School Administrators Take Action

A group of school administrators and State Representative Dick Waterfield met Monday night at Spearman High School to discuss what actions may be taken as a result of the Edgewood vs. Kirby Supreme Court ruling. The Edge wood vs. Kirby decision mandated the State Legislature to change the system of funding public schools in Texas.

The school administrators wanted to be able to have some input into the shaping of the new funding system. Mr. Waterfield was there to provide his insight as to what the State Legislature might do and to serve as a pipeline for the administrators to the legislators.

The administrators attending the meeting came from the smaller school districts throughout the north Texas Panhandle area. Therefore, they called the group the North Canadian Finance Coali-

Superintendent Larry Butler opened the meeting by welcoming the administrators to the meeting and explaining the format of the meeting. The Morse School Superintendent presented a paper outlining the history of the Edgewood vs. Kirby case. After that Representative Waterfield discussed what he thought the State Legislature would do. Finally, the floor would be open to questions and input from the administrators present

According to the paper Superintendent Harris presented, the Supreme Court ruling stated important statements. First, it af-

firmed the Harley Clark decision that the Texas Public School finance system is unconstitutional. Second, it said the new system must give "substantially equal" education to each student. Third, it required action by the Legislature by May 1, 1990. Finally, it gave no instructions for remedy, but left that to the State Legisla-

Representative Waterfield believed the Legislature would not take any action on the school finance issue until April. The governor has alaready called a special session of the Legislature for later in November to deal with the workman's compensation insurance issue. Representative Waterfield speculated if the workman's compensation was dealt with quickly enough, the school financing system might be added to the agenda. He felt more likely the issue would be left until an April 1990 special session.

In the April special session the Legislature would pass a temporary measure that would meet the qualifications of the Court. They

would then deal with permanent change to the system during the next regular session.

According to Waterfield, most likely temporary solution to the school finance problem is to adopt a quaranteed yield plan like the one proposed by State Comptroller, Bob Bullock.

Representative Waterfield concluded by encouraging the administrators to provide him with information about what their schools needed out of the the school finance system and how changes would affect their

During the rest of the meeting the administrators and Representative Waterfield discussed some of the systems of school finance that have been proposed and how they might affect the schools in

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting by students in the food science class at Speaman High School. They were Feliae Saldivar, Maria Munoz, and Joy Kizziar.



SISD Superintendent Larry Butler [left] and State Representative Dick Waterfield [right] fielded questions as part of a panel discussion at the

meeting of the North Canadian Finance Coalition. this is a Coalition of area school superintendents who want input into the new school financing Legislation.

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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

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Veterans Day Program Set For Thursday

A Veteran's Day Program will be presented Thursday, Nov. 9 by the Hansford County Extension Homemakers, with participation from a cross-section of Spearman

The program is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. in the varsity

Boy Scout Troop 551 will serve as color guard for the flag ceremony. The Spearman High School Band, under the direction of Jerry Sparks, will provide the National Anthem and Larry Butler, superintendent of schools, will welcome those attending. James Cunningham will introduce the featured speaker for the day.

A special appearance will be made by "Celebrate," under the direction of Vicki Gibbs. The closing benediction will be given by Russ Gibbs. Hansford County

4-H Club members will serve as ushers for the event.

Andy Andreu of Amarillo will explain "The Price of Freedom" as the featured speaker for the program. Andreu, originally from Cuba, arrived in the United States July 19, 1961. Prior to his arrival, he was a full time student and a graduate of Instituto Santiago High School in his hometown, Santiago. Shortly after his arrival in the United States, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served a two year tour and was honorably discharged. Upon leaving the Armed Forces, he joined the McCarty-Hull Inc. organization in Amarillo as a warehouse and delivery clerk in 1963. He later reached the position of warehouse manager. In 1968, he left McCarty-Hull for a management position with a large chain

(Skaggs-Albertson) of retail while in the Air Force. He has also stores. He returned to McCarty-Hull in 1970 as an assistant warehouse manager. He has been with McCarty-Hull Inc. since then serving the organization in several positions including warehouse manager, general manager, and vice-president of sales and opera-

In April of 1981, he assumed his current position of President and Chief Operating Officer.

Andreu has been married to Gloria Jean Espinosa since May 11, 1963. They have three children; Jerry, 23, Robby, 19 and Janette, 14.

Andreu has done undergraduate work at Amarillo College and West Texas State University. He has completed studies and duties as an organizational supply specialist and aircraft mechanic

competed the N.A.T.D. Executive Management Marketing and Merchandising course held on the campus of the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

He has served as coach of Little League baseball, football and basketball. He is a member of the Amarillo Rotary Club and currently serves on the boards of directors of the following organizations: Boy Scouts of America, Rotary, St. Hyacinth's Church and Amarillo Catholic Education Foundation. He is also Chairman of the Financial Committee for St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church.

He served as President of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors Young Executives

See Day pg. 2



A SLICE OF CHEESE! Danna Ralston, right, poses with two cheese porters and a block of the product manufactured in Holland, where she spent the summer as part of the American Field Service's summer exchange program. The cheese Ralston is holding weighs 15 kilograms. or apporximately 30 pounds. Ralston and her Dutch family, Theo and Rini Ansems, traveled to Alkmaar, Holland, to the cheese market on

Queener Leaving Chamber

The Chamber of Commerce announced this week that Executive Vice President Cora Queener will be resigning her position around the middle of November. Mrs. Queener and family are moving back to her family's hometown of Oneida, Tenn.

The Queener family has lived in Spearman 11 years. Mrs. Queener has worked for the Chamber four years. Her husband, Robert, works at Interstate Savings and Loan Association. They have four boys named Adam, Damron, Benjamin and Loren. They are all active in school and community activities.

