"mulling it over"

By Truman McMahan

First 103 Years

Unless you've been on a junket like congressmen are prone to go on you know that Texas is scrambling to save a Republican governor next January, the first of that persuasion since E. J. Davis left the office (with the door locked) in 1875.

There were some who said that Mr. Davis was honest as a day's work but that he had a weakness for giving authority to a bunch of crooks. He served as governor under the constitution of 1869 which was pretty well written by carpetbaggers, and he was beaten, two-to-one, by a Democrat, Richard Coke, in the 1874 election.

Coke got into office only after the Civil War almost erupted again in Austin; and Texas has been going along with men and women elected on the Democratic ticket ever since until last November 7. (However, some of those "Democratic" governors looked more like Republicans than Republicans did.)

And now we come to Bill Clements who has said he is certain that he will be the best governor of Texas.

And he has been quoted as saying that one thing he was going to do when he is governor is make sure that President Carter does not carry Texas in 1980. That makes you wonder if Mr. Clements is acquainted with the duties he is supposed to perform after he takes the oath of office.

If he doesn't, or if he does, I offer a few helpful suggestions about appointments he might make. Maybe he can avoid some of the tribulations Governor E. J. Davis suffered.

First, I'd suggest that he appoint Richard Nixon, who is unemployed although on a generous taxpayer pension.

You may recall that Richard the No-crook once appointed John Connally as U.S. Defense Department. Actually, Mr. Clements said on the TV set I was watching, he ran the department although he was only second in command. Mr. Nixon, after the recent election, said Mr. Clements did a good job on Defense. Don't know how the first in-command did.

Mr. Nixon has had experience in running elections, and he could operate Texas elections from the secretary of state's office. Texas taxpayers might even send him to China again.

But I'd warn Mr. Clements: we don't want the second in command running the state of Texas. So watch out.

Then Mr. Clements ought to consider for appointment Mr. Dolph Briscoe who might, otherwise, be unemployed at the time Mr. Clements is going on the payroll.

Mr. Briscoe has had insumberable experience in Washington and Uvalde where, no doubt, he worked manfully to help keep nameless oil companies from going broke.

Mr. Briscoe can handle any job that doesn't require him to be in Austin, but I'd suggest that Mr. Clements appoint him deputy comptroller.

That way when comptroller Bob Bullock needs help—and it's rumored that he sometimes does—he can fly down to Uvalde—that is unless the taxpayers' airplanes are busy—and consult with the deputy comptroller.

Until later, we'll leave Mr. Clements to go it alone, except for one more suggestion: read a history of the E. J. Davis administration.

Playing Pays

The father was anxious for his young son to get on with the business of making a fortune.

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"What do you want to be when you grow up?" Dad asked.

"Oh," said the son, "a lawyer or a doctor, maybe. They seem to make a lot of money."

"Forget that," Dad advised. "Go into sports. That's where the money is."—TM.

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24 YEARS AGO
Let's Look Back

(January 6, 1955)

CROP drive goes over goal of car load of rice. Thanks extended to co-chairmen G. C. Duncan and Joe S. Reed, Jr. and treasurer W. E. Lenhart. . .Finest Axel, son of Irene and Jack Axel, is first '55 baby here but misses a New Year's Day birthday by three hours and fifty minutes. He was born January 2nd at 3:50 a.m. .Woman out on bond in baby murder charge. She has been released from the hospital and has gone to the home of her parents in Lavaca County. . .Earl Rodgers, Jr. elected president of Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. Clipson, vice president; and Dan Thornton, treasurer. New incoming directors include Dr. J. C. Laughlin, B. L. Clipson, G. H. Crane and Otis Pouncey. Other directors are L. S. Tate, W. C. Alley, J. R. Thomas and Lloyd Spalinger. Retiring from the board this year were R. B. Powell, Moss Thomas, Edgar Baring and H. C. Johnson. .Death came swiftly and suddenly to G. E. Thomas, Sr., one of this community's oldest and most beloved citizens, at 8:30 Tuesday evening, January 4th. .Funeral services held today for Charlie Birdwell, 16 month old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Birdwell. . Supt. Deane Fletcher listed in Who's Who in American Education. .Goats' twins, Sandra Kay and Wanda Faye, have party on fifth birthday Thursday. . .Mrs. George Butler receives surprise visit from friends on 87th birthday Thursday. . .Mrs. Oscar Miller is hostess at coffee honoring her sister, Mrs. R. B. Linke of Rayne, Louisiana.

