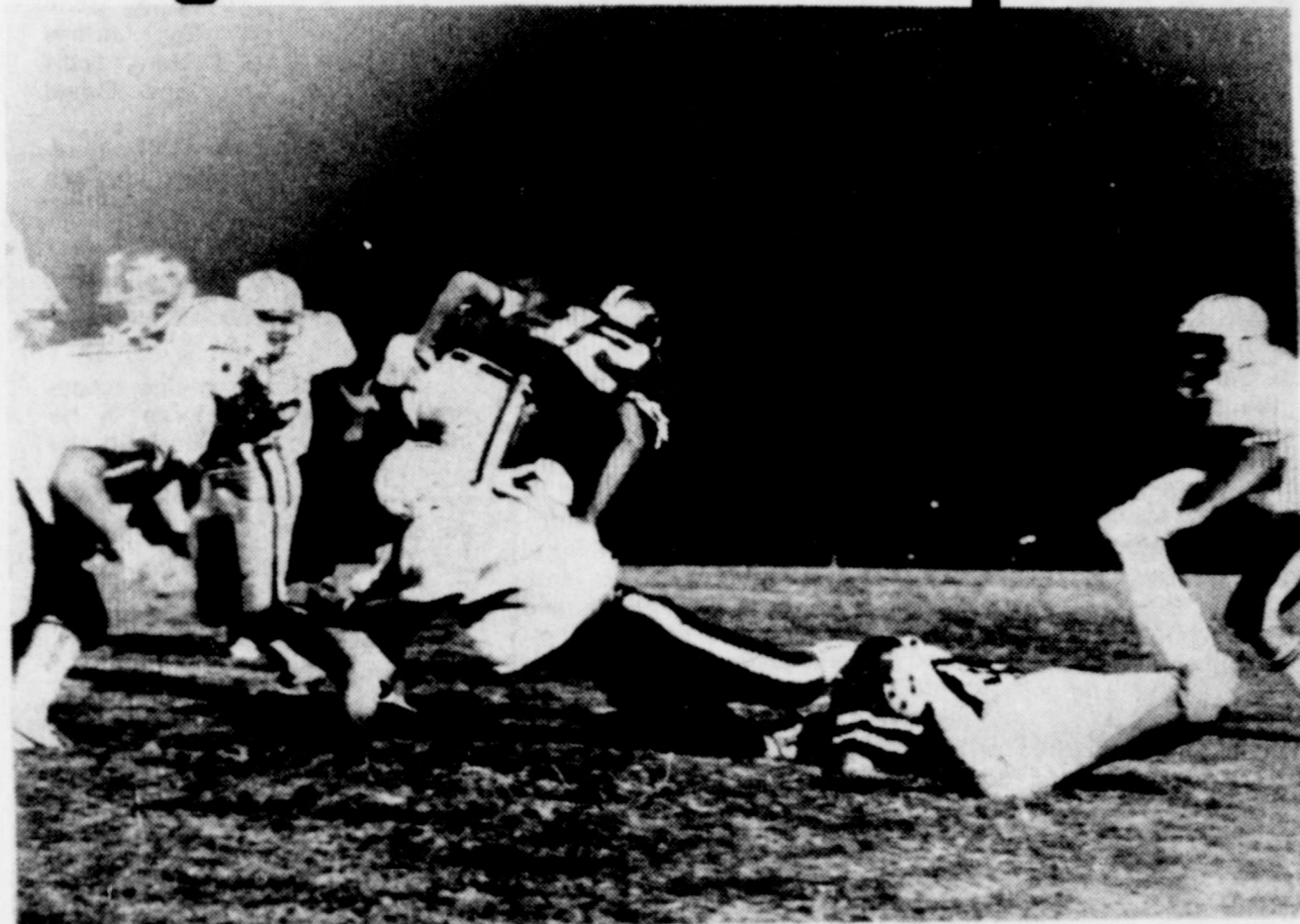


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 12, 1985 Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

Badgers down Hawley 20-12



§ Dean Franklin [12] picks up yards in the Badger's win over Hawley.

The outcome was never in doubt here last Friday night as the Merkel Badgers jumped to a 20-0 lead over Hawley and defeated the Bearcats 20-12 in the season opener for both teams.

The Badgers scored three times on the ground with touchdowns coming from Dean Franklin, Matt Cain and Shane Newberry.

Keith Watson added two extra points and the snap was fumbled on the 3rd attempt.

Badger head coach Dick Lepard told *The Mail* Tuesday "I thought we executed real well. It was the first time a lot of us had been on the field together and we didn't look sloppy. That's a credit to the kids and my assistant coaches."

Lepard said he was very pleased with the play of the offensive line and said Keith Watson, Danny Santee and sophomores Chris Biera and Shane Newberry played excellent football.

He did say the Badgers would be working to improve the defensive secondary and work on receivers this week.

The Badgers will host the Jim Ned Indians at Badger Stadium at 8 p.m. Friday night. Thursday, the Junior High and Junior Varsity teams play in Tuscola and the Freshmen will travel to Sweetwater.

Lepard said he was proud that the Badgers won all three of their games last week. He said "The J.V. squad is loaded with talent, there is a lot of varsity material on that team. We used two new quarterbacks (David Doan and Mike Lambert) and they scored 30 points last week in their win. That's a compliment to them."

He also said "The Freshman team is a joy to work with. They are winners, they have never lost a football game and I am real proud of that group."

About Jim Ned, Lepard said they run an option offense and have more size than Hawley and said "We aren't taking them lightly. They got beat by Anson last week but Anson's got a good team this year."

He also said the Badgers don't

have any injuries that will keep people from playing and attributed that to the weight training. "We still work on it two or three times per week and we think it is paying off."

Lepard also said he was pleased with his team's attitude and says the competition for positions is doing a lot of good. "We have a lot of kids out here that are competing for starting spots. That may be unpopular to some people but so is losing."

Lepard also put in a plug for the Badger Booster Club. "I would like to encourage all the parents of high school students to join and get involved with the Booster Club. They have done a lot for us in the past and we are going to be asking them to do more this year." He also invited parents and fans into the Badger locker room after games and said he appreciated the support the Badgers received here Friday night and invited everyone to the game. "I'd like to see everyone get involved in one way or another."

MISD gains 66 students; district out of classrooms

"We are close, but we are within the law, at least today" was how MISD superintendent Bill Everett responded when asked about MISD's compliance with HB 72's mandate of 22:1 student-teacher ratios in effect this year.

In fact, if one more kindergarten student shows up at Merkel Elementary, MISD will be over the 22:1 ratio.

