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Strake Talk

PROPERTY TAXES—GOOD INTENTIONS AREN'T ENOUGH

I want to talk this week about property and good intentions.

As I travel around Texas, I notice that what's known as the Peveto Bill is the subject of much talk and controversy. This bill, named after state representative Wayne Peveto, is a tax reform law: legislation of the best intention.

The law was designed to end confusion and unfairness in the way property taxes were assessed. Property was often on different tax rolls at different values. Older properties went years, sometimes decades, without being revalued or updated. New construction and newly sold property was on the rolls at more correct values and so people who owned and so people who valued paid a higher share of taxes. Some property was simply left off the rolls entirely. The system was confusing and inequitable.

In an attempt to correct these problems, the Peveto Bill created property tax appraisal boards for each Texas county. These boards were charged with the responsibility of setting all property at its full value—as residential or commercial property or as land used for agricultural purposes. Taxes could then be levied on this accurately assessed property according to the needs of the taxing entities.

It sounded good, but it hasn't worked. The biggest problem is that the people on the appraisal boards are appointed, not elected. They are not accountable to the taxpayers. So now we have a new feature: bureaucracy to deal with. It amounts to taxation without representation.

My opponent has been on both sides of this issue. First supporting the bill in the legislature—then doing an about face and calling it bad legislation after it was passed. The Peveto Bill, though well intentioned, has created problems which must be dealt with in the next legislature and as your next Lt. Governor, I will do just that. If you have any thoughts on this subject, please write me at 1213 W. 34th, Austin, 78705.

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PROPOSICION NUMERO 2 EN LA BOLETA

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48 Years Ago

[August 18, 1934]
Miss Grace Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reed celebrates 12th birthday with party. Among the guests were: Billie Wade, Barbara Reese, Betty Jule, Terrell, Martha Grace Killough, Jane Crim, Patricia Braun, Mary Ethel Height, Jo Ann Thomas, Vera May, Sunderman, Dorothy Elkins, Gloria Taylor, Dorothy Kohleffel, Geneva Bunge, Lou Minet.

Let's Look Back

Mr. Floyd Starke, Miss Catherine Starke, Mrs. Dick Oberhaus, Mrs. Dallas Hodde, Mrs. John Larsen, Misses Leola Chapp, Winifred Kolberg, Louis Waddell, Lala Larsen, Margaret Walker, Eldora Michaelis, Amelia Truitt and Alice Lucille Estlinbaum. The Eagle Lake Canoeing Club, under the supervision of Mrs. J. O. Rogers, has canned almost one thousand cans of vegetables since it was opened. Fall hunting season opens September 1st with prairie chicken season. James Jacobsen was visitor in Rock Island. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ranft spent the weekend with relatives in Seguin. Eagle Lake Public Schools will open 10th of September. Transfers from other schools swell enrollment. Eagle Lake area rice and cotton harvest starting.

Letters to the editor

Congratulations Jane

To the Editor:
Congratulations Jane Thornton. To quote, "Dear words were never spoken", places emphasis on your letter in the Eagle Lake Headlight last week.

Soil Conservation Service News

E. H. and L. L. Walker, district cooperators of the Altair area, have completed construction of a pond. Betty Clay has completed construction of a pond on her farm in the Glidden area.

District cooperator Jerry Zatopek is planning to construct a pond and also shape eroded areas on his farm in the Frelsburg area.

Helen Johnston has completed construction of a pond on her farm in the Glidden area.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Novad have completed construction of a pond on their farm in the Glidden area.

Alfred Gissman has completed construction of a pond on his farm near Rock Island.

Conservation plan for Royal Henneke has been updated to reflect his current conservation operations and also to reflect acreage sold.

Assistance was provided to Vance Duncan and Joe Mike Spaniel of Eagle Lake on a drainage problem.

The regular monthly meeting of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Directors was held on August 17 at 9 a.m.

Those directors attending were: Herbert Engstrom; Melvin Albright; Theo Schultz and Royal Henneke.