Let's Look Back
48 YEARS AGO

(January 2, 1931)

Frank Hoegemeyer is sworn in as county's new sheriff at Columbus; W. S. Smith made deputy sheriff at Eagle Lake; Charles Kallina is deputy at Garwood and Jno. Neuendorff at Bernardo. .Nine Mexicans held after wild party on Christmas Eve, one man seriously shot, another thought he was, some half shot, when officers appeared and capture all. . Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Curry spent Christmas Day with relatives in Luling. . .Mrs. R. H. Dunlavy, Mrs. C. A. Lawrence and Clyde Dunlavy spent Sunday visiting relatives in Bay City. . .The Vick Truck Line announces that it is now operating from Central Motor Freight Depot in Houston. . .Wagons and buggies on highways at night must be equipped with lights; highway department instructs officers in all counties to see that law is rigidly enforced at once. . .Mrs. A. J. Struss entertains with a forty-two party on New Year's Eve. . .Stout Whitten sworn in as new constable. . .Bishop Quin of Houston will hold services Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Episcopal Church. . .Contractlet for two-story home belonging to C. W. Bentley. . .Ernest Hobbs of Galveston is killed when car is overturned at East Bernard. . .A. P. Urbanec, Justice of the Peace in East Bernard, and Miss Erna Phillipus of East Bernard are married here in the Methodist Church with Rev. S. D. Lambert officiating. . .Serious accident in office delays paper: the Headlight that you are reading now, you should have read yesterday. Failure to turn a lock that holds in the forms on the press resulted in an accident. As the press revolved on the first impression, the forms were thrown to the floor in a general "pi". No one but a printer knows just what the accident has meant to the force. Briefly, every letter that you see on the front and back pages of this issue with everything else that is necessary in making up a newspaper form, was heaped on the floor in a pile. There was only one solution. Scrap the wreck, pick out the leads and slugs and hand set type used on the two pages, put the metal back in the melting pot and start the linotype again. It was the most costly "pi" accident within the existence of the Headlight.

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New State Champion Trees Named

COLLEGE STATION — Seven trees have been added to the official Registry of Champion Big Trees in Texas.

The registry now includes 149 state champion trees of which 50 are certified as national champions — the largest of their species on record.

The Texas Forest Service conducts the Champion Big Tree program to locate outstanding examples of the 200 tree species growing in Texas, to encourage owners to protect and preserve these [illegible] for future generations, [illegible] and to stimulate a greater appreciation of trees.

The new champion trees include:

Black oak (Quercus velutina), located in Red River County owned by Selby Pace;

Blackjack oak (Quercus marilandica), located in Smith County, owned by Bell Meadows Ranch;

Parsley haw (Crataegus marshallii), located in Angelina County in Angelina County in Angelina National Forest;

White ash (Fraxinus americana), located in Tyler County, owned by the Southern Timbergrowers Association, Houston;

Devil's walkingstick (Aralia spinosa), located in Sabine County in the Sabine National Forest;

Texas madrone (Arbutus texana) and alligator juniper (Juniperus deppeana), both located in Jeff Davis County and owned by the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Of the seven new champions, the Texas madrone has been submitted to the American Forestry Association in Washington, D. C. for certification as a national champion.

The hot and dry summer had its toll on some state champion trees. The burr oak in Midland, Bell County, and the blue jack oak in Freestone County died this year. The Texas Forest Service is seeking nominations for replacements.

Douglas Fir Is A Winner

The greatest single source of the nation's lumber is the Douglas fir of Oregon, which is also the state's official tree.

A large amount of plywood, widely sold, is made from this forest source.

Sandy Jones Is Finalist For Texas Teen-Ager In June

Sandra Gayle Jones

Miss Sandra "Sandy" Gayle Jones, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Henry Jones Sr. of the Bernardo and Mentz area has been selected to be a finalist in the 1979 Texas National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth June 1-3.

The Miss Texas National Teen-Ager Pageant is the official state final to the Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held in Atlanta, Ga. In August, 1979. Peggy Norvelle of Hurst, the 1978 Miss Texas National Teen-Ager, will crown the new queen.