Robert has already secured a position in a bank in Oneida. Cora is planning to occupy her time remodeling their new house and generally settling the family in a new town. She plans to be very

active in the Baptist Church in Oneida. After the family settles in Cora would like to go to school and get her credentials to work with underprivileged children.

The Chamber Board will be accepting resumes from interested individuals until November 10. They will conduct interviews on November 15, and hope to have a replacement for Mrs. Queener shortly after that.

The parts of her job Mrs. Queener said she liked the most included having a chance to build her self confidence. It got her involved in the community and gave her the feeling that she was giving something back to the community. The job gave her the chance to meet some very special

These people and her church are the two things Mrs. Queener says she will miss the most.

The granddaughter of some really special to me. Hansford County residents spent

Granddaughter In Holland

a very special summer in Holland. Danna Ralston, daughter of thing,' Seth and Anita Ralston of Dimmitt, spent two months in Haastricht, Holland under the American Field Service's summer exchange student program.

Ralston is the granddaughter of Edith Smith and Preston Smith of Spearman, and Reva and Bill together. Hunter of Gruver.

Ralston describes the time she spent with her AFS family in Holland. Her host parents, Theo and Rini Ansems, didn't have any children

'It was always fun!" is the way

of their own, but they had two nieces that were more than happy to show the American around and introduce her to teenage life in their country.

"I was really lucky," Ralston "My parents were both retired, so they could spend a lot of time with me and could take me everywhere. I saw almost all of Holland with them. Connie and Karen Luijks (the couple's nieces) were really great friends.'

Traveling was a major part of Ralston's summer. She wasn't just restricted to touring Holland,

"I visited four countries this summer - Belgium, Germany, Holland and France. My parents took me to Paris, France during my last week there for a going away present. That was really

lovely. It was a surprise and was

The Ansems "were always wanting to take me to see every-Ralston said. "We traveled to the Three Country Point. It's a place where Germany, Belgium and Holland all come together. Each country's flag flies there.

Ralston and the Luijks sisters also did their share of sightseeing

'We bought 'Teen Cards,'' which are train passes good for four days. With the cards we could travel anywhere in Holland. We saw the cheese market, windmills and the famous Ann Frank House," she said.

The scenery was something different to Ralston.

"There was water everywhere and many of the towns have canal streets.

The town she stayed in, Maastricht, was located by the River Maas, and was even named after water - Town on the Maas. The most famous landmarks in

Holland are its old buildings and churches, and the windmills. The Dutch windmills were found wherever Ralston looked. Although most of the windmills were locked and closed to the public, she was able to take a look inside

"There were little, tiny beds inside the windmills," she said. People used to live in them and See Holland pg. 2



SYMBOL OF HOLLAND The Dutch windmills in Holland were the 'most beautiful part of the scenery," according to Danna Ralston. The Dimmitt High School senior spent the summer in Holland under the American Field Service's summer exchange program. The windmills were found everywhere in Holland, even in the middle of cities, according to Ralston, and people used to live in them.

from Lexington, Ken., where he

had been a professor of art at the

University of Kentucky, to a ranch

20 miles south of Shattuck. At that

time he began a career as an

artist - teacher - gallery owner,

which he continued for 38 years.

In 1953 he opened a gallery in

Agnes, of Shattuck; three child-

ren Brewster E. Fitz and wife

Carol Lynn of Stillwater,

Okla., Carolyn Virkhaus and hus-

band Rein of Kalamazoo, Mich.

and Dale E. Fitz and wife Beatriz

of Houston; two sisters, Lonetta

McQuigg of Shattuck and Elma

Lue Case of Lipscomb, Texas; a

sister-in-law, Flossie Fitz of Shat-

tuck; three grandchildren, Vello

E., Tarmo E. and Anneli A.

Virkhaus of Kalamazoo, Mich.;

and a number of nieces and

of Directors of the T.A.T.C.D.

In 1976, Andreu was the

recipient of the Texas Association

of Candy and Tobacco Distributors

Candy Man of the Year Award.

In 1978, the same association

awarded him with the Tobacco

Man of the Year Award. Also in

1978, he was awarded by the

National Association of Tobacco

Distributors the Kolodny Young

Executive Achievement Award,

the highest honor bestowed by the

industry on executives under the

The family of

Charlene Glover

Dale & Onie Moyer & Family

Jeannie Womble & Family

Chuck & Dee Audleman &

He is survived by his wife,

Amarillo.

nephews.

age of 40.

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Frank and Helen Oglesby of meet next weekend. Lubbock spent the weedend with Virginia and Garland Head. They were in Spearman to attend the Retired Pastors Recognition Day at the First Methodist Church. Frank, a former pastor here, was the guest speaker.

The Oglesbys were pleased to greet many old friends.

Bert and Julia Wofford, with Audrey and Erin, have moved to Tascosa. They are House Parent Trainees at Boy's Ranch and are looking forward to very rewarding work with the young people there.

House guests of Frosty and Mrs. Hickerson for more than a week were her parents, Martin and Ella Johnson of Hermitage, Arkansas. It was their first visit here since the Hickersons moved into their new home. Frosty has renewed confidence in his own judgement now since Mr. Johnson, who is a carpentar, was very complimentary about the house.

Bob and Sherrill Meek returned Wednesday from several days in Wichita Falls where they met her brother, Rick Driscoll. Rick, who is the school band director at Seymour, had his band there for the UIL district marching contest. The band received a 1 rating and qualified to be one of two bands that will compete in the regional

The Meeks returned by way of Tulia and visited with son Greg and his family.

Wayne Meek who has been living in Abilene, is visiting his parents here.

There was a mini-reunion of a Spearman High School class in Amarillo when Bob and Barbara Hartman, who live in Dallas, came through enroute to Santa Fe.