MISD's enrollment had gone up 66 students, to 1,477 in only four school days. As of Monday there were 214 students at Tye, 521 at Merkel Elementary, 372 at Merkel Middle School and 370 at Merkel High.

MISD is also pushing the 22:1 ratios in three grades at Merkel Elementary. There are 91 students, 92 in 3rd grade, and 90 students in the 5th grade.

Also pushing the 22:1 ratio are each grade at Tye Elementary.

On top of that, MISD has no classroom space if the law requires any of the grades to be broken down into smaller classes.

Everitt summed up those facts by saying "I tell you, I don't know what we are going to do. We can't vote a full scale building bond—the votes just aren't there. We need, in place by the start of school next year, 8 classrooms for the high school, eight at Tye, six or eight at the Middle School and probably a few more at Merkel Elementary school. That's next year. By 1988 we will have to have more."

He added "we will be 'o.k.' this year but in September of 1986 we will need at least 26,960 square foot classrooms and we don't have the funds to build that many classes. If we don't build them, we will have to go into "split shifts" next year, and I am not kidding."

(Editor's Note: Split shift classes are when some students would go to school in shifts, for instance, 7 am - 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. in grades where not enough classroom space existed. It has been used to accommodate student enrollment in South Texas, and was used in Abilene about 25 years ago.)

Everett said the increasing enrollment would be the main topic of the next two or three school board meetings because "If we are going to build additional classrooms we have to get started by Jan. 1st, 1986."



§ Badger quarterback Matt Cain lets one fly behind good blocking. The

Badgers will host Jim Ned here Friday night at 8 p.m.

Football, classrooms ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

The sports department sure went well this weekend with the Badgers, Cowboys, Oilers all taking wins in their season openers.

The Badgers put Hawley away in the 3rd quarter as they defeated the Bearcats for the first time in three seasons. The defense looked good to me, the offensive line was hitting people giving Cain time to throw and the backs room to run.

The Badgers will host the Jim Ned Indians at 8 p.m. Friday and the JV and Junior high teams will travel to Tuscola Thursday. The freshmen play in Sweetwater.

The Freshmen and JV teams both won last week.

I heard some very favorable comments about the new facilities at Badger Stadium.

Congratulations are in order for the Merkel High Band, who was named best AAA Band at the West Texas Fair & Rodeo parade.

We didn't see the parade, but the band looked good on video.

A Merkel youth was transported to Children's Hospital in Dallas Monday afternoon by a U. S. Aarm medical evaluation helicopter.

Paul McCauley of 710 Avondale here has been in ill health since contracting meningitis as an infant. He has been through seven operations.

He will be under the care of Dr. Skyler at Children's Hospital.

The Merkel School board will be

dealing with a problem in the next couple of meetings that we all have known about but seemed uneasy at facing.

MISD is out of classroom space again. The district will be "more or less" within the law on the 22:1 student-teacher ratios in Kindergarten through 2nd grade this year, next year, no way, according to MISD superintendent Bill Everett.

When I interviewed him Tuesday he said MISD needs 26 classrooms by the start of school next year, more in 1988 and MISD does not have the money to build the classrooms. He also thinks the votes "aren't there" for a bond issue and he and the board are in a "Danged if you do, danged if you don't situation."

MISD doesn't really have too many alternatives in dealing with the need for additional classroom space. There aren't enough existing buildings that can be converted into enough classrooms to fit next year's needs. There isn't enough surplus funds to build the 26 needed classrooms next year. There may or may not be enough people willing to vote for a renovation bond of somewhere close to \$1.5 million and the only other way to get the classroom space would be a lease-purchase plan that would have to be paid for through, what else, local funds, meaning higher taxes.

So, faced with all of that, what's your suggestion. If you want, mail it to me at Box 428 and I'll make sure Bill sees it.

But, when all of that is con-

sidered, the superintendent said that if we don't find a way to come up with 26 classrooms in the next 12 months, then some MISD students would be on a "swing shift" schedule, just to comply with the laws.

And, as he added, he wasn't kidding.

After all, it's no joking matter.

The West Texas Fair & Rodeo hasn't brought a rain so we might have to ask Dale to start thinking about another one of his rain-maker cartoons. Just the mere mention of that last time brought a couple of good showers.

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Lot clean-up bid awarded

The Merkel City Council held a brief meeting Monday night and approved a bid for lot clean-up for three lots here.

Councilmen also heard the monthly police report and approved bill payments.

Harold Walker of Merkel, was the lowest of three bidders for lot clean up at three local locations. The clean-up is a part of the ongoing Community Development Block Grant. Watt's bid of \$1,025 was the lowest bid. Two other local firms, Watts Backhoe and Riggan Brothers, also bid on the project.

Council also heard the monthly police report from police chief Ray Pack. His department worked a total of 91 cases in August.

Broken down, police worked five cases of criminal mischief, five prowler alarms, answered four burglar alarms, issued 22 citations, had two run-aways reported, arrested two for disorderly conduct, and arrested three for possession of marijuana.

Also, police investigated two cases of child abuse, arrested three for public intoxication, investigated two cases of phone harassment, investigated seven thefts, five burglaries, six family disturbances, and three assaults.

Police also made 12 misdemeanor arrests and five felony arrests. They also worked one

accident, and a case each of criminal damage and destruction and criminal trespassing.

Post office sets carrier-clerk exams

The United States Postal Service announces examination to establish a register of eligibles from which future Clerk-Carrier(s) in the Merkel Post Office will be filled. A clerk sorts mail and distributes it by using a complicated scheme which must be memorized. Carriers have to collect and deliver mail.

Starting salary rate is \$9.48 per hour.

To qualify applicants must pass a written test, and meet physical requirements.

UGSA will meet to vote on new by-laws

The United Girls Softball Association will be meeting to adopt new by-laws Sept. 23rd.

The organization is currently operating without by-laws and this meeting is being held to vote on by-laws that have been prepared by a committee.

UGSA supporters said this was a very important meeting because

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, age, color, national origin, sex, handicap(s), political affiliations or any other non-merit factors.

Application forms for the examination may be obtained at the local Post Office, Merkel, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Applications must be submitted by September 20, 1985.

For more information or a copy of the proposed by-laws, contact Billy Clark-CPA, Becky Holmes, Pat Bigbee, Alyce Carter, Kathy Carroland, Pat Warren, Cathy Pack.



Running back Douglas Taylor [20] makes a good block on a Hawley pass rusher. The Badgers won their season opener 20-12.