There will be contestants from all over the state competing for the title in Fort Worth.

The reigning Miss National Teen-Ager is Barrie Burnett, Gallatin, Tenn.

Each contestant accepted will be required to participate in the Volunteer Community Service Program of the National Teen-Ager Pageant. This program teaches teen-agers to share and to participate in school and civic affairs. A mini-modeling charm course will be given during the weekend of the pageant.

The winner of the Texas pageant will receive a cash scholarship, a scholarship to Barbizon School of modeling, other prizes and an all-expense paid trip to compete in the National pageant in Atlanta. A total of $10,000 in cash scholarships will be awarded at the national pageant.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise-personality and beauty. There is no swim suit or talent competition. Each contestant will recite a 100 word "essay" on the subject, "What's Right About America"?

Miss Jones is being sponsored by Dave's Truck Supplies of Sealy. Her hobbies include painting and drawing, fishing, trapping, swimming, biking, acting and music.

Aliens Must Report Address During January

Paul B. O'Neill, District Director of the Houston District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, has again reminded all aliens to report their addresses during January.

Cards with which to make the reports are available at Post Offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the country. When the card is completed place a stamp on the reverse side of the card, and drop it in any mail box.

Parents or guardians should submit reports for alien children under 14 years of age.

O'Neill urges all aliens to report before the end of January, as willful failure to do so may lead to serious penalties.

Free Tony's Dinner

Glen Sunderman this is a ticket for a free Tony's Deluxe Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than Jan. 9, 1979.

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David Gonzales Promoted To Sergeant

David Gonzales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lalo Gonzales of Eagle Lake, recently was promoted to Army sergeant while serving as an aircraft mechanic with the 205th Aviation Company in Germany.

He is a 1975 graduate of Rice High School. His wife, Ramona, is with him in Germany.

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11 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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Rev. George T. Welsch
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Rev. Don Rooney, Pastor
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11 a.m. Morning Worship

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Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
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Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
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GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA — 758-3352

Receives Degree

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Becak and Christi attended David's graduation at Sam Houston State University last Saturday. David received his accounting degree.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Raley and family last Wednesday and Thursday were Mrs. Gary McNeil, Coach C. Price and Coach Leon Black, all from Austin.

Spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Becak were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Steignes of [illegible], Mrs. Becak from Sam Houston State University, Wayne Becak and Christi Becak from San Antonio.

Guests of Mrs. J. W. Bures at Nada on Christmas Day were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Labay were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Reed and family of Sugar Land, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Labay and children of Wharton and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Labay and sons of Needville. Jennifer Labay and Donna Reed remained with their grandparents for a few more days.

Dinner guests on Christmas Day at Mrs. John Popp's home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crenek of Needville, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Crenek and son Gary, Bridget and Marilyn Popp of Houston, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Brandt of San Antonio and Miss Elizabeth Popp of Nada.

Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Francis Popp of Nada on Christmas Day were Mrs. Popp's daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cada and daughters, Tammy and Darlene, from the Lakeview Addition.

Christmas Guests

Spending Christmas Eve day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Drlik at Garwood were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Herzik and son Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Drlik and children, Ann, Anthony and Steve, of Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. James Drlik and children, Patty, Susie and Donna, of Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Alois Peters and children, Debbie and Gary, of Ganado, Mr. and Mrs. John Malek of Angleton, Marilyn Herzik of Houston, Charlie Drlik of Garwood accompanied by Miss Valerie Hoffman; David Herzik accompanied by Miss Joan Novak, and Ervin Herzik, Jr. accompanied by Miss Debbie Budaus.

Dinner guests on Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Orsak, Sandy Corner road, formerly of Garwood, were Mrs. Barbara Jacobs and children, Jackie, Chris and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jacobs, Larry and Ricky, and Mrs. Rena Jacobs, all of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kruse and children, Sherry, Gary, Pat and Mark, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Budaus and children, James, John and Debbie, accompanied by Ervin Budaus, Jr.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mrs. Raymond Hunt were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shofner of Texarkana, Texas; Mrs. Glenna Langford, Laurie and Lawton of Bonham, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hunt, Daryl, Renee and Rachelle, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith, Sheryl, Clayton and Madison from Garwood; Mr. and Mrs. James Wesson, Jana, Jay and Jeff of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt, Melissa and Camille of Columbus. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hunt of Edna.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richter spent Christmas Eve in Lake Jackson with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Matzke and family. On Christmas Day they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Nohavitza and family. Mrs. Joe Nohavitza joined them on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Carpenter and children spent a portion of the holidays with Mr. Carpenter's parents in Comanche.