They had dinner with Larry and Yvonda Pipkin Stokes. Then they all met Carolyn Collard Long and Jim McLain at the Harvey Hotel. They spent the evening reminiscing and looking at re-union scrapbooks.

It was learned that Bob's brother, Hobson Hartman, now lives in Denton as does Zora Hartman and Mary Frances Richardson Garcia. It is hoped that all can attend

the all high school reunion here next spring.

After the freeze this week, the leaves are falling from every tree and in every direction and unbidden, a poem, learned in childhood, floats by.

'The leaves are falling, falling; Solemnly and slow,

Caw! Caw! the rooks are call-

If, after scratching the glass,

the surface seems pitted or if

vinegar does not remove the

"Filming is most commonly

caused by water hardness," Quir-

ing said. "The calcium and mag-

nesium in hard water drops left on

glassware at the end of the

Food films result when the

protein residue of milk, soft-cook-

ed eggs or rare meat combine with

the calcium and magnesium in

Treating the film with an acidic

material such as white vinegar or

citric acid should remove the

buildup, Quiring said. Commer-

cial products also are available,

but care should be exercised when

tives that cause the water to

'sheet'' off the dishes also may

hard water.

help.

washing cycle will dry in place."

It is a sound of Woe, A sound of Woe' My. My. ain't that doleful?

Glassware Spotting Result Of Hard Water, Films

Glasses fresh out of the dish- the type of cloudiness is a film. washer may be clean, but look cloudy. Part of the reason may be the water.

The key to dealing with cloudy cloudiness, the problem is etchglasses is determining the cause, said Dr. Susan Quiring, a housing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"There are two main types of cloudiness: a build-up or a film of matter on the glass or etching or leaching out of metal ions from the glass," Quiring said.

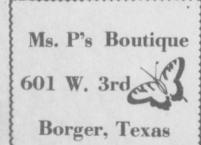
To determine what problem you have, try scratching the surface of the glassware with a pin or other sharp object. If some of the cloudiness scratches off, the problem is filming.

Another method of identification is dropping some vinegar on the surface in a cloudy area and rub with your finger. If the surface using these products. Rinse addiof the glass is clear when it dries,

Hospital Notes Thanksgiving

Davis

Admissions Wednesday, Nov. 1: William Innis, Billy West, Vina Haupe Thursday, Nov. 2: Willard

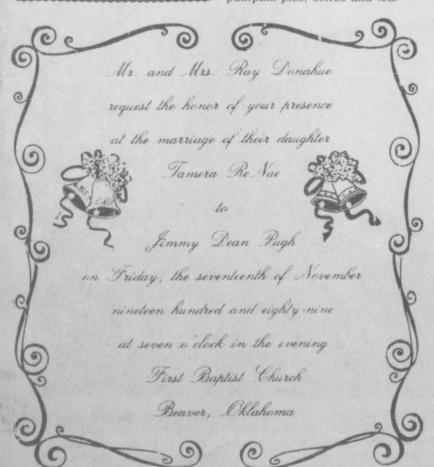


Dinner Set

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Union Church is taking place Thursday Nov. 16. They will be serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$5.50 at the door. Children under 6 are free. Tickets are available at the Church or by calling 659-2454.

The menu this year will be turkey and dressing, gravy, creamed and sweet potatoes, green beans, jello salads, relish plates, hot rolls, apple, pecan and pumpkin pies, coffee and tea.



RAINBOWS & RANGLERS by Marlene Knolner

Eight squares danced to the calls of Murry Beasley, "The Oklahoma Cowboy" from Texhoma, Saturday night in the county barn.

Visitors from Liberal were Don and Carol Gillaspie, Ali and Fay Gokeman, Roscoe and Roberta Cassady, and Mark and Karen Wilson; from Elkhart were Cecil and Maudie Stewart: from Goodwell were Lester and Peggy Miller; from Fritch were C.A. and Wilda Brown and Morris and Ada Creel; from Guymon was Gerry Lickliter; and from Keyes was Bob Roberts.

Visitors from Perryton were Howard and Nancy Barkley, Myron and Janee McCartor, Wayne and Glenda Bryant, June Kindy, Ed and Lois Merydith, Steve Shultz, Gene and Rayma Jean Clack, Billy and Nora Johnson,

Janet Broxson, Ginnie Pilcher, Carolyn Limbocker, Jerry and Kaye Murphy, James and Norma Burris, Loren and Maylene Harder, and Cliff and Loretta Vick; from Booker were Tommy and Betty Sue Jones, John and Francis Westman, David and Rita Frank and Jack Clark.

Members present were Joe and Wanda Archer, Alvin Byers, Benny and Joyce Byers. Tommie Dickey, Terry Horton, Sonny and Marlane Nollner, Donald Newman, Carol Short, Worley Smith, Gwen Shuler, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Johnny and Virginia White and Cecil and Myrna Biggers.

The next dance will be a Plus Dance on November 9 with Murry Beasley calling.

Lessons are scheduled to begin the third Thursday in January. Interested persons can contact one of the members.

Library Book Notes

by Rita Curtis - Librarian

Genealogy Inquiry--The Hansford County Library

has received a request for genealogical information from a man in Bloomington, Minnesota. The gentleman in question is attempting to locate any information on Monroe Waren, Jr. and his family or descendants. Mr. Waren for Warren) died in Guymon, Ok. in 1908 and had resided in Hansford County from 1900-1907. Mr. Waren was married three times. His wives were Elvira Russell, Artie Missy Honey, and Molly Meek.

Are there any descendants of Mr. Waren in the area? If anyone knows of any, please contact the library at 659-2231.

Early Newspapers on Microfilm The library has purchased 2 microfilms of early Hansford County newspapers. There is a reel of the Spearman Reporter, Dec. 17, 1919 and Dec. 26, 1919, and a reel of The Hansford Headlight from May 11, 1917 -Dec. 12, 1919.