Assistance was provided to Gordon Thornton of Houston in developing a conservation plan on his place near Rock Island. A pond will be built, grass will be planted, brush will be cleared and also some gullies will be shaped and established to grass as well as a cross fence to be built.

Assistance was provided to Ron Mostyn of Houston who owns a place near Borden. Ron plans to construct a small concrete dam and also to renovate a patch of coastal to bring it back into production.

Drainage assistance was provided to Mrs. Alton Baumbach.

The conservation plan for Lloyd Cryer has been written. Mr. Cryer plans to shape a gullied area and plant it to grass, construct a pond, and also to plant some coastal bermuda grass.

At 8:35 a.m. September 6th, Linda Jackson of Altair reported that her place of business in Altair had been broken into. Entry was gained by removing a window frame on the South side of the building. The pool table money box had been pried open and approximately \$80 in change taken. Also taken were some meat and beer.

Lenhart Matula of Eagle Lake, a member of the Nada Catholic Life branch, received special recognition at an awards luncheon during Catholic Life Insurance Union's 78th State-wide Convention. Matula was chosen the winner of the "Twelve Apostles" award, given to the top sales representatives.

The Eagle Lake resident has won the award the past two years. He is part of a 185-member sales team that produced more than \$51 million dollars in new business in 1981.

Herbert Popp of Nada was elected director of district number 6 (Nada), Allen Hoelscher was chosen deputy director of district 5 (Weimar), and Robert Grahmann was chosen deputy director of district 6 (Hallettsville). The new system of electing officials in the union provides for

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 1982

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that prohibits any state ad valorem tax. Receipts from previously authorized state ad valorem taxes that are collected after the effective date of the proposed amendment shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the county collecting the taxes and may be expended for county purposes. Taxes collected before that date shall be distributed by the legislature among educational institutions eligible to receive those funds under prior law. The proposed amendment also repeals a section of the Constitution leaving an ad valorem tax for a convalescent home for the aged and colleges and universities.

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4-H News

Summer's end brings thoughts of 4-H

[By Cheryl A. Johnson, County Extension Agent]
A note from Preston Sides, Extension 4-H and Youth specialist:
It seems 1982 began only a few days ago. I remember the day it snowed, the day the water pipes froze. Then came spring with its beauty and new life. We all knew that school would soon be out for the summer.

But it doesn't have to be this way, you know. As summer vacation draws to a close, there are options open to you which can help keep the spirit of summer alive all year long.

How would you like to become a part of a group which meets on a regular basis, a group which includes some of your friends, a group where you will feel needed and important?

How would you like to learn new things with this group, plan and conduct fun activities which you want to do, go places and see things which are of interest to you?

How would you like to explore your own future, to plan ahead for your career, for your education?

How would you like to work beside a caring adult, someone who has a real interest in you and your future, to be able to talk to that person about almost anything and know that he or she respects you and

would never violate any confidence?

How would you like to learn to keep records of your activities and accomplishments records which are meaningful to you and which can serve as a reminder to you and others for years to come?

How would you like to be able to apply for one of more than 70 different college scholarships, some worth up to \$6,000 to you and your family?

Oh, yes, your family. How would you like for all these things to happen to you in an organization which involves all of you? It can happen, you know. It happens every year.

after summer vacation for more than five million young men and women. They are part of this nation's largest youth organization—4-H.

Yes, that's right—4-H. Did you know that there is a 4-H group near where you live? And they would love to have you come and join them.

Give 4-H a try. You will find that, even though summer has come to an end, the fun is just beginning.

To find out more about this exciting youth program, contact the Colorado County Extension Agent, Cheryl A. Johnson at 316 Spring Street.

Sheridan, Second Vice Chairman, Donald Warschak, Frelsburg; Secretary, Angela Warschak, Frelsburg; Treasurer, Chris Glueck, Bernardo; Reporter, LaDonna Dancy, Garwood-Vox Populi; and Parliamentarian, Rodney Meyer, St. Anthony's.

Tina Grahmann and Donald Warschak will serve as District Council delegates from Colorado County. Coby Shorter, III, Eagle Lake; First Vice Chairman, Tina Grahmann,

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