JV downs Hawley 30-6

The Merkel Junior Varsity opened their 1985 season on the road in Hawley and won big, 30 to 6. The Badgers played a great defensive game with outstanding plays coming from Chris Reyna, Billy Hair, Mark Aldrete, Michael Woodall, Mike Lambert, and Scott Guenther.

The Badgers scored first in the opening quarter when Mike Lambert intercepted a Hawley pass and ran it back 45 yards for a touchdown. The extra point failed. Hawley came back and scored in

the second quarter and tied the game at 6 all.

The Badgers struck again just before the half with Ray Goff scoring from 5 yards out to give the Badgers a 12 to 6 halftime lead.

Merkel got their offense untracked in the second half to put 18 points on the board with the defense allowing 0. Quarterback David Doan threw 15 yards to end Mark Aldrete for one score. Rickey Doan ran from 7 yards out

for another score and Michael Woodall blocked a Hawley punt to set up a 5 yard run from Mike Farthing for the final score.

Outstanding on offense and leading the way with great blocking were Steve Williams, Randy Graham, Marty Windham, Robert McFaden, Michael Woodall, and Todd Smith.

The Badgers travel to Jim Ned Thursday, September 12 for a 7:30 kickoff. Please come and show your support.

Freshmen top Wylie 28-7

The Freshmen Badger football team overcame a slow start and numerous first game mistakes to take a 28-7 decision over Wylie here last Thursday. The Badgers trailed 7-6 at halftime but played a strong second half despite 3 touchdowns that were called back to take the win.

Scoring touchdowns for the Badgers were Freddy Gonzales and David Johnson. Wade Toombs and Davey DeLeon also caught touchdown passes from Kenneth Jowers. Kenneth Jowers and Freddy Gonzales added successful 2 point converses to complete the scoring. The Badger line dominat-

ed Wylie and was led by John McNeal, Scott Easley, James Glaze, John Paul Dudley, Scott Graham, Lee Cain and David Biera.

The freshmen play at Sweetwater at 6 p.m. this week and are home to Ballinger at 7:30 on the 20th.

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School Menu is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 16: Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches.

Tuesday, Sept. 17: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, lima beans, lettuce and tomato salad with choice of dressing, garlic bread, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, Sept. 18: Bar-B-Que links, potatoe salad, fried okra, corn bread, rosey pears.

Thursday, September 19: Beef tacos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, apple-sauce cake.

Friday, Sept. 20: Hot dogs with chili, french fries, chopped onion, relish, carrot sticks, rice krispie bars with almonds.

Monday, Sept. 23: Meatloaf, seasoned spinach, blackeyed peas, corn bread, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday, Sept. 24: Burritos, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, apple cheese crisp.

Wednesday, Sept. 25: Chicken Pattie with gravy, whipped pota-

toes, green beans, hot rolls, whipped jello.

Thursday, Sept. 26: Tuna sandwich, lettuce and tomato, baked

Friday, Sept. 27: Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, orange wedge.

Webb's have son

Bobby and Delisa Webb, of Merkel, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Justin Charles, born August 29. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 1/2

oz. Justin has one brother, Michael Thomas. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roysden and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dubose, both of Merkel.

Girl Scout, Brownies register

Registration for Brownie and Girl Scouts will be held Friday, September 13th from 4:30 until 6:30 at the Scout Hut.

Davis in Houston hospital

Kathryn Davis, of Noodle, is in MD Anderson Hospital in Houston. Surgery is scheduled for Thursday morning. Anyone wishing to write the address is Kathryn Davis, Number 200816, 6723 Bertner Houston, Texas. She would appreciate hearing from friends.

Student council elects officers

The new Student Council members for the 1985-86 school year are: President-Kelly Riney; Vice President-Angela Thomas; Business Mgr.-Randy Graham; Reporter-Debbie Keller; Senior Representatives- Anne Everett, Amy Irvin, Tim Brandon, Kevin Mitchell; Junior Representatives- Abby Irvin, Debbie Pack, Billy Ray Riley; Sophomore Representatives- Kristy Elliott and Krista Toombs.

There will also be an election for Freshmen Representatives. So-

phomore boys Representatives, and a Junior Boy Representative. There must also be a re-election for the position of Secretary, as it had to be vacated.

The MHS Student Council started off the year with some helpful activities. Survival bags with pens, pencils, scratch pads and many other items from Merkel and Abilene businesses were given out to the teachers of Merkel High School and on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1985 a luncheon was given for the newcomers at MHS. The Student

Council appreciates all the cooperation it has been given in its projects and is excited about the upcoming year.

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Weinert beats Trent 54-6

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The opening quarter was a defensive struggle with Weinert taking a 6-0 lead. During the first quarter, Trent had the ball for

seven plays.

In the second quarter, Trent threw four interceptions that resulted in Weinert scores, and the game ended at halftime, with Weinert winning 54-6.

Benjamin Beaver scored the lone Trent Touchdown on a 60 yard run.

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Academies need applicants

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced that he is currently seeking applications for nomination to the United States Service Academies. Applications for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York may be obtained by writing to Congressman Stenholm's Washington, D.C. office.

Nominations are available to young men and women who will be at least 17 years of age, and not past their 22nd birthday upon entry into the academy in July. Nominees are selected by a competitive process, judged on scholastic aptitude, moral character, leadership ability, and community involvement. The academies offer a four-year degree in a variety of areas ranging from Civil Engineering and Physics, to American Studies and Behavioral Science. While attending the academies, cadets and

midshipmen will earn an annual salary of approximately \$6,500, from which expenses for books, uniforms and incidentals are taken. Tuition, room, board, medical and dental expenses are paid for by the academies. Upon graduation from the academies, the cadets and midshipmen will serve as officers in the service for a minimum of five years. Any persons who may be interested in applying for a nomination, or who would like to obtain additional information should write to Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, 1232-Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Applications must be submitted and filed completed, no later than December 1, 1985. Nominations will be made toward the end of December.

Farmer clan reunites

Heritage Hall was the meeting place Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1st for the descendants of H. Eddie Farmer reunion. Friends came by and visited with: Connie and Rudy Farmer, Oceanside, Ca.; Gina Farmer, Coahoma; Marvin and Freeda Egger, Bastrop; Eddie Farmer, El Paso; J.H. and Kathryn Farmer, Abilene; Alan and Melinda Hinton, Clovis, N.M.; James and Brenda Atherton, San Antonio; Terry, Vickie and Heather

McWhirter, Corpus Christi; Kevin and Della Farmer, Abilene; Dale Patti, Randy, Mandy and Cory Farmer, Abilene; Rudolph and Bell Farmer, San Diego, Ca.; Paul and Barbra Farmer, Spring, Tx.; M.H. and Darrell Farmer, Pearland, Tx.; Jana, Dale Ray and Ricky Higgins, Merkel; Travis, Phyllis, Dusty Farmer, Faye Jones, Derrell, Jynell Farmer, Becky Best, Mary, Larry and Jennifer Hewitt, Blanche and Lawrence Hewitt, Chrystal and Suzy Beard, H.E. and Edith Farmer, all from Merkel.