The films were purchased through the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University. The library intends to buy the remaining 14 reels of the Spearman

with Tailtwister Fines donated to the library by the Spearman Lion's

reader that may be used at the library. There is however, no printer attached.

Holland from pg. 1-

they were set up like a small house. They even had kitchens. The one I went in was in Schermerhorn, but most were closed to the public. I think they were probably the prettiest part of the landscape," Ralston said.

When she wasn't on the road, Ralston and her parents stayed home and played cards. She said that was the main thing they did for enjoyment, and she learned a lot of card games because they were always playing a different

Connie Luijks took her to a lot of kids my own age.' All the kids my age spoke

English well. They start learning the language in the second Ralston learned there are two

types of high schools in Holland a four-year program and a six-year 'The four-year high school was

attended by kids who just planned on getting a job after graduation. The six-year school was for college-bound students. Bicycles were found everywhere

in Holland, because the legal age for drivers is 18. "When kids in Holland turn 18

they can get a driver's license, but it's hard and expensive to get one. They have to take 60 lessons and they cost \$20 apiece. They have to complete all 60 lessons before

they can take a driving test. Only one out of ten people pass the test the first time. Many try four or five times before they finally pass. My mother didn't have a driver's license," Ralston said.

She said the speed limit was 100 miles per hour, and it was "really pretty scary.

"You really have to be aware of what you're doing because the streets are always full. The town's population is 115,000, but they told me you can double that number in the summer because it's a tourist town.

"We shopped a lot. Saturday morning was our main shopping graduation party when she first day. Holland has supermarkets. arrived, and she said she "met a but we bought most of our food from individual shops - a meat market, cheese market, vegetable and fruit shops and a bakery. Most of the time it took us two to three hours to buy groceries when we could have bought it all in a supermarket in about 15 minutes," she said.

Ralston didn't have a problem with the Dutch language because she didn't have to speak it. Her father had lived in Australia for six years and he spoke perfect English, so he was able to translate for her. Her mother spoke some English, but it was a little difficult for the two to communicate.

"She (my mother) had been trying to learn English from books, but she learned a lot more while I was there. We always depended on my father to trans-

Bridal Shower

Honoring Sherry Dement

Bride- Elect of Willis Boyd

Saturday, November 11

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Spearman Union Church

& Country Reddler

Selections at Sacks, Cha Lor's

Reporter and the Hansford Plainsman. Jan. 9 1920 - Dec. 26, 1974. The microfilms were purchased

The library has a microfilm

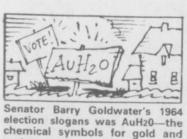
out our dictionaries and learned we could communicate. I just learned a few Dutch words. I can't put them together in sentences. one for Americans to learn' she said.

a little strange to Ralston, but she adjusted quickly.

day, and the other two were just delicacies was Hagel Slag, which is chocolate sprinkles on bread and butter.

"The Sunday meal was a big thing. The table was laid in fancy settings, usually with China," she

Ralston's experience was one she'll never forget, and she said the most special thing about her trip was her family.



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Obituary

Dord Edward Fitz

Dord Edward Fitz 75, died Oct. 14 in Newman Memorial Hospital in Shattuck, Okla. Interment was in DeBolt Cemetery at Arnett,

Born in Ontario, Ore. on April 17, 1914, he was the third child of Ella Lee Brewster and Arba Virgil Fitz. After graduation from Bishop High School in 1933, Fitz entered college at Northwest Oklahoma Teachers College in Alva. Okla. He completed his B.A. in art and English in 1937 and did graduate work at the Art Institute of Chicago. He earned an M.A. in painting and art history from the University of Iowa.

He was married to Agnes Edmunds of Bowling Green, Ken. On August 29, 1939. He served in the U.S. Army in 1945 and 1946. In 1951 the Fitz family moved

Day from pg. 1 late. On Tuesday nights he played and currently serves on the Board bridge, so my mother and I took of the Executive Management Division of the same organization. He served as President of the Texas Association of Tobacco and Candy Distributors Young Execu-The Dutch language is a difficult tives Division and also currently serves as a member of the Board

The different eating habits were

'They only ate one hot meal a bread meals. One of the Holland





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SCHOOL FINANCE EDGEWOOD VS. KIRBY

by Larry Butler SISD Superintendent

I am sure many people have had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the Edgewood vs. Kirby decision handed down by the Texas Supreme Court. For those who have not had access to what it entails, hopefully I can broaden their base of understanding on the topic.

San Antonio Edgewood ISD filed suit against the Commissioner of Education and the Texas Education Agency alleging inequities in the funding of public education in Texas. The suit has worked its way through the legal process and a decision has been reached stating agreement with Edgewood and the other intervenors in the suit.

Across our great state many disparities and inequities exist between school districts, especially in the amount of wealth that can be generated from taxable values. This is the basis by which the law suit originated. Within the bounds of the suit, I find points of contention and concern, not only as a public school administrator, but also as a parent and a taxpayer.

The Supreme Court ruling provides a unique opportunity for the legislature to fix a system that has long been dysfunctional. In my opinion, one of the first orders of business will be to determine what is equal opportunity. I have no qualms that all students within the boundaries of our state should have opportunities that are equal to all. What I do have a problem with is the term equal. When we begin to engage ourselves in a matter such as making all equal, are we then delving into a role of playing God? I would certainly hope that our legislators would not engineer such a structure, and their main concern would be in the field of opportunity.

I am concerned that many in the legislature will envision the court ruling as a mandate that can be achieved by simply injecting more money into the systems. The system in fact needs more money. but that issue is secondary to the court mandate.

