

SET DESIGN . . . Richard Cameron and George Peterson, students at Bishop Montgomery High School, listen to sophomore Gary Bouchard explain the working model for Montgomery's Christmas show stage settings. Bouchard designed the settings for this year's performance of the annual Christmas pageant and will supervise the construction work.

Tax Scandal Brings New Hope of Reform

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situation in various parts of the state, the most recent of which was in San Jose. The investigative staff of the De-partment of Justice has sifted the evidence in many coun-ties, and is cooperating fully with the Assembly commit-

tee.
The whole scandal was triggered, it will be remembered, by the revelation that an East Bay tax consultant had "ar-ranged" with the assessors in several counties for special treatment of his clients, so far as assessment of their far as assessment of their equipment and inventories was concerned. The extent to which bribery was involved, and the amount of taxation evaded by these clients, is still under investigation. In still under investigation. In the course of its work, the Department of Justice turned up many other illegal ar-rangements in counties other than those in which the first consultant was implicated. THE ATTORNEY-General,

on the basis of his staff's de-tective and auditing work, has estimated that the counhas estimated that the counties affected have lost \$200 million pear year in tax revenues because of fraudulent tax reports by businesses. The chairman of the Assembly committee reported that fraud specialists from the Department of Justice have discovered in most counties procedures for checking businesses. procedures for checking busiprocedures for checking business tax statements are so perfunctory that they constitute an open invitation to falsification. And it should not be forgotten that home owners and other small property owners must make up the amounts evaded by the businesses who cheat.

It is interesting to bill of our 1965 regular ses sion, about which I wrote at the time, would have com-pletely repealed the tax on business inventories, on the ground that its imposition tended to drive business out imposition of California.

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Montgomery High School are nearing completion, according to Sister Rita Frances, CSJ, who will direct the pageant.

The program will feature a series of slides illustrating the text of special music to be presented by a 90-voice Hallelujah Chorus. Special narrations, prepared by Sister Celine Marie, CSJ, of the English department, will be read.

Eleanor Taylor, a 1965 Montgomery graduate, will return to the campus for a solo in the production, Slides for the show are being pre
Instruction in childbirth preparation and infant care began yesterday at the Riviera Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd.

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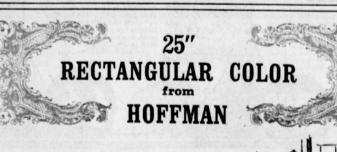
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