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THE REPORTER

"Without or with offense to friends or foes we sketch your world exactly as it goes," Byron

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This is the last issue of THE REPORTER ending three and a half years of publication under the present ownership.

For some reason we have never attracted a neutral following. Our readers have either been strongly in favor of us or strongly against. Based on the comments we have heard in the last three and a half years we can accurately judge that 98% of the readers have been violently opposed to us and perhaps 2% in favor of us.

Using this same ratio we can estimate that 98% of the readers will be beside themselves with joy when they see this announcement and perhaps 2% will be genuinely sorry.

Be that as it may, THE REPORTER will be no more after this week.

There is no deep, dark secret which influenced this decision. The reason is quite simple - - It's either walk out while we can or be carried out feet first. If this sounds melodramatic or exaggerated let me assure you that it is nothing other than a plain statement of fact.

To put it bluntly (and we usually do), this writer (Willena Wright) is ill and exhausted. The physical ailments are numerous and some of them quite serious. We have, in all truthfulness, reached the limit of our endurance. We have seen the handwriting on the wall for a long time and realized that it was coming sooner or later. However, we have persisted in taking one more step and putting out one more edition.

Monday morning we came to work with every intention of continuing as long as we could. Monday evening our physical condition was such that we were forced to come to grips with reality - - we had gone the limit and it was physically impossible to go any further. We did not make the decision - - physical illness and exhaustion made the decision mandatory.

This newspaper business is different from most. If we were running a beauty shop, restaurant, hardware store or any one of a score of businesses, we could close the doors, rest for awhile, take our time about recuperating and then re-open. However, newspapers operate under state and federal laws which are quite strict. Weekly papers are allowed to miss only one issue per year - - two or more failures to publish means that we are out of business.

The chances of recuperation or complete recovery are almost nil where we are concerned so we have no alternative other than to close the doors. We may eventually take another job, health permitting, but it will have to be on an eight hour shift.

We took this paper over on April 1, 1967 from Doyle and Glenda Combs and had, at that time, 180 subscribers. The growth of THE REPORTER has been phenomenal. We are now selling 1,000 papers per week with the circulation still climbing. It has always been something of a paradox to us that our readers have increased at an unbelievable rate and all the while, the criticism has kept pace with the circulation increase.

The work load has been unbelievable. Our workdays are 18 hours long, six days per week. We have a full load of responsibility at home and in the church, a family to care for and a multitude of physical ailments. The long hours, hard work, physical illness and staggering load of responsibility has been too much.

We have persisted as long as we could thinking "well, there's a few things we need to wind up first such as - - - - -." We regret being forced to close at this time, feeling that we need to continue in trying to get a Grand Jury investigation of the Sheriff's Department, to look a little further into the situation in the Strawn City Council, to keep an ear to the ground concerning whether or not there will be a rock festival in this area and a number of other issues which are currently pressing.

In thinking honestly about the matter we can foresee other problems coming up in the near future which we should also investigate and bring to the attention of the public. So it all comes down to this - - there is really no opportune time to quit.

In this last three and a half years we have been in an almost constant swirl of controversy. We have taken a lot of unpopular stands on different issues and only a few times have we taken a stand where we had the backing of the public.

We could have been popular. It was within our grasp to be "the toast of the area." We could have handled the paper and the news so that we could have received much applause and much acclamation. It's not hard to be popular. All it takes is a weak spine and the desire to please the crowd.

Very soon after taking over this paper we had to come to grips with this problem and make a decision - - either to take the easy way out and to be popular or to "tell it like it is" and stand for our convictions in the face of the storms and trials.

We chose to "tell it like it is" and to STAND for what we thought was right - - whether popular or unpopular. The road has been unbelievably rough and the storm clouds dark and threatening. But we can make this statement with all truthfulness - - we have stood, in the face of much opposition, for our convictions - - and we leave this paper with a perfectly clear conscience toward God and man. If we had this last three and a half years to live over we would do exactly the same thing. We cannot recall one stand we have taken on any issue which we now regret. We cannot recall one single instance when we have failed to be true to what we honestly believed to be right. If we honestly believed something, and it was popular, we stood firmly for it. If we

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honestly believed something, and it was unpopular, we stood firmly for that too. To some of our readers that is nothing short of foolhardy but it has been our firm belief that this is the way it should be and we have no regrets.

