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# Critical School Vote Begins at 8, Ends At 7 

## CHURCH CIRCLES

Tremendous Number of Voters Is Expected At Single Polling Place

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## GA's Finish Brazil Study



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BAVARIAN DINNERWARE Open Stock



## SILVER PLATE

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## DEAR VOTERS：

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at all you would have Earth Ind．Sch．Dist．－a nev name，a new board，and some bond money．This las point is highly speculative because no one could las say how much，if any，of the $\$ 400,000$ could be salvag ed should the building program be stopped or changed or whether any part of it would be spent at Earth（th best interpretation of State school law available is tha it could not be so used legally）．But the first points simple sounding，are even more highly speculative and
uncertain than this．There is an easier and less risk uncertain than this．There is an easier and less risk way to change the name．There is a sounder，though more gradual，way to change the board．AND WHO
CAN SAY WHETHED EARTH INDEPENDE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL EVER BE ESTABLISH． SCH

OR WILL THE DISTRICT BE PERMANENTL ABOLISHED？If not，it would suffer certain loss of stu－ dents by travsfer or petition to other districts．This， turn，could mean the eventual abolishment of our dis－
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lic Schools under the Minimum Foundation Program，＂ an evaluation of the school systems in Texas，1949－1954， by the Texas Research League，recommendations have been made as to how school districts should be E LARGED to aminimum average daily atal of 1100 to 1200 students．Our present enrollment is 720 Can we long survive IF WE LOSE any part of our dis－ trict or its students？There seems little chance the State will re－district us if we are GROWING TOWARD NOT AWAY FROM，this minimum．
A POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCE of voting this district and the would be the abandonment of our building schools．And don＇t forget the bond－holders mortgage We＇d still be paying for buildings we weren＇t using，and our property would be worth less（sale value）because of poor access to good schools．
We would have such area－wide reputation that tumble weeds would be growing on the school ground and on a good many lots and streets of Earth as well！ ONE IMMEDIATE BUT SERIOUS CONSEQUENCR loss of its accredited status with the State．This means that seniors graduaing under this status could never enter college without passing an entrance exam；other high school students might，when transferring to other districts，have difficulty getting credit for courses com－ pleted under non－accredited status．Accreditation，onc trict．None of us would stake our individual for tunes where there is so little to gain and so much to ODDS A GAMBLE ON AN ELECTION WHEN AND TAXPAYERS ARE SO OVRWHELMING？
Why are we so concerned about all this？With a first grader this year and three more to follow we see at us what the school is called or whether it doest mildren go 5 to 10 miles farther to school IF IT BEABETTER SCHOOL！We are not opposed to Earth＇s having an elementary unit as a branch of the central system．BUT WE DO FEEL ABOLISHING THE DISTRICT WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS．
OURS IS A PROGRESSIVE AND WEALTHY DIS－ TRICT！
WE CAN HAVE ONE OF THE FINEST SCHOOLS IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY！
Your VOTE is IMPORTANT but CONSIDER HOW you VOTE！

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Highlights and Sidelights From Your State Capitol


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What Happens To Your Food Dollar? oñ Doildr
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A question many of us have asked during the past few years is what
actually happens to our food dollar. Taking as an example domestically

 at present, with no drastic changes ... up or down... expected in the
grocery basket
In 1953 the farmer received on an average 45 cents of our food dollar


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## Soil Conservation Districł Finishes Year In Good Shape

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## Smith Elected President Of Lamb County Fair Ass'n.