Justice Manzy wrote:

"The legislature's recent efforts have focused primarily on increasing the state's contributions. More money allocated under the present system would reduce some of the existing diswould at least only postpone the the system efficient. A band-aid and in this instance loudly.

will not suffice; the system itself must be changed."

Over my twenty years of experience in public education, I have witnessed the band-aid principle in practically every legislative session during this span of time. The band-aid has been in the form of mandating programs to be funded by the local taxpayers. This has been the ointment they have applied. The results have been in the form of a growing wound, gingerly covered every two years by legislators more concerned with re-election than finding a positive long-range cure.

My greatest concerns center around two focal points. First, districts such as Spearman ISD produce excellent graduates with a high priority on local effort. Many of the so-called poor districts complain about lack of funds, yet their local tax effort is much lower than our rate. Be alerted to the fact that some discussion is centered around a collective gathering of all local taxes in Austin, then a disbursement to districts throughout the state. The results, your local taxes could end up in Mission, Texas. The real fear on my behalf, is the loss of local control.

Second, I would hope that we do not allow the legislature to lower higher achieving and above average wealth districts to a level of mediocrity. This also is a very real possibility due to the fact that our funds could be slashed and so-called poor districts would be the recipients. Again, we would see a dirty band-aid placed on an oozing wound.

I believe with all sincerity that local autonomy is a must for our system of democracy to flourish. True, new monies are needed, but from the state level, and not as an additional burden on local taxpayers. Equal opportunity can not and will not be achieved by allowing our state leaders to participate in robin hood endeavors. As the special session in late spring grows ever so close, I encourage you to contact your representative and senator concerning this issue of school finance. If you wait until they meet and quickly adjourn, you may well find another segment of your democratic freedoms silently taken away.

I do not claim to be an authority on school finance or legislative endeavors, but I do know from experience what transpires when the public silently waits while the government actively enacts. The parities between districts but end results can only be catastrophic unless we, as an informed reform that is necessary to make electorate, voice our concerns;

Task Force Gives Status Report

ber, the agents of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force have been active in the Panhandle area. Their efforts have resulted in 31 felony arrests and 16 misdemeanor arrests. Agents executed three narcotic search warrants and assisted other agencies 14 times.

Five thousand dollars worth of narcotics were seized along with \$4,724 of U.S. currency. Stolen property recovered by Task Force agents amounted to \$12,300.

Two significant cases that took place this month were:

-A Task Force agent filed on 10 defendants out of Pampa, all for deliveries, which were served by the Pampa Police Department. -Task Force agents assisted

During the month of Septem- DEA, DPS, and local authorities in arresting five felony defendants in Amarillo and Dumas, along with 21 other felony arrests in the Dallas, Texas; Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana areas. These arrests were the result of a 21/2 year investigation initiated by the Task Force. There were 76 counts of conspiracy to manufacture and distribute amphetamines involved

in these cases as well. Agents are currently conferring with IRS and DEA agents about the air smuggling situation in the Panhandle region. Any information that you might have regarding narcotic dealings would be

greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Sgt. Tony Baptiste at 378-3076.

Letter To The Editor

There appears to be some bad information being spread around the amendment that would allow the Permanent School Fund to guarantee state revenue bonds issued for locally approved school construction.

I want to set the record straight about Proposition 12.

In 1983, the voters approved an amendment to the Constitution to allow the Permanent School Fund to guarantee local school-bonds. Proposition 12 would just allow the same Permanent School Fund guarantee for state bonds issued for local school construction.

Earlier this year, the Legislature created a new program that I proposed to help reduce interest costs for local school districts by combining locally approved bond issues into a larger, more cost effective state bond issue. Proposition 12 would allow the Permanent School Fund to guarantee those state bonds to get a better interest rate.

If, in 1983, voters were willing to extend Permanent School Fund guarantee to locally issued school bonds, who would object to guaranteeing state revenue bonds that will be paid off by local school districts? The answer is the "con-

sultants' who receive fees from local school district bond issues and who would get cut out of some the state about Proposition 12 on of the action if the state helps the November 7th ballot. This is districts combine their bond

> local school district "financial advisors' in the pocketbook by cutting their fees. That's why they're against it. And their opposition alone should tell taxpayers that this is a good idea.

> Proposition 12 would not increase administrative costs. The larger the bond issue, the more cost effective it is. Many school districts are now buying expensive bond insurance to get a high bond rating to produce a low interest rate. A Permanent School Fund guarantee backing state bonds would assure a high rating at no additional cost to local districts.

I can't say that in every case the state bond program will help a school district arrive at a lower cost. But if districts can get a better deal by banding together under the state's umbrella to lower their payments for legal and financial services, as well as reap the possible benefits of lower interest rates, they should have that choice.

Sincerely, Bob Bullock Comptroller of Public Accounts

suited to the individual's needs,

and other information vital to

families making the decisions to

place a relative in a nursing

However, she said, "An

increasing number of people use

the number for reporting

suspected inadequacies at facili-

ties. In Fiscal Year 1989 more than

7,000 complaints were received,

requiring investigation." She said

that the TDH Bureau of Long

Term Care recently has added

specially trained nurses and inves-

ligators to ensure prompt and

thorough responses to all

Spiritually Speaking by Sam Steele First Presbyterian Church 'The Carrot is better than the Stick.

Proposition 12 would hit some

charge. But more often than not, this only made things worse. Until a discovery was made donkeys and mules love carrots so someone tied a carrot on a string at the end of a pole. The carrot was held out in front of the animal, who naturally walked toward the carrot --- thus making the job of getting this stubborn animal to go where you wanted it

Have you ever heard the state-

ment, "The carrot is better than

the stick"? I remember my grand-

father telling me about this state-

ment. He said that donkeys and

mules can be very stubborn

animals, and if you want to get

them to go somewhere, it often

was a difficult task. The only

solution, for a time, was to use a

stick or whip to encourage the

donkey or mule that you were in

to go much easier. In the almost two years that I have served a church in this community, I have been impress-

people of Spearman. But the one that stands out the most for me is the spiritual quality of the churches. Spearman is blessed with good churches and with caring pastors-sounds funny to hear that from a pastor. But it is true.

