

Guest Editorial

On the domestic front Senator Goldwater was just as emphatic in his first campaign speech as on questions of foreign policy. He told the National Association of Counties that:

- The entire tax structure should be reexamined to find ways to give a larger share of tax revenue to the states.
- Federal grant and aid programs should be reexamined with a view to "eliminating those no longer necessary and channeling the remainder through the states."
- Federal lands should be turned back to the states so they can be "used profitably" so as to produce state taxes. He said it was "high time the federal government thought seriously of this."

These were his three specific initial proposals for carrying out his general approach to local government. This he defined by saying, "We have for far too long seen a federal establishment obsessed by the enlargement of its role and its personnel." He said he was dedicated to having "a federal establishment just as . . . prudently concerned with turning power over to the people as taking it away from them." He said it was the "whole meaning of the American Revolution" to "reject absentee government and the centralization of power." And that "Whenever and wherever local governments fail to respond, then Washington's ever eager fingers of bureaucracy are right there, waiting to grab the defaulted local responsibility."

As the campaign proceeds, the debate will revolve partly around this broad proposition and partly on where to draw the line. Broad indication of the latter comes from the Senator's legislative record for the current session of Congress. He joined a majority of his fellow Republican senators in opposing the mass transportation bill, the bills for a youth conservation corps and a national service corps, and the farm bill. But he remained opposed to a group of bills where the majority of Republicans joined in bipartisan approval with the Democrats. He opposed, and they favored, the civil rights bill and the cloture, the tax cut, college aid, wilderness conservation, and the railway arbitration board.

These are merely indicators. We hope both candidates will say what they do and don't want the federal government to do, as specifically as possible.

—The Christian Science Monitor

65 Insurance Plan Covers Lady 106

The Texas 65 Health Insurance Association thought it had written health insurance to the oldest citizens of Texas when, during the first open enrollment period last year, two Texans 102 and 103 years old were covered under the voluntary health insurance plan. However, during the recent enrollment period a 106 year old was insured.

Mrs. Dioncia Almager, of Del Rio, is now the oldest holder of Texas 65 health insurance. In fact, Texas 65 officials believe she may be the oldest insured Texan.

Her policy was purchased by her 69 year old granddaughter Mrs. Burk Rose, with whom Mrs. Almager has lived for many years.

Del Rio insurance agent Reid W. Webb took the application. He has been writing insurance in the area for nearly 50 years.

Deaf and almost totally blind, Mrs. Almager has been in ill health for many years, though according to Mrs. Rose she has never been confined to a hospital. She is able to move about the house with some help.

Though not sure of the exact date, Mrs. Rose believes her grandmother came to Texas around 1875, when she was about 17 years of age. She migrated to Texas from Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico.

Mrs. Almager is one of 9,830 Texans, over 65 years of age, who enrolled in the Texas 65 plan during the recent open enrollment period. Ninety two were past 90 years of age.

No additional open enrollment period has been scheduled, however H. Lewis Rietz, president of the Texas 65 Health Insurance Association, states another will be scheduled for those who did not enroll in the program during the first two open enrollment periods.

Any resident of Texas turning 65 between open enrollment periods has 31 days following his 65th birthday in which to enroll through his insurance agent or with the Texas 65 Health Insurance Association, in Dallas. During open enrollment periods any Texan may enroll regardless of age and without physical examination.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I believe you do better if you spend as much time studyin' as you spend studying how to study"

Liquor Control Operates In Black

Revenue collected by the Texas Liquor Control Board over and above its operating expenses for the last 11-year period has netted a \$332,483,997.45 profit to the State of Texas.

The good news of this average annual \$30,225,817.95 profit to Texas taxpayers was disclosed Monday in release of official figures by the Texas Liquor Control Board. These summarized the Board's operations for the 11-years, 1963 to 1963, inclusive.

During the 11 years the Board spent a total of \$18,202,589.19 for operating expenses while collecting \$350,686,586.64.

The \$332,483,997.45 profit to the state has been apportioned annually by Legislative formula to support numerous state services. These include the Available School Fund, the Old Age Assistance Fund, the General Revenue Fund, the State Hospital Funds, the Employees Retirement System, aid to needy blind, child assistance, farm-to-market roads, the teacher retirement fund and the Foundation School Fund.

The TLCB's figures showed that during 1963 the Board spent \$2,284,761, including staff salaries and Board operating expenses. Taxes, fees, licenses and other revenue collected from the alcoholic beverage industry during the year totaled \$42,278,303.

The record revenue collected for 1963 raised to more than half a billion dollars the total collected by the Board since its was established by the 44th Legislature on November 16, 1936.

Although its work has increased considerably with the rapid growth of Texas during the past decade, the Board's operating profits to the taxpayers have accelerated even more. In 1953 the board collected \$18,792,228 while spending \$1,259,641. By 1963, expenses had increased 81 per cent over 1953, but revenue more than kept pace, gaining 125 per cent.

Highlights And Sidelights From Your State Capital

By VERN SANFORD
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AUSTIN, Texas — All available money and manpower of the Texas Water Commission is being dedicated to a long-range state water master plan.

Gov. John Connally authorized the agency to transfer money already appropriated by the Legislature for other purposes. Existing state plans, in Connally's opinion, "fall short of satisfying the water needs for all of Texas."

In 1961, the Commission produced a plan for meeting Texas water needs to the year 1980.

Both the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, are coming up with their own long-range plans covering parts of Texas. They propose diversion of water from surplus areas like the Sabine to water-shy areas like the Nueces.

Connally said the federal government is considering a water pollution control bill which would supplant state authority in the field.

He urged the Commission to explore "all reasonable alternatives," including those contained in preliminary reports of U. S. Agencies.

The Governor indicated he will authorize other state agencies to cooperate in the crash program. He also pledged his help in any way possible and to recommend to the Legislature "necessary funds to fulfill this important responsibility."

STIFF GUN LAW URGED — Pressure from prosecuting attorneys is beginning to sift through to legislative candidates who are being urged to pass a gun registration law during the 1965 session in an attempt to reduce the crime rate and help police solve crimes.

Latest of the recommendations along this line comes from Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade. Gun registration is on the list of the most-controversial issues a legislature can tackle and proposals on the subject frequently are skirted.

TEXTBOOK PROTESTS PILE UP — About 500 individual letters and 39 petitions bearing some 3,398 signatures concerning three high school biology books have been received by Governor Connally, Education Commissioner J. W. Edgar, and the State Board of Education.

And more are arriving every day.

Most protestors claim three of the eight biology books being considered for public school adoption by the State Textbooks Committee have "an excessive amount of evolution in them."

All letters and petitions are being filed for the State Textbooks Committee to review, since Connally, Edgar and the State Board have no say on textbooks selection.

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