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State Capital Roundup

sibly eight.

By VERN SANFORD **Texas Press Association** AUSTIN - Gov. Preston Smith's first-state tax program fared unexpectedly well in its

initial legislative test. Anguished cries were raised at a House Revenue and Tax Committee hearing by beer, cigarette, coin-operated laundry and cable television interests at sections of a \$175 million revenue bill directly affecting them. Of the four, however, the coin laundries appeared to make the most impression on the Committee.

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Surprisingly, not a witness appeared against Smith's proposal, contained in a separate bill, to place a \$10 state sur-tax on moving traffic violations. He estimated that would raise \$38.5 million.

Also, it was a surprise that regular laundry, cleaning, dyeing, parking, repair and machinery rental concerns remained silent. This since they, too, would go under the three per cent state sales tax if Smith had his way. Naturally, this may or may not indicate consent. Extendng the sales tax to include them would raise an additional \$57.8 million

during the next two years. Cigarette distributors claimed that the \$71 million bite they would suffer, if the per-pack tax is raised another four cents to a total of 15 cents, would drive away smokers and might result Harris in a loss of state revenue. They also claimed that Smith's \$6 million tax addition for cigars and other tobacco products would lower consumption and virtually kill the Texas cigar business. Beer industry spokesmen cen-

tered their attack on the fact that they already pay \$3.40 a barrel in state taxes, which is far more than most big beerproducing states charge. Coin laundries argued they

Dallas Ellis, Hill had no way to collect a sales tax McLennan in their washing machines' nickel, dime and quarter slots and Bell therefore would have to have their machines revamped, at great cost, to take in pennies. Cable TV spokesmen made no

impression at all with their argument of discrimination. Smith's proposed one half of one per cent chemical products tax is expected to draw heavy fire from that industry in an April 16 hearing.

Floor vote on the tax bill is expected to be delayed about three weeks.

WELFARE DEMANDS GROW — Texans will be asked again-and again and again, if necessary-to increase or do away with the constitutional ceiling on state public-assistance grants to the needy, commonly called "welfare."

And they'll get their chance sooner than they think. Speaker

Gus Mutscher and Lt. Gov. Ben views on providing death and disability benefits to volunteer Barnes have agreed to ask the firemen; the 3.5 billion Texas Legislature to call a special election for Aug. 5 to vote on Water Plan; removing the conat least five proposed constitustitutional interest-rate maxitional amendments . . . and posmum on five types of bonds; and authorizing \$200 million more in bonds to finance the Texas Op-In addition to expressing their

cers will be elected and a White Elephant sale will be held. Anyby Jim Earle

> ments, 316 Redmond Drive, for a program on wigs. Houston Tometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 321 of the Physics Building. Endof-school party will be discussed. SATURDAY College of Engineering picnic

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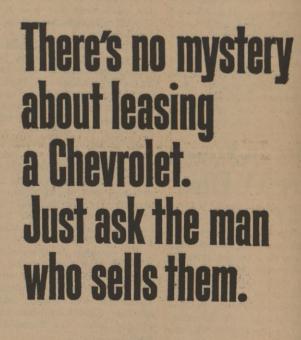


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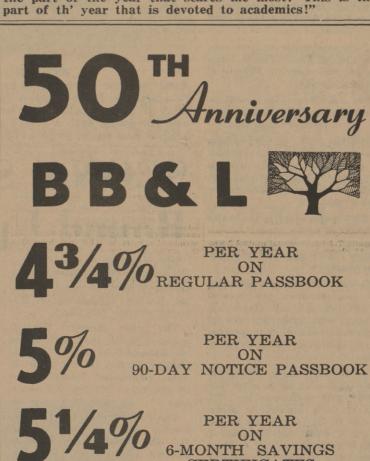
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Smith Urges Use Bexar **Of Free Thought** Wichita

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. Preston Smith called upon students and educators Tuesday to preserve an "atmosphere of free, academic thought."

Smith spoke at the opening of the University of Texas Roundup showcase, which includes 75 departmental exhibits.

"Let us determine to preserve this atmosphere of free, academ-Tati Santiesteban; John Blaine; ic thought which seeks to pro-El Paso vide the state and the world with Ector new and refined knowledge," Smith said. "Let us preserve this freedom of opportunity in the search for truth and improvement."

The governor said the sources of greatness in a university in-Potter cluded "encouragement of imagination, sensitivity, scientific and humanitarian interests . and a lively mental flexibility.'

"Let us also remember that a framework of order is necessary to insure this freedom of each individual and to foster academ-Motley, Wilbarger ic greatness," Smith said.

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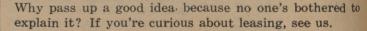
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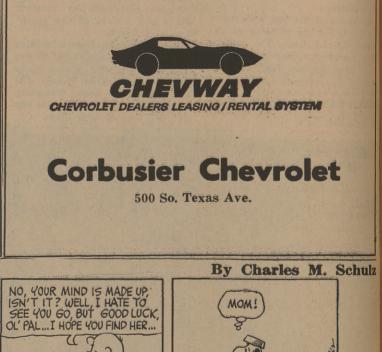
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