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## ITS UP TO YOU



Agency

- state board of education
austin, texas


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Dear Sirs:
Spring Lake the questions
to dissolve the distristrict of Lamb Coun concerning the status

1. If no status continues taken to dissolve future time it is found to be violation school units accredit
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6. In case the district does not herereditation standards. entrance examinations furnould be eligible to ation at the time units of credit not completed in an accredited covering anty
Sours very truly,
Luve Soveland

We reproduce above the full text of a letter from Dr. W. R. Goodson, Director of School Accreditation for the State of Texas for which we made a special trip to Austin in order to obtain and to talk personally with Dr. Goodson. We felt this trip was necessary in order to bring to all Springlake students the true facts in the case. Dr. Goodson assured us that in making the transition from Springlake to Earth District there would be no loss in time in accrediting the new district so that the seniors can graduate this year with full credits. We refer you to paragraph 4 of Dr. Goodson's letter where he is extending the deadline to the last of Mach in order that the new district can be accredited before the end of this school year.

Here we would like to say that if Supt. Lumsden will exert one-fourth the effort to secure accreditation of the new school district as he has in interfering in affairs outside of his line of duty, then the schools in the new district will be accredited before the end of this school term. (How about that, Mr. Lumsden?' And also Mr. Lumsden, can you explain why you were so desperate in your attempt to interfere by telephone in our securing this letter from Dr. Goodson who is a fair minded and anderstanding man thinking only of the welfare of the students of our school? And Mr. Lumsden, what was your statement or question in this conversation with Dr. Goodson when he told you that we were entitied to the facts the same as you are, and that he was mailing you a copy of this letter and you could use it the same as we. And also, Mr. Lumsden, the rumor that the High School students will lose their credits if the District is abolished is untrue. You know that there is no such thing as a student losing their credits.

## Soil District Made 264 Conservation Plans On 86,435 County Acres in 1954 <br> Graveside Rites Held Monday For Mrs. John Blair



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## "Smile away 'Washday Blues' with an ELECTRIC C Clolhes Dryer!"

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To Give Wedding

"Maybe some ashes would help. Shall I get the ash tray
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Come in for a demonstration


Ladies, the lugging out to the clothesline adds up to onethird of a mile every washday, and the lifting, by the end of year, is the same as picking up a two-ton load.

Be like Mrs. Bates, instead of lifting on washday, get a lift with as electric clothes dryer


SEE YOUR REDPY KHOWATI

# WHO WOULD STOOP SO LOW <br> AsToPutFearIntoChildrenTo Gain TheirEnd? 

Ask the Superintendent of Springlake Schools who DID start these False and Malicious Rumors.
The Superintendent knows the truth. Why doesn't he stop these Rumors by simply telling the Students and Teachers the Truth?

## WE TELL YOU TRUTHFULLY

## TAXES WILL NOT BE RAISED

NO MORE BONDS WILL BE VOTED
NO STUDENTS WILL LOSE ANY CREDITS ON GRADES
NO STUDENTS WILL LOSE ONE DAY OF SCHOOL
VOTE FOR ABOLISHING SPRINGLAKE DISTRICT, and .........
BETTER SCHOOLS. .BETTER ATHLETICS
better Equipment.better water
BEITER HEALTH SAFEGUARDS
better location for most of the students

This is a planned program for the benefit of the students and future students, not for adults.
Go to the Polls Saturday and vote FOR abolishing Springlake District, which is a Vote FOR Better Schools.

## Mr. VOTER: <br> ARE YOU READYTOCLEAN HOUSE?

Do you think the old party has been in power too long?
Do you want a new, clean school instead of the disgraceful mess we now have?

# IF YOU DO HERE IS THEWAY TO VOTE 

If you want a NEW District Scratch his Line ${ }^{\text {lo }}$

SAMPLE BALLOT
For Abolishment of Springlake Ind. Scheol District

Against abolishment of Springlake Ind. School Districł

## Don't Be Misled -- Be Informed

Are YOU going to vote YOUR school out of its accreditation? You are if you vote for abolishment of the District!

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO A SCHOOL?

Accreditation is a standard by which elementary and secondary schools are rated, accepted, or recognized among all other public schools and education agencies of the State.

What would loss of accreditation mean to our Seniors?