Round-up for rehab planned

The 26th annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children is off to a good start with more than 100 head of cattle and horses already pledged, reports general chairman Jim Alexander of Abilene. The event benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center with campuses in Abilene and San Angelo.

Despite depressed markets and prolonged drought, CRCC officials are optimistic livestock producers will agree that this cause deserves their donations of livestock or cash.

This year's Round-Up will begin with a cattle sale September 20 at the Abilene Auction. Other scheduled sales include horse sale, Oct. 5, Abilene Auction; sheep and goat sale, Oct. 14, Junction Stock Yards; and special auctions Oct. 9 in Coleman and Stephenville, Oct. 17, San Saba; and Nov. 4, Brownwood.

"We are expecting more heavy beef for this year's Round-Up than ever before," Alexander continued. "Support for the annual fund raiser comes from all over the Southwest as evidenced by pledges already received."

"We are hearing from folks from as far south as Corpus Christi and Kingsville, and as far north as Yukon, OK. Over to the west pledges have arrived from Clayton, N.M."

Alexander expressed his appreciation to those who have already pledged horses. "Many of these are registered quarter horses while others are suitable for running and cutting."

Persons wanting to make a donation should contact Cattlemen's Round-Up chairmen in their area or call the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene at (915) 692-1633.

Nearly 200 area chairmen throughout Texas will be giving their support to this event by lining up donated livestock and coordinating auction arrangements. Donated livestock are collected at designated points in

each community and transported to the auction sale.

The Cattlemen's Round-Up idea began in Bronte back in 1960 on the late Conda Wylie's Fort Chadbourne Ranch. He came to WTRC president-executive director Shelley V. Smith with the suggestion that 20 top steers be cut from his herd and sold to help

defray operational expenses of the Center.

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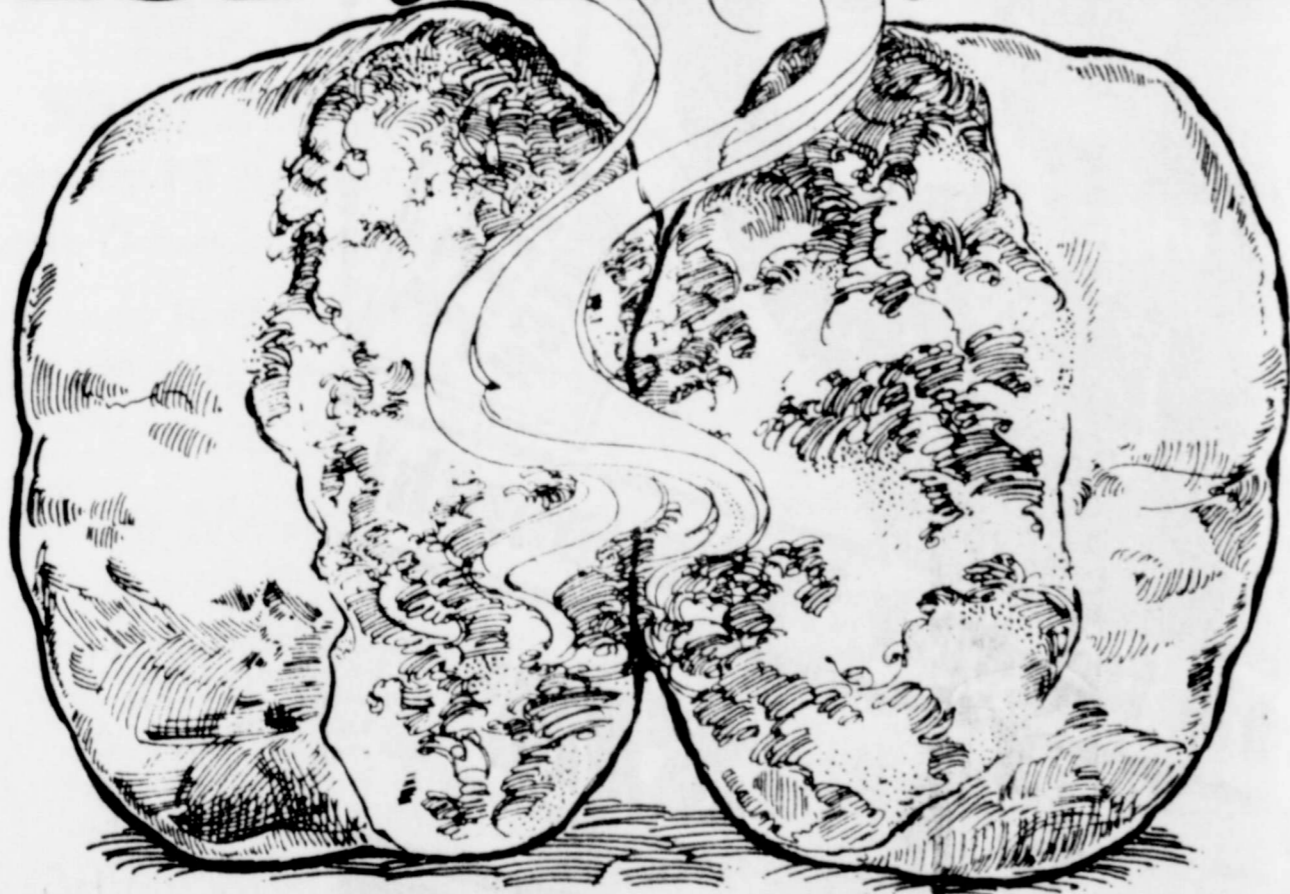
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Teachers sue over tests

The Texas State Teachers Association filed a lawsuit last week in District Court in Travis County in which it asked the Court to stop the implementation of the portion of the law that requires testing of currently certified teachers.

The suit was filed against the State of Texas, the State Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency, the Commissioner of Education, the National Computer Systems, Inc., and the IOX Assessment Associates. It names nine counts of state violations.

In filing the lawsuit, TSTA President Charles Beard, elementary teacher of Beaumont, said his organization realized that its position was contrary to current popular opinion.

"Government based on popularity polls has not always been educationally sound nor politically just," Beard said. "I offer, for example, the decades of segregated classrooms in this state which were rationalized by the politically popular 'Separate But Equal Clause.'"

