

Tolls could go up with new budget

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Turnpike Authority approved a 1975 budget Wednesday which may force drivers using the Dallas North Tollway to pay higher tolls next year.

The authority, which also operates the turnpike between Dallas and Fort Worth, approved an operations budget for 1975 of \$1,160,500, up 12.4 percent over the 1974 budget.

Howard Reily, engineer manager for the authority, said while the North Tollway is in good financial shape, projected 1975 revenues were \$285,000 short of the net income of \$2,710,000 the tollway must have to satisfy bond holders.

Reily said the tollway currently is collecting twice what it needs to satisfy interest payments, but in 1974 will probably fall some \$198,000 short of the net income it promised to maintain when the bonds to construct the highway were sold.

The board authorized a study of the tollway by outside engineers to see what the new toll would be. Norma Westerfield, one of the engineers, said while his study might show a lower toll would actually in-

crease traffic enough to meet the requirements, it was not likely.

The present toll on the expressway is 20 cents, while Reily nor Westerfield would hazard a guess as to how big a hike would be needed to meet the 1975 budget.

Reily said collections were hurt on the tollway by the energy shortage and by the moving of airline traffic from Dallas Love Field to the new airport between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Revenue at the Love Field exit on the tollway was down 20 percent this year, Reily said.

The study would be completed by Jan. 31, 1975, Westerfield said.

The board also authorized a feasibility study on the building of a toll bridge across Mountain Creek Lake at Grand Prairie to connect Texas 303 and Loop 12.

Don Harper, another consulting engineer, said such a bridge would save drivers five miles in their present trip around the lake.

Yet another study authorized by the board Wednesday could affect the present projected date of 1977 when the board turns over the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike to the State Highway Department as a free highway.

Scientist says media raised public insanity

DENTON, Tex. (AP) — Dr. B. L. Cohen of the Institute for Energy Analysis at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, says the news media and misinformed scientist have created "public insanity" on nuclear reactor safety.

The nuclear physicist is here for a conference at North Texas State University.

Cohen said in an interview, "Nuclear energy is the safest type of energy by a long shot in its impact on health and environmental safety." He said any danger is "negligible."

"There has never been an accident at a commercial reactor," he said, noting that there are about 40 operating in the United States.

"We have a real serious energy problem. Oil and gas are not really options these days," Cohen said. He said 42 new nuclear reactors were ordered last year. He estimated there would be about 120 by 1981 and 1,000 by the year 2000.

Cohen noted that the oil on Alaska's North Slope will only supply about four years worth of today's present oil consumption—when the

oil pipeline begins to transport it later in the decade. He also said "even the Middle East will be out of oil in 30 or 40 years."

Cohen said the U.S. has enough uranium and thorium to supply nuclear reactors for 100,000 years.

"There are a hundred things to do about the energy problem and we have to give them all a reasonable try," he said. Among those options Cohen listed solar and wind energy and coal gasification, though he said it would be 10 years before coal gasification makes any measurable contribution to energy needs.

Cohen said the Federal Energy Administration will publish its "Independence Blueprint" next month, outlining plans for the nation's energy future.

"Realistically, no one predicts the U.S. will be able to stop importing oil and gas before 1990," Cohen said.

He said until then the public can help by driving smaller cars at lower speed to conserve gasoline, and adjusting thermostats to save heating and cooling costs.

40 countries represented at annual People's Festival

Food, song and dance representing 40 countries will be the main attractions at the annual Brazos County People's Festival Friday and Saturday at Manor East Mall.

Handicrafts and food from the various countries will be sold at the booths. Throughout the day native songs and dances will also be performed. "The whole idea is to appreciate the cultural diversity in this area," Davis said.

The ethnic groups most common to Brazos County are Italians, Czechs, Poles, Negroes and Mexican-Americans, said Davis. "A lot of A&M students have played a big part in the black culture booth." He added that soul and spiritual bands will be featured.

Local civic groups including the American Legion, PTA, Boy Scouts

and Girl Scouts have organized an America booth representing Texas heritage.

Some of the other cultures that will be represented are Iranian, Chinese, German, French, Columbian, Costa Rican and Ecuadorian.

Dances include Italian, Pakistani and Polish folk dancers, the Informal.

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donesian Candle Dance, a Spanish dancer, American Square dancers and a belly dance.

More than 2,000 individuals worked to organize the festival, said Claude D. Davis, festival director. "I think our festival is much better than even the state festival in San Antonio because of the Aggie foreign students—we can have so many more booths."

Campus briefs

Buses to transport students

Three chartered Greyhound buses will transport students to the A&M-Baylor football game in Waco Saturday.