Their last semester's work might be non-accredited. Their high school transcript (credit record) might not entitle them to enter colleges without taking entrance exams. WHY SUBJECT OUR GRADUATES TO SUCH A HANDICAP WHEN THEY HAVE FULFILLED ALL THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE

What would it mean to our other high school students?

The credits they should get for this semester's work might not be granted. This would be a particular handicap should they transfer to other districts before graduation or should they graduate in this district before accreditation standards for the new distict were met.

How does a new district get accredited?

In Texas Education Agency Bulletin 560 twelve principles are set forth which a school should meet to continue or gain (if a new district) its ac creditation or affiliation. Principle 2 is stated: "There are good school community relations which strengthen and support the work of the school."
if IT STRIKES YOU THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP IS A CONTRIBUT ING FACTOR TO THE CALLING OF THIS ELECTION, WOULD IT NOT ALSO BE THE VERY PRINCIPLE THAT WOULD HOLD BACK ACCREDITATION OF THE SAME DISTRICT UNDER A NEW NAME?

Has this election been called to abolish this district so that two sparate dis ricts could be formed? If so, consider these questions and answers!
Q. If the election should carry, and since the present buildings of Springlake County Line Independent School District are now located in the so-called East Half of the District (in the event the district were divided by a Line North and South one mile East of Earth) . . . would the East Half be required to pay the West Half for the value of one-half of the present assets (buildings, etc.) of the District?
A. "This writer does not believe there would have to be an account ing by the East Half to the West Half for buildings constructed or under contract for construction, .. . but there may be an accounting to the Wesi Half of other assets, if any, to be determined by the County Board . . ."
Q. Inthe event the Independent District, after being abolished, were Q. Inthe event the independent District, approvely in half as aboved, what would be the ac credited status of the high schools, if any, of the two newly established districts?
A. "In response to question . . . the acreditation of the newly creat ed districts could only be had after filing of an application for accereditation, and the districts meet the standards for accreditation as have been established."
Q. If the election should carry, what would be the status of the out standing contract in the sum of $\$ 358,000.00$, for the building program now in progress?
A. "In reply to question . . . it would be our opinion that the contract for the construction having been entered and being performed, that an election carried to abolish the district would not affect the contract. The bond proceeds realized from bonds voted for the buildings under construetion could not be used legally for any other purpose than the construction of the buildings contracted for thereunder and for the equipment of same."
(Quoted statements are excerpts of letter from Mr. Cheste E. Ollison, Appeals Counsellor, Texas Education Agency, in reply to questions written him by local school official.)

IN EFFECT, THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION WOULD NOT AFFECT THE CONTRACT NOR CAN THE BOND MONEY LXGALLY BE USED TO BUILD ANY BUILDINGS OTHER THAN THOSE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, NOR ON ANY OTHER SITE OTHER THAN THE PRESENT SITE.

The only way to be sure you have a school district in the future is to vote against abolishment Saturday!

WERE YOU MISLED BY THIS?

News items appearing in one Earth newspaper last week headlined "Appellants Win Round in Court Battle" and under similar wording in the ther newspaper may have misled people into thinking the District Court at Austin ruled in favor of the appellants in their attempt to overrule the decision of the state Board of Education, which has upheld the local board's decisions. Actually, the appellants were granted an extension of the case or trial Aater, ould no and would no bending. The Judge's action in no way ruled on the merit of the case.

## A Plea For Sanity T0 <br> The Citizens of The Springlake-Earth Community

## My Fellow Citizens:

I have purchased the following space in this newspaper not to influence you in any way as to how you will vote Saturday, but to speak to you through this medium in regard to matters of the heart, Ido not regard myself as a community spokesman, but as one who has in recent weeks felt a growing need for an article of this type. I hoped that some other might come forth and do this, but since no one did I had no recourse, but to choose myself.
For many weeks now I have viewed with growing concern the unhealthy atmosphere of hate, jealousy, and hysteria which has grown up around the issue of our School. We have witnessed the gradual disinterigation of community ties and have watched our community literally ripped apart over this vital question.