At a Capitol news conference today Beard said it is ironic that while state and local political leaders cast doubts about the quality of teachers, over 71 percent of the parents of children attending a public school rated the schools with a grade of A or B, according to the Gallup Poll released yesterday.

"It is also ironic that the people who know teachers best—the Texas PTA—are on record opposing competency testing retroactively of currently certified teachers," the TSTA president said.

"The major goal of this suit is to stop the indictment of over 200,000 educators simply because some people suspect there may be a few incompetents within the profession.

"If there are illiterates within this profession, they can easily be discovered simply by reviewing the mountains of paperwork teachers are required to submit every week or by observing teachers in class. To spend nearly \$7 million to do the job of our building principals is a shameful waste of our state resources," he said.

Beard said the insult of testing, coupled with the frustration associated with the career ladder, is fueling a devastating teacher shortage throughout the state.

He added, "At present, the Houston Independent School District is attempting to recruit people 'off the street' to teach school with no more than three days training on paperwork and three days with students. The damage caused by the teacher shortage will last far longer than any benefits to be gained by a paper and pencil test.

"TSTA wants only good teachers in our state's classrooms, and we have long contended that on-site observations with written and oral evaluations are the only effective means of assuring teaching quality.

Services held for Archie Farr

Archie P. Farr, 62, of Midland, District 8 Director of Railroad Commissioner of Texas, died Thursday in a Reno Hospital following an illness.

Services were Tuesday at 11 at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Greg Smith officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Elliss Funeral Home. Memorials should be made to Hospice of Midland.

Farr was born on Oct. 31, 1922 in Vanderpool, Texas. He was graduated from Merkel High School in 1939 and served as a Bomber in the U.S. Air Force in World War II.

He was graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Petroleum Engineer.

Farr began his career in Standlind Oil and Gas Company in Andrews. He moved to Midland in 1951 and became a partner in West Texas Oil Reports before he joined the Railroad Commissioners of Texas as a staff engineer. In 1976 he became District 8 Director of the Railroad Commissioners.

He was married to Anna Beth Bedford of Midland in 1961.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Minnie Pence Farr of Merkel; two brothers, Wayne H. Farr of Abilene and Dudley H. Farr of San Angelo; a sister, Mrs. Howard Carson of Merkel; four nieces and four nephews.

"Finally, our lawsuit serves notice that the teachers of Texas are tired of being flogged and flogged for the incompetence of others. We're fed up with serving as the goat for politicians. We're fed up with the lack of support of some other so-called 'professional' organizations and teacher unions who quit or sold out when the going got tough.

"TSTA is not concerned with our popularity rating as we pursue this lawsuit. Regardless of the alleged 'PR value' of letting this mindless and demeaning exercise go forward without objection, we're not going to take that comfortable road. We're going to go forward and do what we believe is right and just. And it is surely right and just to do all in our power to bring what we consider a wrongful act before the available tribunals for judgment," he concluded.

Local club meets

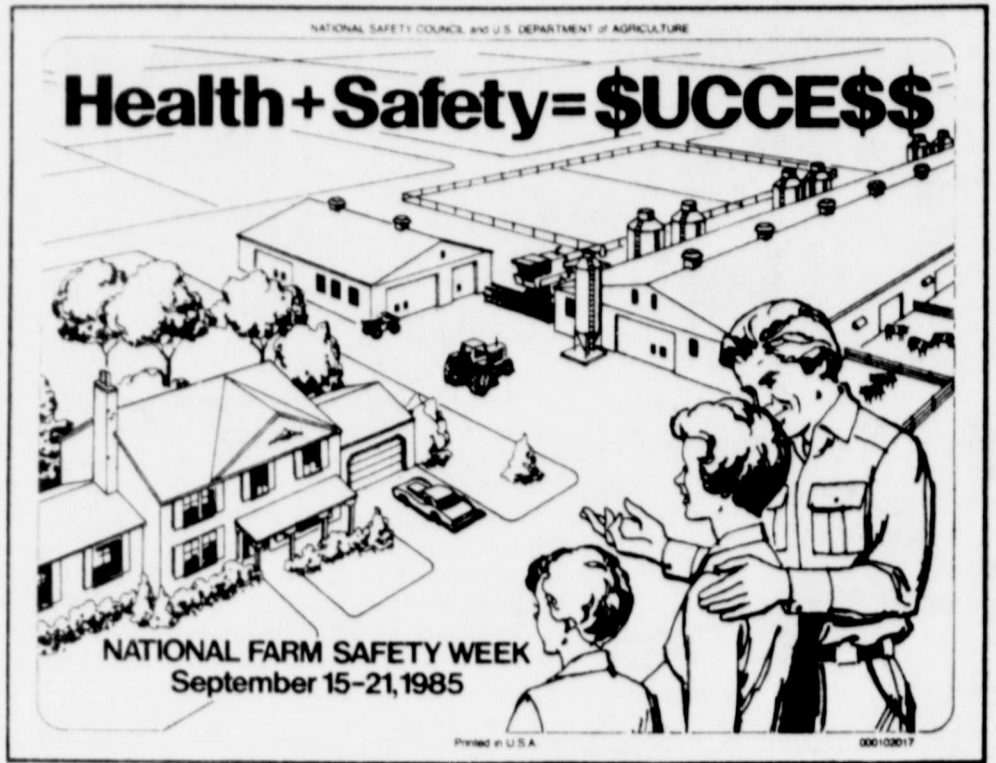
Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday at the home of Louise Dubose.

Committee Chairman gave reports on up-coming events.

Social Chairman, Jane Carson, discussed plans for a trip to Mexico.

Program for the evening was on China, given by Louise Dubose.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Kathy Leverich, Mamie Steck, Liz Eager, Val Patterson, Ruth Tipton, Connie Ybarra, Jane Carson, Betty Satterwhite, Blanche Hewitt, and Louise Dubose.



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It is with sincere appreciation that we express thanks to friends for their love shown in so many ways during the illness and death of our Daddy and Husband. Our special thanks to all who helped with the meal at the church, to Rev. John Waggoner and Rev. Lynward Harrison for their faithful and loving visits with the family while Virgil was in the hospital. Thanks to all of you who have expressed condolence, for it is Christian love and prayers of family and friends that sustains us.

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Billye Townsend
Reta Patterson
129-1tnc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
-TO: PAUL SILBY CONTRERAZ, Address Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS:
-YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of

service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of CATHEE JO NEWBERRY AND TIM M. NEWBERRY, Petitioner's, filed in said Court on the 14th day of August, 1985, against PAUL SILBY CONTRERAZ, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 276-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of TRISHA DENISE CONTRERAZ, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship between Paul Sibly Contreraz and the child, and grant adoption of the child to Tim Newberry.

