

Officials Refuse Computers From Surplus-buying Texan

Washington, Nov. 27—(AP)—The lucky Texan who paid \$6.89 for some surplus Air Force equipment and then sold it to Air Force officers for \$63,000 has found some more at bargain prices, it was reported yesterday.

Two different sources said the canny Texan acquired the same type of instruments but the Air Force refused to buy them back this time.

The name of the Texan has been withheld from the public by both the Senate armed services preparedness subcommittee and Air Force officers.

had been supplied to the Senate group which is acting as a "watch-dog committee" over the multi-billion dollar defense program and Korean war.

Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex), chairman of the investigating group who first called attention to the "most astounding case of shortsightedness," was out of the city.

Questions Refused

Pentagon spokesmen for the Air Force refused to answer any questions, saying that all information

Questions about additional lots of the surplus equipment could be answered by the Air Force officers.

Johnson, when he first called attention to the transaction, said he was not making the name of the Texan public because he had cooperated with the subcommittee and its investigators and double-checks had verified the unusual story.

East Texas said he thought he was buying some small coil-board computers in 1946 when he bid less than 5 cents apiece for the surplus offered for sale at San Antonio.

Unused Computers

Later he discovered he had bought "168 serviceable unused air craft parallax computers" valued at \$7,200 each or worth \$1,209,000.

These are electric gun fire-control instruments for airplanes.

The Texan put them in a warehouse, contacted Air Force procurement officers and sold them for \$63,000, a year and a half after he got them, after spending about \$4,000 for storage, shipping and other costs.

In a later report, Chairman Johnson said the "transaction was, insofar as the subcommittee can ascertain, entirely lawful" adding that "the taxpayers have suffered and corrective action at this date is not feasible."

Buyer Says

The unidentified Texan was quoted as saying:

"The thing may be summed up by saying that the disposal agency was delighted to unload what they thought was a heap of junk on an unsuspecting country boy and that the colonel in charge of the purchasing agency and the personnel at Wright Field were delighted to repurchase this equipment in brand new condition at a cost which saved the tax-payer one-half million dollars."

The Texans got back more than \$350 for each five cents on his original purchase. Reports here were that he went out and found some four of these computers, bought them for about \$30 each but has failed to sell the second set back to the Air Force.

The subcommittee said the Texan was a former naval officer who first bought small amounts of war surplus goods for a farm. The man is not a full-time farmer or rancher and his brothers joined him in the second computer purchase, it was reported.

Questions Unanswered

Air Force spokesmen said they could not answer questions as to why they did not repurchase the second set, what had been done to officers involved in these sales, or any other questions about the incident.

Elsewhere a reporter was told that originally the Air Force declared the World War II computers surplus because a new fire control instrument had been designed and was being produced.

Later, it was said, these failed to prove as good as the first models and so the surplus was repurchased.

Official Notice

The Executive Committee has authorized the cancellation of all Military Science Classes scheduled for the period of 4 p. m. to 5 p. m. Nov. 29.

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Sadie Hawkins Dance



In a colorful array of costumes depicting the comic strip characters of Al Capp's Abner, these students of A&M Consolidated High School as they attended the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance Friday night. Louise Street and Fred Anderson were chosen to have the "best" costumes.

New Installment Buying Procedure Proposed

Washington, Nov. 27—(AP)—Senator Maybank (D-SC) yesterday proposed the issuance of government "certificates of necessity" entitling some purchasers of lower-priced automobiles to more liberal installment-buying terms.

Maybank said he will ask the Federal Reserve Board to consider the idea of studying the complaints of car dealers and others against the credit restrictions now in effect. These require a down payment of one-third, with no more than 15 months to clear up the balance.

"It's apparent," Maybank declared, "that those terms are causing a lot of hardship among lower-income workers who need cars to get back and forth to their jobs."

What's Cooking

BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR CLUB, Monday, 7:30 p. m. 301 Goodwin. Christmas Party details. **BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS**, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Game Room MSC. **BRIDGE PARTY**, Monday 7:30 p. m. Game Room, MSC. **CALDWELL COUNTY CLUB**, Monday, 7:30 p. m., fourth floor Academic Building. **CAMERA CLUB**, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Room 3C and 3D MSC. Eastman Slide Show. Slides will feature leg art, landscape, etc. **COLLEGIATE CHAPTER, EUBOY FARMERS OF AMERICA**, Monday, 7:15 p. m., Lecture Room. Agricultural Engineering Building. **PERIMAN CLUB**, Emergency meeting in MSC Room 3C, 7:30 p. m. Monday, Christmas dance discussion.