Most of all we have attempted to stand true to what we thought our Heavenly Father wanted us to do. We have never been ashamed of the fact that we are a born again Christian and that following the teachings of the Lord should be the aim of every Christian. Over and above everything we have always been conscious of the fact that some day we shall stand before the Judgment Seat of the Lord and give an account of this life - - even in relation to THE REPORTER. We have never aimed at literary excellence or journalistic awards but have instead aimed at standing true to what we thought the Lord expected of us. For this we make no apology. This area needs a newspaper and we sincerely hope that another publisher will come and edit a paper here. We also hope that he, or she, will speak out strongly on vital issues. Above all things we hope that the people in this area will show the next publisher more charity than they have shown us. If this area is fortunate enough at any time in the future to have a strong newspaper that will speak the truth regardless of the opposition then you'd better thank God for it and support that newspaper in any and every way.

Above all, let that paper know that you appreciate it and offer some encouragement. We know from experience that a little encouragement and a few kind words would lighten the load considerably. However, we have had very few kind words and little encouragement. Criticism and violent opposition has been the order of the day for us.

-It is unbelievable at the abuse we have taken.

To those who have supported this newspaper, whether advertisers or subscribers, we extend our heartfelt thanks and wish God's richest blessings upon you all. Goodbye and good luck to all . . .

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NUMBER SIX ON THE BALLOT (SJR32)

General Election Nov. 3, 1970

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 51, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Section 51. The homestead, not in a town or city, shall consist of not more than two hundred acres of land, which may be in one or more parcels, with the improvements thereon; the homestead in a city, town or village, shall consist of lot, or lots, not to exceed in value Ten Thousand Dollars, at the time of their designation as the homestead, without reference to the value of any improvements thereon; provided, that the same shall be used for the purposes of a

home, or as a place to exercise the calling or business of the head of a family; provided also, that any temporary renting of the homestead shall not change the character of the same, when no other homestead has been acquired."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment increasing the value of the homestead which is exempt from forced sale."

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you
all!*

Bulletin Board

PUPPIES to give away.
Contact Joan Johnson in
Mingus or at the Tumble-
weed.

All members of Strawn
Quarterback Club are ask-
ed to remember that the
Club will have their first
meeting of the year Mon-
day night, August 24 in
the Strawn School. This
will be an organizational
meeting and all members
are encouraged to attend.
Time of the meeting is
7:30 p.m.

William T. Goldesberry,
85 of Strawn, died Sat-
urday in Athens. Funeral
services were held Mon-
day in Strawn under the
direction of Edwards Fun-
eral Home . . .

The second annual Tony
Douglasshow will be held
August 27 at the football
field in Strawn from 8:30
until 10 p.m. Tickets may
be purchased from any
fireman in Strawn. Pro-
ceeds will be used toward
the purchase of a new fire
truck. Adult tickets are
\$1.00 and ages 6-14 tick-
ets are 50¢.

Mugs Pontremoli, who
is in charge of the parade
Saturday has asked that
all participants and floats,
etc., gather at 10:15 a.m.
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so that they may be prop-
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before it begins at 11 a.m.



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Mrs. Maurine Crawford

I want my friends to know I appreciate their prayers and thoughtfulness during my illness. Many thanks for the flowers, gifts and many cards I received.

Mrs. Ona Mae Spear
Gordon, Texas

Best wishes

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8-20-1-cg

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FOR SALE OR TRADE: Three bedroom frame home in Weatherford for house in Strawn. Charles Williams, 506 Fegan in Weatherford. Phone 817-594-2685.
8-20-1-pd

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8-20-1-cg

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8-30-1-cg

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8-13-?-cg

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