Petitioners request the child's name be changed to Trisha Denise Newberry.

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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety

days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of August, 1985.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal)
125-87-4tc

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as the property of HAMCO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND FORT WORTH BASIN DEVELOPMENT, INC., to-wit:

All of the interest of HAMCO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND FORT WORTH BASIN DEVELOPMENT, INC., as it existed on September 4, 1984, on the following tracts of land situated in Taylor County, Texas:

TRACT ONE: 208.5 acres covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated March 23, 1983 between W. H. Higgins, et ux, and Hamco Exploration and Development Company as recorded in Volume 1289, Page 247, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated March 23, 1983, executed by

Eugene Whitehurst, et ux to Hamco Exploration and Development Company, recorded in Volume 1288, Page 382, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, both leases covering 208.5 acres out of the Otis G. Eels Survey 453, Cert. 245, Patent 749, Volume 2 in Taylor County Texas, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stake in ground for SW corner of said Survey; thence East 1019 varas to stake; THENCE North 1275 varas to stake; THENCE West 114 varas to stake; THENCE South 133 varas to stake; THENCE West 906 varas to stake; THENCE South 1142 varas to stake; THENCE South 1142 varas to the place of BEGINNING, being the same land described in Deed to I. L. Gotcher, et ux, from Jewel Gardner and F. D. Gardner, dated May 10, 1946, recorded in Vol. 347, Page 236, Deed Records of said County, SAVE AND EXCEPT:

(a) 1.73 acres in right of way deed dated November 18, 1908, from C. L. Robinson to Morgan Jones, recorded in Vol. 52, Page 135, Deed Records of said County, and

(b) All of the surface of .326 acres in right of way from G. E. Harrison to Texas, dated July 5, 1956, recorded in Vol. 529, Page 9, Deed Records of said County. Reference is here made to the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, for a more complete description of said leases and the properties covered thereby.

(c) 1.784 acres deeded to Texas in Vol. 532, Page 40, Deed Records of said County.

TRACT TWO: 160 acres covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated September 5, 1980, from George Herring to J. K. Ridley, and recorded in Vol. 1163, Page 249, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated September 14, 1980 from George Herring, et ux, to Penroc-Guernsey Joint Venture Recorded in Vol. 1213, Page 477, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, both leases covering 160 acres, more or less, out of the Otis G. Eels Survey No. 453, in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows:

Pioneer makes plans for year

The Abilene District Small Church consultation committee of the United Methodist Church met at Pioneer Methodist Church Sunday night, 14 were in attendance enjoying a delicious sandwich and dessert supper.

Plans were made for the coming year with exciting programs being planned. A goal was set for "Visible sign of Spiritual Growth". Steps were decided on including Bible Study, Children's Programs and Song Fests.

Club meets

The members of Lambda Beta met in the home of Virginia Pirraglia on September 3rd. Debbie Roberson and Martha Sue Justice presented the Program, "The World Around Us-Russia". Final plans were made for a social to be held Thursday, September 12 at the Taylor Electric Building. Members present at the September 3rd meeting were: Pat Schuknecht, Janet McKeenan, Kay Bishop, Virginia Pirraglia, Sheri Waiton, Rita Moore, Martha Sue Justice, Debbie Sandusky, and Debbie Roberson.

Meeting set

The G.F.W.C. Merkel Fortnightly Study Club will meet with Mrs. Andy Shouse, Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. for a brunch.

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THE TAX PICTURE

While the government is debating taxes and the deficit, there is one thing it can do now. It is a proposal that will save jobs, help lower the federal deficit and avoid higher taxes.

Today, more than three out of four shoes sold in the U.S. are made somewhere else. This is costing jobs in the shoe industry. It is causing American shoe companies to close. Unemployed workers and failed companies pay no taxes. In fact, they can be a drain on the taxes others pay. If, as experts at the Footwear Industries of America suggest, the government sets a 55.2 percent limit on imported shoes for a few years, the industry could modernize and recover. Men and women would be working again. Companies on the brink of failure could be saved and new ones might even open. That broadens the tax base in many communities and the country as a whole.

What's more, the newly employed workers will be better able to buy what other Americans sell. That could help hold down taxes all over the country. That may be why, in a recent survey, the majority of Americans asked said they want quotas or other regula-



Taxes may rise at a slower rate, employment at a faster one, if America rights the balance of trade by being fair to her own industries.

tions to keep foreign-made shoes from walking away with American jobs.

Reforming our trade laws, predicts economist John M. Culbertson, can have a positive effect on our balance of trade and through that on the nation's "bank balance"—our budget deficit. That, too, can help keep taxes down.

Many taxpayers are asking their legislators where they stand on the issue of setting quotas for shoe imports, as the International Trade Commission has proposed. Anyone wishing to communicate with Congress on either side of this or any issue can write to the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 and the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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Nutrition stressed for Sr. Citizens

Research is now being done that will lead to more complete answers about the nutritional needs of older adults, says Dr. Alice Hunt, a nutritionist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

"But much is already known that can help older adults stay well-nourished during the later years," she adds.

Hunt says it's known that older adults need the same nutrients as they did when they were younger. The amount of calories they need, however, is usually reduced as they become less active.

Other nutrient needs may be increased, Hunt points out. For example, the post-menopausal woman may need more than the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) of 800 milligrams of calcium.

"No nutrient can slow the aging process," states the specialist. "Research has not identified any vitamin or mineral which can prolong life, prevent cosmetic changes such as hair loss or skin wrinkling, or protect from diseases like arthritis, cancer or heart disease."

Hunt notes that taking a supplement with no more than the RDA for each vitamin or mineral usually will not be harmful for older adults. But taking large doses of some vitamins and minerals can be toxic, interfere with the absorption of other nutrients or block the action of certain medications.

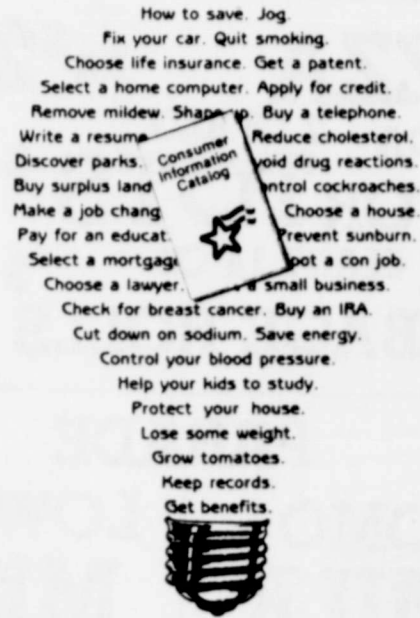
"Growing evidence suggests that the way a person eats throughout life influences the chances of developing such health problems as heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis and diabetes," the specialist says. "If a person has inherited tendencies toward deve-

loping certain diseases, good nutrition may also help to slow down the process of development."