The buses will leave from behind Duncan Dining Hall at 4 p.m. and return immediately after the game. The cost is \$7 per person. Food and beverages are not provided.

For more information and reservations call Hank Wahrmund at 845-4049.

Midnight yell to be in Waco

For the first time in 20 years Midnight Yell Practice will be held in Waco the eve of the Texas A&M-Baylor game.

The Midway High School Football Stadium will host the Friday night session. The stadium is located west of Waco on Estates Drive.

The Aggie Band and yell leaders will assemble at the stadium at 11:30 p.m.

Yell practice will also be held this afternoon at 5:05 at Kyle Field. The team will be present.

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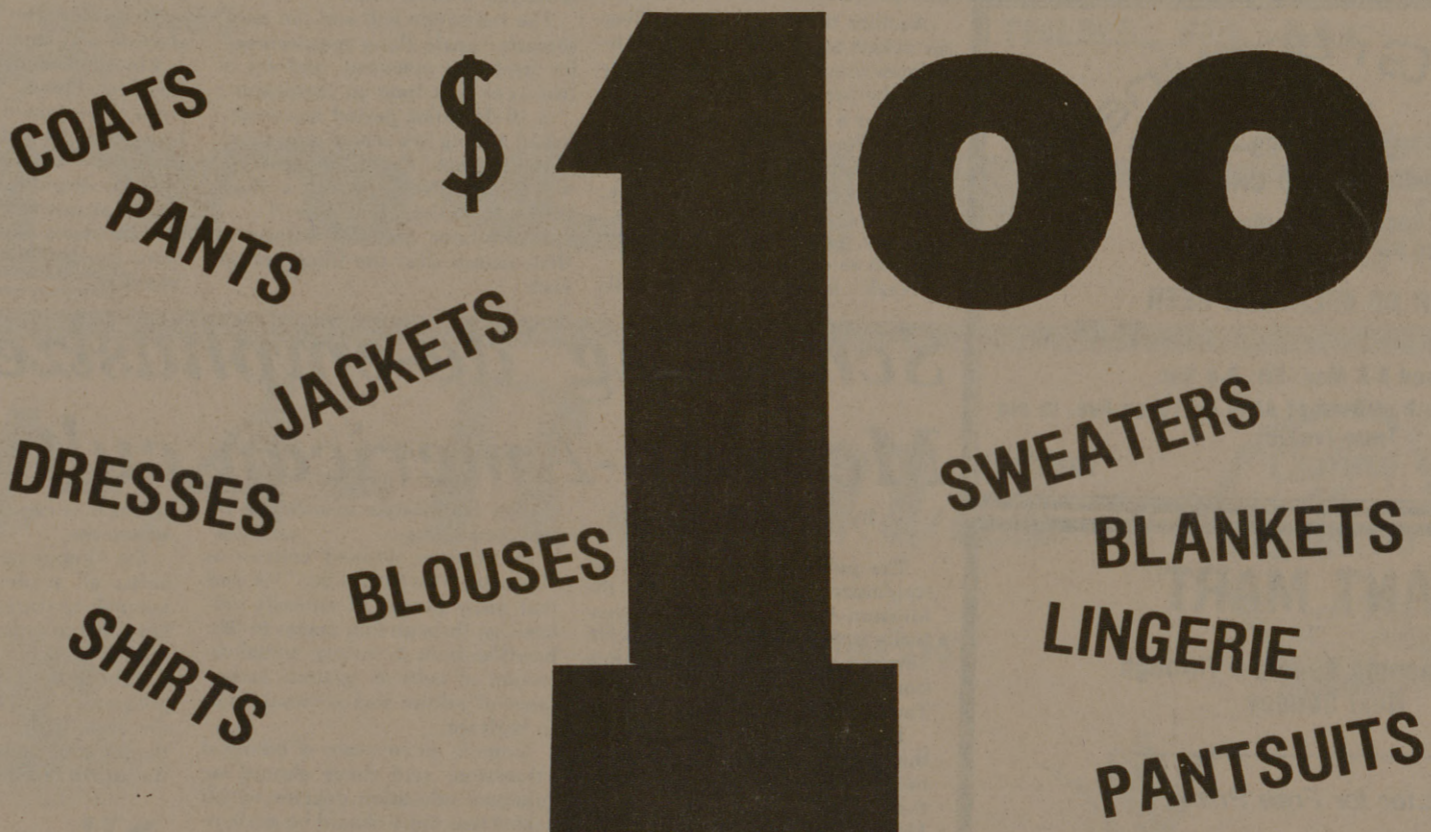
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