Christmas Day guests of Mrs. R. A. Shoop were Mr. and Mrs. George Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kudelka and son Duane, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kudelka from Ganado. Jeanine Shoop and Ricky McMicken of Wharton, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen Shoop, Ricky and Timmy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Seele of San Antonio, Mrs. W. H. Seele and sons, Bryan and Kyle, of Houston visited Mrs. R. B. Shaw last Friday.

Christmas Dinners

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lehrer entertained with a turkey dinner last Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lehrer, Miss Nancy Lehrer of Dallas, Mrs. Mary Arriola and daughter Rachel and Mrs. R. B. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Conner entertained with a Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. Their guests were Lieut. Chris Shaw of San Antonio, Mrs. Clara Mae Hiltpold of Markham, Mrs. Sarah Minton of Bay City; Bonnie Jackson of Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gloeckner of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith and children, Kelly, Jon and Nikki, of Houston; Andrew Wilbeck of Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. Delber Swanson and daughter Lea of El Campo and Mrs. R. B. Shaw of Garwood.

Honors Brother

Mrs. Marion Bennett honored her brother, Clarence Martin, on his birthday December 22nd at her home with a Christmas dinner.

The guests were Mrs. C. P. Hopkins of Garwood, Jack Hopkins of La Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin of Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Draper Stephens, John Draper and Patty Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stephens - and daughter Jill, all of Eagle Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hewitt and daughter Heather (Mrs. Hewitt is a daughter of Samuel Martin) of Waco, Mrs. Ellen Battelle of Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Zavesky, Mrs. Carole Pavlicek and children, Thomas and Sharon, all of Eagle Lake and Elizabeth Berger of Garwood.

A Christmas dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Marion Bennett on Christmas Day. The guests included Walter Vornsand and Jack Hopkins of La Grange, Mrs. C. P. Hopkins of Garwood, Mrs. Ellen Battelle of Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Zavesky of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Bird Zavesky of Hallettsville and Mr. and Mrs. David Pavlicek and children of Eagle Lake.

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Receives Retirement Gift

Louis Muzny holds the rod and reel presented to him by employees of Wilcox Minimax upon his retirement on Saturday evening of last week.

Louis Muzny Retires After 43 Years In Grocery Business

A lot of changes in merchandising of grocery and allied products have been seen by Louis J. Muzny, 65, who retired last Saturday, December 30th after forty-three years in the grocery business, the last thirty-eight of which were in association with the Wilcox Grocery interests in Eagle Lake.

Muzny started his long career in the grocery business in Weimar in 1932 and he has been active in this business since that time with the exception of three years spent in the U. S. Army during World War II.

After getting his start as a grocer in Weimar, he later spent two years with a grocery in California and several years with a grocery store in El Campo.

He became associated with the Wilcox Grocery in 1940, then owned by R. P. Wilcox, Sr.

He became a partner in the business later with Mr. Wilcox's sons and continues partial ownership of the Wilcox Minimax at this time.

He took as his bride in 1936 Miss Jonie Mae Schindler in a ceremony in Weimar and they are the proud parents of a son, John, a Registered Pharmacist residing in Livingston and two pretty granddaughters, Karen and Laura Muzny.

The Muzny family has had an active role in community life during their long residence here. He is a past president of the Eagle Lake Lions Club, a life member of the Eagle Lake Fire Department; a former member of the board of education of the Eagle Lake School District; and a long-time adjutant of the W. Cherry M. Perry Post 108 American Legion Post in Eagle Lake. He is also active in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and the Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus. She has also been active in the Firemen's Auxiliary, the Sunshine Class, the United Methodist Church and other community activities.

To Catch Up On Fishing

Louis says that with his retirement he's going to have time to catch up on some fishing and on enjoying the outdoors. To help him do just that, the employees of Wilcox Minimax presented him with a new rod and reel as a retirement gift last Saturday evening.