The question of what to do with our school is of the highest importance. And we would do ourselves an injustice were we to treat it lightly. An issue of this type is worthy of our most careful scrutiny and prayerful consideration. Perhaps it is because the issue is so important to our common-life that we have allowed ourselves to forget even the most elemental virtues of Christian ethics and democratic procedure. It seems that tong ago, many of us at least, have allowed the words of co-operation and understanding and even friendliness to elude our thoughts, and unfortunately our actions.

Some of us have become enamoured with our own views and so concerned with protecting those views that they remain intact that we hope forgotten that every man be he learned or unlearned has a right to his own opinion. To be sure we may feel that he is ill-advised or that his opinion is commpletely forgotten that we are dealing with life-long friends to remember in these days of community disorder that every man must be given the dignity of his convictions

The issue has become so confused that many of us have completely forgotten that we are dealing with life-long friends and neighbors whose friendship in our calmer moments we cherish. We have allowed ourselves to become so insensitive and so hysterical that we have accepted the law of the pack and rushed about carrying rumor and scandal laboring under the misaprehension that we are rendering community service. WE HAVE SEEN GOOD AND INTELIGENT MEN HURT. AND WHAT GREATER MISFORTUNE FOR A COMMUNNITY THAN THAT HONORABLE MEN SHONLD BE TREATED LIKE CRIMINALS?

I know of no greater disaster to a community than to have a situation arise in which calm and intelligent discusson from each side is made impossible. So great has been our confusion that we have sponsored no meetings in which the finest and most informed leadership of our community from both sides of the is sue could come and present their views for our consideration. As a result there seems to be no well defined and clear cut issue and the future of our school has been left not to well informed people, but to people who are angry.
We must think a moment. Who is that one who is suddenlyour enemy? Is he not the man who came to visit when we were sick, or loaned us his tractor or his breaking plow or extended credit in a time of crisis, or teaches the Sundayschool class at church? A good man yes. But suddenly our enemy simply because he dares differ with us on an issue.

Thus we find ourselves engaged in a little "civil war" of our own in which neighbor is pitted against neighbor and family against family and friend against friend. THE HORROR OF IT ALL IS THAT WE, EVERY ONE OF US, IS THE LOSER. We have robbed ourselves of intelligent bi-partisian endeavor which alone makes for good school. We are not dealing with something unimportant we are dealing with our SCHOOL. We hold the future in our hand and we dare mold it on the whim of anger or emotion

I appeal to you in the name of common decency to create a situation where intelligent people from both sides may exchange a free expression of opinions. TO LEAVE THE SITUATION BOILING AS IT IS NOT ONLY ROBS OUR CHILD. REN OF A SCHOOL BUT MAN OF HIS DIGNITY AND YOU OF YOUR FRIEND. Conceivably this battle could go on until the entire community is consumed with the cancer of hate, injustice and scandal which it has spawned. NOTHING CAN BE MORE REPUGNANT TO THE TRUE GENIUS OF FREEDOM THAN THAT THROUGHOUR HYSTERIA WE ROB OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY OF A FREE AND UNINHIBITED EXCHANGE OF OPINION.
I hope that you will not misunderstand the spirit of this writing. I have steadfastly refused to take sides in this issue I will continue in that position. Neither do I set myself up on authority on the issue involved and I doubt very seriously that there exist such authority. Nor do I set myself up as a religious spokesman for all. For indeed you have your own churches and good pastors.
My only hope is that we may be able to fashion some sort of order out of our present disorder. Furthermore, 1 hope and pray that we may be able to conduct ourselves in the heat of the issue that come the aftermath we may be able to meet people from both sides and say "my friend and brother."

Respectfally yours,
F. Eugene Matthews, Minister


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With Bridal Shower Sat.




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[^0]:    Yellow Gold Ladies Wedding Band