Yet, did you know that only one-fourth (1/4) of the City of Spearman is actively involved in one of the churches of this community? That is sad, because it makes me think -- Spearman is a good community with only onefourth participation; just think what Spearman would be like with 50 percent or 75 percent or even 100 percent participation.

Here is the carrot: good churches, caring pastors, loving people, a God who loves us, forgives us through Jesus Christ, and sustains us through the Holy Spirit, worship, prayer, fellowship, service. What a carrot we have before us. I encourage each of you to discover or rediscover a church here in Spearman. The carrot is there--follow it to church. For the ed by many activities, events, and carrot is better than the stick.

Railroad Commission To Hold Hearing

The Railroad Commission announced it will hear comments from motor carriers, shippers, local officials, and other interested persons on the surface transportation industry in Texas at a hearing set for Dec. 7 in Kerrville.

Chairman Kent Hance and Commissioners John Sharp and ames E. (Jim) Nugent will open the hearing at 8:30 a.m. at the Y.O. Ranch Hilton, 2033 Sidney Baker.

Commissioner Nugent said the hearing will provide those interested in Texas' transportation future a unique opportunity to present their information directly to the three commissioners.

"The transportation industry in Texas is every-changing," said. "Competition is keen, there are concerns about driver shortages, rising costs, and increasing competition from other modes of transportation. That information will be important to us as we set the course of transportation regulation in the state for the months and years ahead.

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Opportunity Meeting Monday 7:00 p.m.

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TDH Routinely Inspects Long Term Care

facility.

When a family places an elderly or disabled member in a nursing home or other facility, they often must overcome both emotional and financial difficulties. The Texas Department of Health (TDH), which licenses, certifies and inspects long term care facilities of all types, offers information and guidance through each stage of decision-making.

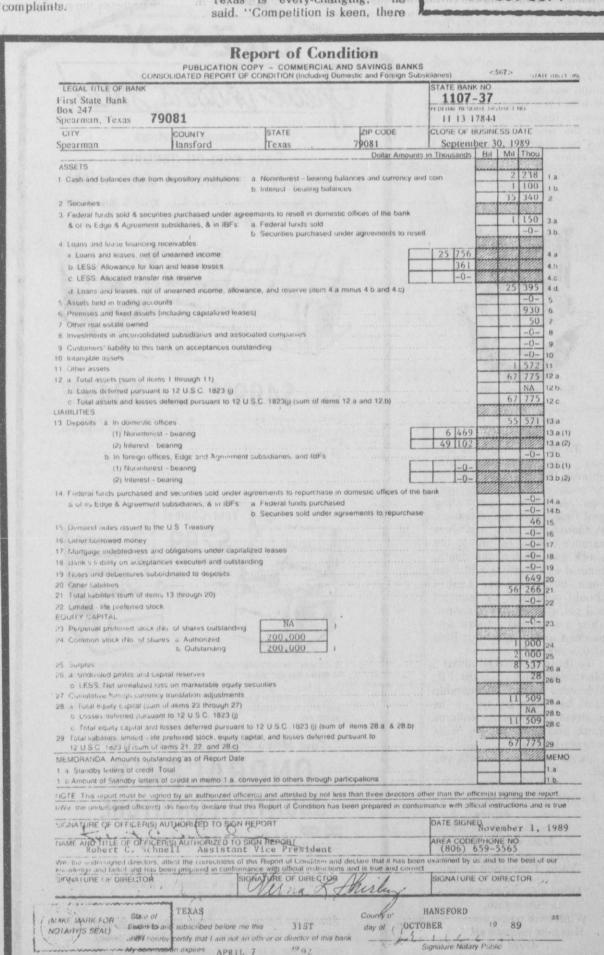
However, according to Charline Stowers, information officer for the TDH Bureau of Long Term Care, family responsibility for a resident's well-being does not stop when the resident enters new surroundings.

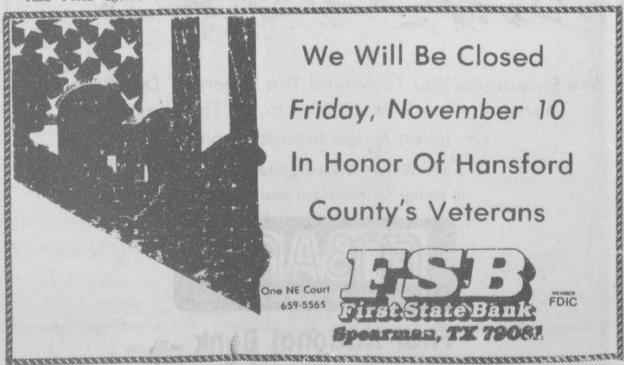
"Even if a family and the resident are completely satisfied with the care they have selected, family members still need to visit the nursing home as often as possible, not only for the sake of their loved one's happiness, but also to observe whether the home is fulfilling its commitments to its patients," Stowers said.

She explained that TDH routinely conducts at least two inspections yearly at each of the state's 1,500-plus nursing homes. personal care homes, facilities for the mentally retarded, and adult day care centers. One of the inspections is done during the facility's annual licensing or certification renewal. All inspections are unannounced, and may be in response to complaints about the quality of care at a given home.