Hunt stresses that eating a variety of nutritious foods is one of the keys to a long, healthy and

productive life. To get needed nutrients, she says to choose foods from the basic food groups, including milk and cheese; meats, poultry, fish and beans; vegetables and fruits, and breads and cereals.

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Banks facing financial crunch along with farmers and ranchers

(AUSTIN)—More than 100,000 American farmers are riding a wave of red ink right now and are unable to pay off their debts.

As if it weren't bad enough that farmers are faced with the deadly combination of record-low crop prices, high interest rates and plummeting land values, now they may not even be able

to turn to their bankers for relief.

John Shivers, president of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, says the current farm depression is forcing many of the 1,200 banks he represents to scrutinize all loan applications, even those of their best farm customers.

"According to USDA, there's a little less than 700,000 family-size farms," Shivers says. "About one-third, roughly 225,000, are facing some degree of difficulty. Around 43,000 are technically insolvent in that they have debt exceeding 100 percent of their total assets. In my book, they're bankrupt."

Shivers says these farmers owe a combined debt of \$20 billion. Another 50,000 farmers face critical financial problems with debt ratios of more than 70 percent.

When farmers get into a financial crunch, rural businesses cannot help but follow suit. According to Shivers, these financially strapped farmers, along with other severely hard-pressed rural businesses owe more than \$13 billion to various farm lenders in Texas.

In 1985, four Texas banks have already gone out of business and most had a large number of outstanding agricultural loans.

The nation's farm credit system, through the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Intermediate Bank and other such lenders, provides another source of loan money. Currently, this system holds more than \$3 billion in loans to farmers and ranchers in Texas.

James Rogers, the president of the Federal Credit Banks of Texas, says research by his office indicates that the short-term future of available farm credit is murky, at best.

"Our research shows that exports over the next few years will not increase a whole lot, maybe three or four percent. Another thing that our research has showed is that in the

future, non-real estate assets will go up faster than real estate assets, so that has an implication for financing farmers and ranchers."

His group's research also shows that in the next few years agricultural debt will grow by 7.5 percent.

In addition to the generally bleak outlook for the availability of loans to farmers, Rogers adds that his member institutions are under heavy pressure from investors to make loans only to large-scale producers who can pay back their loans this year, regardless of the producer's past payment record.

Shivers says that solving the problems caused by the ever-growing mountain of farm debt will not be easy because the farm credit crisis is caused by factors which involve the entire U.S. economy.

"We all followed the advice and signals from Congress and federal government that encouraged increased production during the '70s," Shivers said. "You had the inflation of the '70s and then you had a change in lending practices by all lenders that was called 'variable rates.'"

The practice by the Federal Reserve Board of using high interest rates to control inflation has drastically increased the real borrowing rate for his banks and their rural customers, he says.

Both Shivers and Rogers agree that the only long-term solution to farm credit problems is to get production back in balance with demand, and to couple that with crop prices that allow the farmer to reap a profit.

In the meantime, Rogers says he hopes farm lenders will take steps to reduce the mounting pressure on debt-burdened farmers.

"I realize that institutions that pay for money have got to make money, just like we do," he says. "I don't know what that percent margin should be.

Co-op venture turns profits for West Texas hay growers

(DELL CITY)—Longhorns, long-necks, strawberries, armadillos, cotton, mesquite, watermelons. The list of products for which Texas is famed around the country and the world could fill a ream of paper.

One product, however, that doesn't come quickly to mind at the mention of "Texas" is hay.

So a group of hay farmers near the West Texas community of Dell City decided to form the Dell Valley Hay Growers Association to let Texans and everybody else know about the high-quality alfalfa hay they grow.

Association member Phyllis Gentry says that much of the ignorance about the quality of hay produced in Texas is simply due to a lack of publicity.

"The hay in Texas is very high-quality, but I don't think most Texans realize that because the state has never advertised or promoted hay," Gentry says.

"It's all coming in from New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and all these other places, and Texas themselves don't realize that Dell Valley is in the state of Texas," she adds.

Area farmers are in the process of planting more than 20,000 acres of the leafy grass and are expecting a yield of over 120,000 tons of what Gentry believes is the best hay in Texas.

"What we want to do is educate the feeders in Texas and elsewhere about protein and the quality of our hay," Gentry says. "Fine-stemmed leafy hay, alfalfa and big leaf have protein contents that run from 19 to 24 percent. You know, you can feed poor-quality hay, and before you know it, your animal has stopped eating and you've just wasted your money on what you bought."

TDA Direct Marketing Director John Vleck says that by forming a cooperative, these farmers have gained a much-needed advantage in trying to sell their hay outside their tiny community.

"When you're in Dell City, you're going to have to target markets for your hay, which could be all other parts of the state," he says. "By working together, they can help fund promotion of their hay through brochures, through advertisements in magazines for livestock producers, or they can try a coordinated approach to dairymen, among others. It gives them the capability of reaching a broad audience and the capability of filling orders as a group that individuals could not finance or do themselves," he adds.

For more information about the Dell Valley Hay Growers Association, call (915) 964-2364 Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1985

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Sections 1 and 2 of House Joint Resolution 6 propose a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue an additional \$980 million of Texas Water Development bonds.

The additional bonds to be issued will be dedicated for deposit in the Texas Water Development Fund, with \$190 million of those bond proceeds to be used for water supply loans and facilities acquisition and with \$400 million of those bond proceeds to be used for state participation in the acquisition and development of facilities for storage, transmission, transportation, and treatment of water and wastewater. Of the remaining bonds authorized, \$190 million will be dedicated for use in water quality enhancement projects, and \$200 million will be dedicated exclusively for flood control projects.

The amendment would also allow the legislature to provide for the creation, administration, and implementation of a bond insurance program to which the state pledges up to \$250 million of its general credit to insure payment of the principal of and interest on bonds or other obligations issued by political subdivisions of the state for water conservation, water development, water quality enhancement, flood control, drainage, recharge, chloride control or desalination. Unless authorized to continue by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the Legislature, the bond insurance program will expire on the sixth anniversary of the date on which this section becomes a part of the constitution. Bond insurance issued before expiration of the program will not be affected by such expiration.

