures.

The program was a report from the three who attended the convention. The report included information on the newborn (different blood types and P.K.U.); herbs grown in Greece (there are 125 herbs grown in Texas); and orthopedics pertaining to the foot and ankle. Members noted it as being a most interesting report.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the Eagle Lake L.V.N.s, who were the hostesses for the meeting. The group was pleased with the good representation of L.V.N.s from Columbus and Weimar. Reporter.

TFB favors Reagan's grain sale to Soviets

Although no official word has come from the Reagan Administration regarding a Soviet grain deal, Chaloupka said "whatever we do, we're going to help agriculture through an accord with the Russians."

The American Farm Bureau Federation contends that long-term agreements tend to limit sales. Chaloupka observed that the Russians have historically been a "large purchaser" of American grain and that a continuation of that relation is "necessary to our economic area of agriculture."

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Teachers endorse White

The 96,000 member Texas State Teachers Association announced on July 23, its support for Mark White for Governor, vowing to help defeat Governor Bill Clements in November.

It also endorsed Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby; Jim Mattox for Attorney General; Bob Bullock for Comptroller; and U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen.

Speaking at a press conference with Mark White at the TSTA Building, President Barbara O'Neal said all of these candidates support a system of free and equal education for all children.

O'Neal told a crowd of 300 cheering local TSTA leaders that the organization has committed itself to two million volunteer hours for Mark White's campaign for Governor of Texas, and that it would also help coordinate election efforts in every county in Texas.

"Bill Clements cannot buy two million campaign hours, nor can he buy the Governor's office again with slick advertising because the teachers of Texas are not going to let him," O'Neal said.

"His insults to teachers over the past four years are clear indicators of the disdain which he holds for educational personnel, and

we plan to replace the source of those insults with a new governor-Mark White."

"When we complained about the miserable salaries paid to Texas teachers, Bill Clements responded that teachers should stop thinking about salaries and start thinking about quality education. From now until November, everytime teachers think about their salaries they're going to be thinking, 'Mark White for Governor.'"

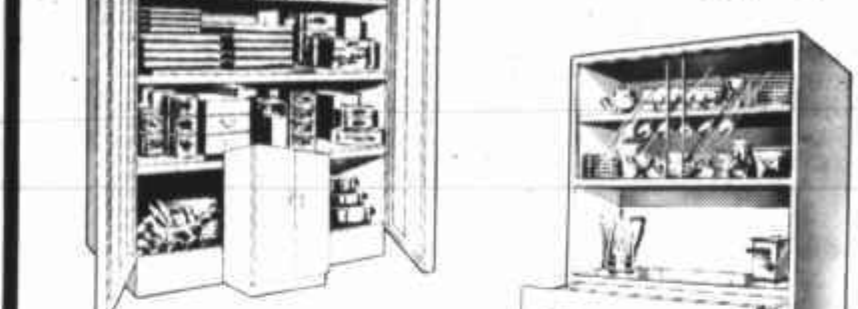
"When Bill Clements vetoed the teachers' health insurance bill, he said we didn't need it because 'our spouses would provide insurance.' From now until November, everytime teachers pay medical bills they're going to be thinking, 'Mark White for Governor.'"

White responded to five standing ovations by saying that the two million volunteer hours would represent a contribution of \$5 million to his campaign.

The Attorney General promised to make education his top priority "because the children of Texas deserve no less." He said there must be a comprehensive approach, not a patchwork process, to funding education and recruiting and maintaining excellent teachers in our Texas classrooms because the teacher is the heart of the educational system.

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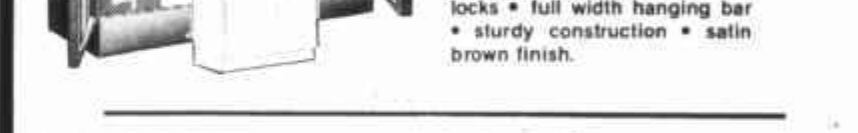
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NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District proposes to increase your property taxes by 7 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on August 16, 1982, at 7 P.M. in the Board Room of the Administration Building in Altair, Texas.

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District has considered the proposal and voted in a meeting of the Board of Trustees as follows:

FOR the proposal:

Ted Wiese, President, Rice CISD
Billy Hefner, Vice-President, Rice CISD
Wm. L. Appelt, Secretary, Rice CISD
Reggie Brisco, Member, Rice CISD
John T. Engstrom, Member, Rice CISD

AGAINST the proposal:

Steve K. Balas, Member, Rice CISD

ABSENT and not voting:

Jane Clipson, Member, Rice CISD

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