We want to know about any violations of state standards for service in nursing homes or other facilities licenses or certified by TDH. We also need information about any unlicensed homes operating unlawfully. The identities of both the complainant and the resident are protected. The facility staff will not be given their names. Complaints are given priority, and to make reporting them easier for the public, we operate a toll-free line in Austin, for receiving complaints or providing information.' Stowers said.

She explained that the information line [1-800-252-9106] is used by people inquiring about the types and locations of facilities, how to select the facility best





To to many cooks spoil the pot? That is a question the diners at the Golden Spread Center could have answered as they ate the catfish supper Tuesday night. It was prepared by the First State Bank

personnel. Here Jim Shirley [left] appears to instruct Larry Trosper on how to properly prepare the fish. Lucky for the diners the real boss of this event, Muriel Boyd, had the final "say so."

Beulah Abston came out of 12 years of retirement to serve free pop corn to customers at First State Bank on Fridays. Mrs. Abston retired from FSB after 15

years of working there. Here she is serving a bag of popcorn to Jim Strawn.

Deer Study Dispels Some

popular big game species, the miles per hour plus, to find the whitetailed deer, may have as deer moved more then than at any many myths surrounding his behavior as he does truths.

Dr. Steve Demarais, a Texas Tech researcher, said results of a four-year South Texas study he conducted using radio collared animals showed some more popular beliefs are sometimes only partly correct.

"The more I work with these animals, the more I realize they are highly unpredictable and difficult to pattern," said Demarais.

He said he did find many patterns of movement, however, that can prove helpful to hunters in their efforts to bag trophy deer.

Demarais spoke during a recent deer hunters workshop conducted here by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The researcher said cold fronts, for instance, are helpful in getting deer to move about. With the arrival of a cold front, movement is significantly greater than before the cold snap.

"This comes as no surprise because we have known that deer move best when there's a front coming through. The new information here is the day after a front is just as good for hunting as the

day of the front. Demarais said another relatively accepted previous fact about hunting was that deer don't move well when it's windy. "This was the case initially. Deer moved most when the wind was zero to four miles per hour and from five to nine miles per hour. Movement started declining when the wind exceeded 14 miles per hour," he

We were somewhat surprised



THANK YOU

To all who helped in any way, from the time Dord entered the hospital emergency room and continuing unto now, we express our lasting gratitude and appreciation. Without the help and love extended to us by many, the shock and grief of his death. funeral and burial would have been overwhelming. Lest should omit one, or many, I will not attempt to list names. They are myriad - those who touched and blessed our lives at this time.

To those who asked about a Memorial Fund, a Dord Fitz Memorial Arts Scholarship fund has been set up at the Shattuck, Oklahoma, National Bank, and donations are being accepted there.

Peace and love be with you

Family of Dord Edward Fitz -Agnes E. Fitz Brewster and Carol Fitz Dale and Beatriz Fitz Carolyn F. and Rein Virkhaus Vello, Tarmo and Anneli.

"What once was my yes Is now my no. What once was a guess Has now become so." -Dord Edward Fitz Fall, 1989

SAN ANGLEO-Texas' most when it was really windy, say 20 other time," he said.

This is a little difficult to explain from a biologist's standpoint. I think the deer may just get skittish. Deer are sight-andsound-oriented in their defense. When the wind increases up to a point they get skittish and if a twig breaks they jump up and run.'

What this means to hunters, according to Demarais, is deer are most predictable in their movement when the wind is calm.

"However, as a hunter, you might get a shot at a good buck on a very windy day when most other hunters have gone home," he

"A lot of people think a full moon makes for poor deer hunting because the deer go out and feed at night," said Demarais.

We found that deer activity definitely is influenced by the moon. Yes, the deer were out feeding at night, but they also were out during the day. So the hunter shouldn't worry about full moon periods affecting his day hunting," he said.

Demarais said deer move most in the early morning and late evening. In summer, because of the heat, most deer are out only at

He said there are exceptions to county Farm Bureaus. all rules, and with the whitetailed deer, the big exception is the breeding season, more commonly dubbed the "rut,"

"The rut is a crazy time for deer," said Demarais. "That craziness is what makes it such a good hunting time. The buck's activity pattern become disrupted during the breeding season and he stays active all day long."

Demarais said his study showed potential for late afternoon hunt-

"If you are serious about taking a trophy deer, don't hunt just for two or three hours of a morning. Go back to headquarters, eat lunch and take a nap; then go back to the blind for a late afternoon hunt. There's a lot of activity going on during that part of the

Texas Farm Bureau's Resolutions Committee, comprised of 41 farmers and ranchers, will meet in Waco Nov. 6-8 to prepare a set of policy recommendations from the 1,200 resolutions received from

Those final resolutions will be presented to the voting delegates at TFB's 56th annual meeting Nov. 26-29 at Fort Worth.

Resolutions on state issues approved by voting delegates at Fort Worth will become policy for the organization during 1990. Adopted resolutions pertaining to national policy will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation to be considered at its 71st annual meeting Jan. 7-11, at Orlando, Fla.

The TFB Resolutions Committee is composed of three leaders from each of the 13 TFB districts across the state, the chairman of the TFB Young Farmer and Rancher Committee and the vice president of the state organization, who will serve as the committee chairman.

in Texas approved policy resolutions during their annual meetings this past summer through October. Issues covered included farm program provisions, environmental regulations, animal welfare, taxes and water rights.

Committee Prepares Resolutions

The Committee's job will be to study the resolutions submitted by County Farm Bureaus and compile a comprehensive set of proposed resolutions to be voted upon by the more than 1,300 delegates at the state convention.

TFB Vice President Bob Turner of Voss is the committee chairman. Steven Bearden, TFB State Director from Harlingen, is vice chairman; and Bob Stallman, TFB State Director from Columbus, is secretary. Earl Brown of Brownfield is chairman of the TFB Young Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee.

