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WAS IT A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson denies that the new highway just completed in Bell County, between Belton and Temple, was a Christmas present to the home people.

The highway is a new form of road, constructed in a manner different from any roads in this section. The governor says that the road was built partly as an experiment, and predicts that the state of Texas will save many millions of dollars by building such highways in the future.

The governor says that the road was constructed in Bell County because of the central location of Bell County—not because Bell County is the Governor's home.

It is not the designation of the new highways in the governor's home county that so much affects the people of Texas as the undoubtedly irregular manner in which many millions of dollars of the state's highway money have been expended, without competitive bidding and oftentimes at a price out of all reason. The governor could be permitted to make a Christmas present to the people of Bell County each year much cheaper than to face "unconscionable" profits on highway building and maintenance of all kinds, such as the Attorney General charges are now being made by the several companies enjoying contracts from the Highway Commission.