Turkey-Day Dance

Tickets are now on sale for the Austin pre-game Turkey-Day dance Nov. 29, at Lock, Austin Club president said yesterday.

The dance, to be held in Austin City Coliseum, will start at 9 p. m. and continue until 1 a. m. with music by the Aggieband Orchestra. All night club conveniences will be available, Lock said.

Lock has asked that all outfits bring their signs so they may be used for decorations at the dance.

Tickets may be purchased from any Austin Club member or at the door of the coliseum.

Rent Extension Bill Asks 90 Day Grace

Washington, Nov. 27—(AP)—Rep. Spence (D-Ky) said today he probably will offer either today or tomorrow a bill to extend the federal rent control program for 90 days beyond Dec. 31.

Spence, chairman of the House Banking Committee, outlined his plans to newsmen in advance of the start at noon (EST) of the final short session of the 81st Congress.

Spence said that before introducing his bill he planned to confer with Senator Maybank (D-SC), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. Maybank has predicted the rent program will be extended, but has indicated he wants any continuance to 60 days.

The present rent law is scheduled to expire Dec. 31, except in communities which vote to continue controls another six months; more than 600 areas have so voted, but most of the communities still covered by the federal program have not acted.

This inaction, plus decontrol action taken by 377 cities, was cited yesterday by Robert P. Gerholz, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, as evidence that no extension is needed. Gerholz said some 2,000 cities have taken no action to extend controls.

He called the program "the biggest fraud that has ever been perpetrated on a free people in a peacetime economy," but housing expeditor Figue E. Woods said controls are needed to protect tenants against exorbitant rent hikes. They debated the issue on a radio program.

Woods said the present law is not a rent freeze, and that landlords are being allowed rent increases to pay higher costs. He said an existing housing shortage will become more acute as the defense program gets rolling.

Rep. Spence said last week that President Truman wants a 90-day extension of the law, pending consideration of a longer continuance by the new Congress which convenes Jan. 3.

Maybank said he had not decided whether to sponsor a stop-gap extension in the Senate.

Making it clear he is reluctant to support any extension, Maybank was critical of communities which have not arranged for a vote on whether the rent program should be continued through June 30 in their areas.

"Congress provided every area with a means for expression of the opinion of its people," Maybank said. "It is to be regretted that so many places have done nothing about it."

Mrs. C. Sauer, Jr. Latest Polio Victim

Mrs. Charles A. Sauer Jr. is Brazos County's eleventh polio case in 1950.

Sauer, a professor in the English department, took his wife to Waco Friday morning where her illness was diagnosed as polio.

Sauer returned here Friday night and reported that his wife was responding nicely to hot pack treatments. The affected areas of her hips, throat, and mouth seemed to be improving he said.

The Sauers and daughter, Mary Ruth, live at 403 South Mall, in the same block with the Jolley family whose son also has polio.

The daughter's grandparents, both maternal and paternal, have been missionaries. Mrs. Sauers' parents, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, are now in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where Rev. Mitchell holds a pastorate. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sauer were in Korea prior to the present hostilities. They are now in Japan.

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Official Notice

A change will be made in the regular class schedule on Wednesday, December 6th, to equalize the absence which have occurred during the fall. Thursday classes, scheduled to meet from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., will meet Wednesday, December 6th, at their usual periods. All classes normally scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 6th, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., will not meet on that date.

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Re: Committee on Course of Study Forum

Each graduate student is responsible for seeing that his committee and course of study forms are now properly filed in the office of the Graduate School.

A student wishing to register for any term after his first term of graduate work must bring his copy of his official graduate course of study to registration with notation on it to show the courses already taken and the grades received.

(Signed) IDE P. TROTTER, Dean

E-Texas Club Sets Thanksgiving Party

The Annual East Texas A&M Club Thanksgiving Party will be held at the Club Do-Si-Do midway between Longview and Kilgore beginning at 8 p. m. Friday Dec. 1.

An invitation to all East Texas Aggies and members of other clubs has been extended by the East Texas A&M Club.

Admission prices have been set at \$2 drag and \$1.50 stag.

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