The amendment would authorize the legislature to create and appropriate money to special funds in the state treasury to make grants, loans, and other financial assistance available to governmental entities for certain enumerated water planning purposes. Also, the legislature would be permitted to extend the benefits of constitutionally approved water projects to nonprofit water supply corporations.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of an additional \$980 million of Texas Water Development Bonds, to create special water funds for water conservation, water development, water quality enhancement, flood control, drainage, subsidence control, recharge, chloride control, agricultural soil and water conservation, and desalination, to authorize a bond insurance program, and to clarify the purposes for which Texas Water Development Bonds may be issued."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Section 3 of House Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue and sell Texas agricultural water conservation bonds in an

amount not to exceed \$200 million, if authorized to do so by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the legislature. The Texas agricultural water conservation bonds would be general obligations of the State of Texas, and would be paid from the first money coming into the state treasury in each fiscal year. The amendment would allow Texas agricultural water conservation bonds to be issued and sold only for four years after the date on which this Act becomes a part of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance and sale of \$200 million of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 54 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature to authorize a city or town to spend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of water laterals on private property if such relocation or replacement is done in conjunction with or immediately following the relocation or replacement of water mains serving the property. Any legislative enactment permitting the expenditure of funds for such purposes would authorize the city or town to fix a lien on the property, with the owners' consent, for the cost of relocating or replacing the water laterals, and would provide that such cost shall be assessed against the property, with repayment by the property owner to be amortized over a period not to exceed five years at the rate of interest set by law. Such liens could not be enforced until after five years from the date the liens were affixed.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to enact laws permitting a city or town to spend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of water laterals on private property."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the use of the proceeds from the sale of permanent school fund land to acquire other land for the permanent school fund. Currently, the constitution requires that proceeds from the sale of such land be invested in certain bonds and other securities.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing proceeds from the sale of land dedicated to the permanent school fund to be used to acquire other land for that fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 89 proposes a constitutional amendment that would enable the legislature to regulate the provision of health care by hospital districts by determining

the services the district must provide, by setting requirements a resident must meet in order to qualify for services, and by determining any other relevant provisions necessary for providing health care to residents.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to regulate the provision of health care by hospital districts."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would enable the State of Texas to enter into an agreement with another state to confine inmates from the state of Texas in penal or correctional facilities of the other state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to permit state prisoners to be placed in penal facilities of another state pursuant to an interstate agreement."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 27 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the commissioners court of Chambers County to divide Chambers County into not less than two and not more than six justice precincts. Under current constitutional law, Chambers County may be divided into not less than two and not more than five justice precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing Chambers County to be divided into two to six precincts."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 9 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant an additional \$500 million in bonding authority to the Veterans' Land Board for the veterans' housing assistance program. Under the current constitution, the Veterans' Land Board is authorized by Article III, Section 49-b-1 to issue and sell not more than \$800 million in bonds, \$500 million of which may be used for the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund. This amendment would increase that authorization to permit the issuance and sale of up to \$1.3 billion in bonds, \$1 billion of which would be used for the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund. In addition, the amendment would remove the current definition of "veteran" from the constitution and permit the legislature to redefine "veteran" as the changing times and circumstances require.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing \$500 million in additional bonding authority for the veterans' housing assistance program and changing the definition of those veterans eligible to participate in the veterans' land program and the veterans' housing program by law to define an eligible veteran for the purposes of those programs."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 72 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature either to enact a statute or to attach a rider to the General Ap-

propriations Act to require prior approval of the expenditure or emergency transfer of any funds appropriated by the legislature to state governmental agencies.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to protect public funds by authorizing prior approval of expenditure or emergency transfer of state appropriations."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 19 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which would be deposited in a fund to be known as the farm and ranch finance program fund. The fund would be administered by the Veterans' Land Board and would be used to make loans and provide other financial assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land. The amount of bonds outstanding at any one time would be limited to \$500 million. The principal and interest that becomes due on such bonds in each fiscal year would be paid from amounts remaining in the interest and sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year, with the balance due to be appropriated from treasury revenues in the fiscal year when such amounts become due.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide financing assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would define indictments and informations as instruments charging a person with the commission of an offense, and would delete certain technical requirements as to the form of writs and processes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the manner in which a person is charged with a criminal offense and to certain requirements applicable to state writs and processes."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals jurisdiction to answer questions of state law certified from federal appellate courts. In addition, the two courts would promulgate rules of procedure relating to the review of those questions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment granting the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas jurisdiction to answer questions of state law certified from a federal appellate court."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 14 proposes a constitutional amendment that would create a board with responsibility for the reapportionment of judicial districts, subject to legislative approval. The amendment would provide for the continued power of the legislature to provide for judicial reapportionment and would provide that reapportionment

will be the responsibility of the Legislative Redistricting Board if the Judicial Districts Board fails to make a timely reapportionment. The amendment would provide for the creation of judicial districts smaller than a county in counties where the creation of such districts has been approved by the voters at a general election. The amendment would provide for more than one judge for a judicial district. The amendment would rename supreme judicial districts as courts of appeals districts. The amendment would provide that the jurisdiction and terms of court of district and county courts may be as provided by law. The amendment would provide for the jurisdiction of justice courts, which may have additional jurisdiction as provided by law. The amendment would provide for rules of judicial administration and civil procedure to be promulgated by the Supreme Court, and would provide that the legislature may delegate additional rule making power to the Supreme Court or to the Court of Criminal Appeals. The amendment would provide that courts and judges in existence at the time of its adoption remain in existence until otherwise provided by law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the reapportionment of the judicial districts of the state by the Judicial Districts Board or by the Legislative Redistricting Board, and providing for the administration and jurisdiction of constitutional courts."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 27 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the office of County Treasurer in Andrews County and transfer the powers and duties of that office to the County Auditor. The amendment would also abolish the office of County Treasurer in El Paso County if, at the statewide election at which this amendment is submitted to the voters, a majority of the voters who vote in El Paso County favor the amendment. The functions of the office of El Paso County Treasurer will be performed by a person employed or designated by the El Paso County Commissioners Court. The amendment also provides for the abolition of the office of County Surveyor in Denton, Randall, Collin, Dallas, El Paso, and Henderson Counties upon approval of such abolition by a majority of the voters who vote on the question at an election called by the commissioners court of the county. If the office of County Surveyor is abolished in any county, the commissioners court may employ or contract with any qualified person to perform the duties of the office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for:

- (1) the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Andrews County and El Paso County;
- (2) the abolition of the office of county surveyor in Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Henderson, and Randall Counties."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el dia 5 de noviembre de 1985. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/9608 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12887, Austin, Texas 78711.

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