Other committee members include the following:

C.E. Williams, Panhandle; Roddy Allred, Wildorado; Clarence Monroe, Friona; Jarus Flowers, Tulia; and Dewey Hukill, Olton.

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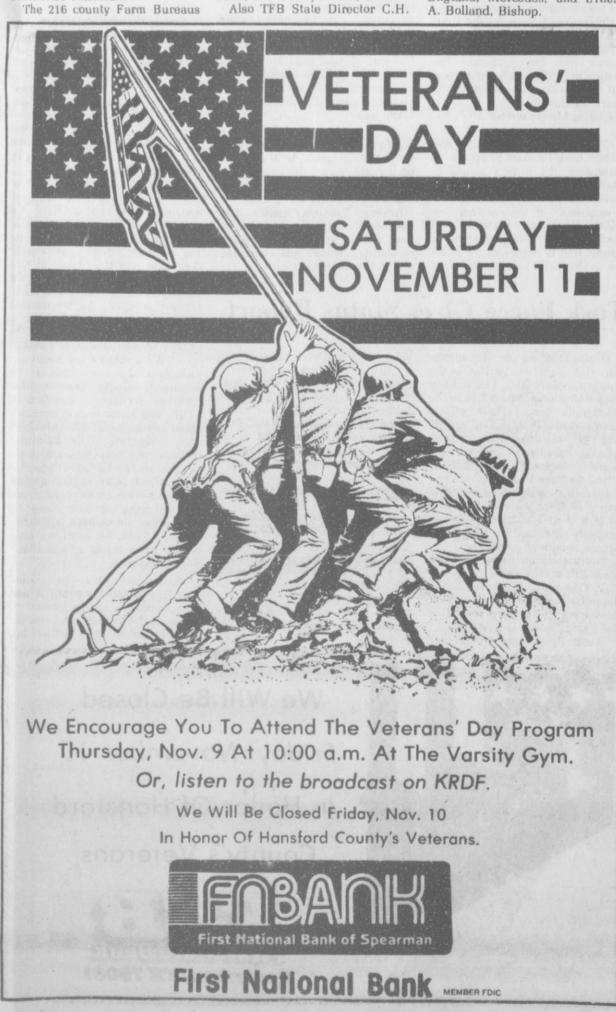
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Others are TFB State Director Don Smith, Sulphur Springs; Paul Bayer, Arthur City; Willie Merle Mason, Carthage; Rickey Gruben, Roby; Jerome Hoelscher, Midland; Mike Murchison, Menard; Rodney Faubion, Winters; David Dahlberg, Brady; Patsy R. Martin, Mason; B.G. (Billy) Waldrop, Collidge; Robert Paulsen, Thorndale; and Gary Conn, Hearne.

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WACO--The Texas Farm Bureau Tuesday asked for a

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misuse of producer funds by the

Texas Commissioner of Agricul-

ture and his top officials following

publication of a copyrighted news

story in the Oct. 31 Dallas

Morning News concerning those

"We urge a thorough investiga-

tion by the U.S. Department of

Agriculture of state-federal acti-

vities between the USDA and the

Texas Department of Agricul-

ture." Texas Farm Bureau Presi-

dent S.M. True said Oct. 31 in a

letter to Agriculture Secretary

"The findings of such investigation should be made public as

soon as possible," True said.

"There is a suggestion that this

matter is politically-motivated. and we believe that a full report on

all federal activities with TDA is

the only way to resolve this

"We further believe that if the

allegations prove correct that producer funds have been misused,

this matter should be pursued to

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deputy have billed thousands of

dollars in travel and meals to a

state-federal crop inspection pro-

gram, including many credit card

charges that appear to be ques-

The inspection service, whose

traveling inspectors are super-

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On November 7 Texas voters eliminated. The pilot loan prowill have the opportunity to vote to continue the agricultural water conservation equipment loan program (Proposition 18). This program allows groundwater conservation districts and soil and water conservation districts to borrow money from the Texas Water Development Board and then loan those funds to irrigators to purchase equipment which will reduce water losses.

ground]. He guessed the correct weight of the

This program has been successfully administered in areas of Texas as a pilot program since 1985. During the 69th Legislative Session (1985), seven water related bills were passed. One of the bills provided for the low-interest agricultural water conservation equipment loan program. The voters in 1985 approved the sale of up to 200 million dollars in bonds to finance the program. The State Legislature this year realized the benefit from such a program and passed Senate Joint Resolution 44 which removed the time limitations on the loan program upon voter approval of the proposed Texas Constitutional Amendment (Proposition 18).

Of the total water used annually in the State, approximately 70 percent is used for irrigation. Inefficient use of water has led to depletion of the groundwater aquifers and only through improved irrigation efficiency can these overdrafts be reduced or

gram proved to the Legislature that the program will work by providing irrigators with lowinterest loans to purchase more efficient application equipment. The loss of irrigation water is reduced in many cases by as much as 40 percent.

Congratulations to Dan Kunselman [right fore- shown surrounded by a few friends excepting his

Equipment which is eligible for the loan include center pivot sprinkler systems, surge valves, low pressure drip irrigation equipment, soil moisture monitoring equipment, furrow dikes, laser land leveling equipment and underground pipelines.

The Texas Groundwater Conservation Districts Association is an association composed of local underground water conservation districts throughout Texas. During the 71st Session of the Legislature members of the Association testified before the House and Senate Natural Resources

Committees on many of the bills relating to water. The Association is in full support of this issue.

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Mr. Comer Tuck, Supervisor of the Agricultural Conservation Unit; Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711, (512-463-7958), or Richard Bowers, Manager, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District No. 2, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029 Ph. 806-935-6401.

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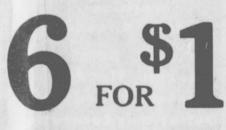


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