Muzny is one of those rare individuals who always has a cheery smile and something nice to say about every one. His presence will be missed at the Wilcox Minimax, although he does plan to be available to assist on a part-time basis when needed.

Congratulations and best wishes go out to the Muzny's on their retirement.

William Moores Welcome Baby Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. William Moore are the pleased parents of a daughter, Lacy Marie, born Saturday, December 23 at 1:06 a.m. in the Caney Valley Memorial Hospital in Wharton. The young lady arrived weighing seven pounds and eight ounces.

Welcoming her into the family is a sister, Amy Jo, 2½ yrs., and pleased grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore. Lacy's great-grandparents are Mrs. Viola Marsalla and Willie Marsalla.

Holiday Guests

Christmas Day guests of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson and Glen of Alvin; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crosser and baby and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Roberts, all of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Janik and Mrs. Louise Janik of Eagle Lake.

Dinner guests of the Kopeckys on Friday, Dec. 29th were Dr. and Mrs. Rusty Schlattman, Jan Jircik, and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Roberts, all from Houston; David Jircik of Alvin; Mrs. Sandra Picka of Liberty; and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Janik of Eagle Lake.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndall Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Job Discrimination Suit Is Finally Ended

AUSTIN — Seven state agencies and the U.S. Department of Justice entered historic agreements ending a 14-month dispute over alleged job discrimination in state government.

Separate orders were signed before U.S. District Judge Jack Roberts committing the agencies to affirmative action programs to improve job opportunities for minorities and women over a five-year period.

Assistant Attorney General Steve Bickerstaff, who headed negotiations for the state, said the settlement is unprecedented over the nation, because it also binds the federal government to assist state agencies in their efforts.

State Rep. Paul Ragsdale, an activist in the fight against job discrimination, called the settlement "the most significant stride toward true equal employment opportunity ever taken by this state."

All seven agencies denied any pattern of discrimination against women and minorities in their recruiting, hiring and promotion practices. But they agreed to specific goals of equal opportunity in future hiring and promotion under justice department monitoring.

Instead of the old quota systems, the agencies are supposed to hire minorities and women in proportion to the "relevant labor force" for each group or class of employees.

Three-member "employee specific relief panels" will assess complaints and compensation for job denial, and monetary payments can be made ranging from $250 to $650 a year over a three-year period.

Entering agreements were the Merit System Council, Department of Human Resources, Department of Health, Texas Employment Commission, Parks and Wildlife Department, Rehabilitation Commision and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, named in the original justice department complaint in October-November, 1977, declined to join the agreements. The Agriculture Department was dropped from the complaint.

Coming to Town

Texas legislators will be coming back to town next week, for their biennial session beginning January 9.

A variety of major issues confront them.

Included on the agenda is the state $18 billion budget, tax reduction schemes, school finance and other associated money problems, election law revision including consideration of reviving the Texas presidential preference primary, initiative and referendum proposals by which citizens in some states are allowed to initiate or veto legislation, the problem of products liability law changes, and proposed increases in the 10 per cent ceiling on home mortgages.

Governor-elect Bill Clements has taken strong positions on some of the key issues, placing him at odds with legislative leadership—mainly in the area of tax reduction. Clements demands a billion dollars in relief, in addition to that granted by the tax relief amendment of last November 7. Top legislators say the money just isn't there.

Clements has threatened vetoes and special sessions if he doesn't get consideration out of the legislature on some key points in his program.

Uncertainty over what to expect has lobbyists and other veteran legislative observers uneasy.

Homes Criticized

An attorney general's task force charged patients are abused or neglected in a small minority of Texas nursing homes and blamed the Texas Department of Health for lax enforcement.

The task force report claimed the health department takes a protective attitude toward the industry it is charged with regulating.

Three legislative proposals were advanced: direct fines for violations of standards, a receivership statute to crack down on serious abuses and right of patients to bring private actions to redress abuse and neglect.

The report showed 27 per cent of the 1,000 Texas nursing homes are owned by 10 corporations and more than 11 per cent are owned or controlled by a single corporation, ARA Services Inc.

Short Snorts

Texas State Teachers Association is backing a $1.1 billion school finance bill in the upcoming legislative session.

Tobin Armstrong Sr. of Armstrong was appointed by Gov. elect Bill Clements to process recommendations for gubernatorial appointments during his administration.

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