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SMU scandal putting heat on Governor Clements

The governor continued to bear down on troubled savings and loans last week, even while various Democratic officials ripped him in a preview of politics to come.

Gov. Bill Clements thinks federal regulators should close 70 of the

state's most troubled thrifts, and that a short-term federal bail-out will result in long-term loss of assets for depositors.

His statement drew criticism from thrift officials who want him to tone down his remarks, but this criticism was nothing compared to the Democrats at the state labor union who want Clements to quit and go home.

At the statewide convention in Austin last week, longtime AFL-CIO president Harry Hubbard predicted Clements will face criminal charges within a year for his role in the Southern Methodist University football scandal.

Hubbard also said that Clements is shunned by his own party and will be out of office before the next legislative session.

Clements repeats warning
The governor criticized the federal government's plans for insolvent thrifts at the beginning of the week, and again at week's end, after he drew heavy heat from savings and loans officials who deplored his remarks.

Fearing a run of thrifts, the federal officials criticized Clements for injecting fear into depositors. But, rather than

State Capitol Highlights By Lyndell Williams



apologizing, the governor repeated his warning to depositors to avoid troubled institutions.

As for the thrifts, he said if they're solvent and in good financial condition, they have nothing to worry about.

Labor flexes muscle
No love is lost between Clements and Texas labor, which flexed its muscle at the convention.

Many presidential and other political hopefuls could find labor union endorsement, and Attorney General Jim Mattox even held his fund-raiser next door.

Mattox's clever gesture may not be lost on the labor delegates who have always had close political ties with him.

Mattox, SMU
In fact, Mattox's office is pursuing

the roles of Clements and other former SMU officials in "Ponygate," but his probe might have been slowed last week. The panel of Methodist bishops, which conducted an in-house investigation told Mattox they would not turn over certain records he had requested.

However, Hubbard told the con-

vention that Clements "will almost certainly" face criminal prosecution for his acts while chairman of the charitable trust which operates SMU.

Hubbard later admitted he didn't have any factual knowledge to bolster his production. Clements' office lambasted Hubbard as an ultra-liberal Democrat with a ridiculous, partisan approach.

Hubbard, although liberal, is not naive when it comes to politics, having led the AFL-CIO through 14 years of political campaigns. He intends for labor to be a factor in the '88 and '90 elections like never before.

Heat on Clements
Certainly, the most heads hanging over Clements' head, the less chance Republicans have of carrying Texas, especially for their 1988 presidential nominee.

Notwithstanding the legal and moral questions some still have about the SMU scandal, the governor's political foes can be expected to turn up the burner on him.

Following Hubbard's speech, the state chairman of Mexican-American Democrats called on Clements to re-

sign because of political impotence in the wake of signing the largest tax hike in Texas history.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby depicted Clements as a man with a long public record of hostility toward higher education.

Other highlights
Clements named Ed Vetter of Dallas as board chairman of the new Texas Department of Commerce.

He also tapped Corpus Christi businessman Roger Bateman to chair the Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and picked Austin attorney Harry Whittington to chair the state Public Finance Authority.

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced an additional 66,000 acres of public land will be opened for hunting with a permit cost of \$35. Mauro said the move helps the hunter who can't afford the luxury of a private hunting lease.

Fair said animals are easier to locate and identify in these open areas enabling hunters to choose individuals of the right sex and age to harvest. For example, deer and spike buck harvests can be increased, and forked-

antler deer can be protected.

Locate and design the plots so deer or turkey are never more than 100 yards from protective brush cover.

Fair said, "Ten to 20 acres is a good size. Planting for turkey should be located in creek bottoms near root crops. Plots may need to be fenced from livestock. Where deer numbers are quite high and food plots are small, plantings may be unsuccessful.

Prepare a good seedbed and plant by September 30. Fertilize with 300 pounds per acre of 13-13-13. Broadcast or drill 50 to 60 pounds of seed per acre, cover with 1-2 inches of soil, and firm to remove air pockets.

Don't forget wildlife when harvesting wheat and oats. Quail, pheasant, mourning dove, turkey and other birds find food and cover in fields of small grains.

Strips of unharvested grain around field edges near brush or tall grasses provide excellent food for quail and turkey. Pheasant will use unharvested strips along terraces or around areas in the field that are too wet to cultivate.

Mourning dove will feed on shattered seed where soils are shallow and the stand of grain is thin.

Even if the entire field is combined, these same areas can be left untilled until next planting season to benefit wildlife. Without tillage, waste grain is available to the birds and an 8-inch stubble provides suitable cover for quail and turkeys.

If an area in the field has a thin stand of wheat and a good stand of native sunflowers, save this area for dove hunting next September.

Do not burn the small grain stubble. Wildlife benefits are as well as organic matter; it also exposes the soil to erosion.

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DIVORCES GRANTED
Kathy Patricia Heger and Daniel Henry Heger Jr.,
Gloria Diane Thomas and Melvin Ray Thomas.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Deed, Theodore W. Koch, trust, to Florence H. Koch, undivided interest in 59.36 acres, James Young Survey, et al.; 8-10-87.

Deed, Alberta Carter, estate, to Margaret Henry, lot 1, block 8, Alleyton; 8-19-87.

Deed, Florence H. Koch to Florence H. Koch, 1985 Illinois Trust, interest in 59.36 acres, James Young Survey, et al.; 8-10-87.

Deed, Gold Construction Inc. to First National Bank of Eagle Lake, 3.491 acres, P. Reel Survey; 8-10-87.

Deed, First National Bank of Eagle Lake to Lufkin F. and Gloria Araque, 4.090 acres, P. Reel Survey; 8-10-87.

Deed, Jim Hilscher, Fred Henry and Carolyn Hilscher to R.L. and Mary W. Pouch, 19.703 acres, John Swarte Survey; 8-1-87.

Deed, Dorothy Grace Johnson and Gerald Stuffed to Maurice A. and Mary J. Noel, 19.48 acres, Joseph Thompson Survey; 8-3-87.

Deed, D. Dean Couch Jr. and Couch Mortgage Co. to Associated Properties Inc., lot 4, block 70, Columbus; 8-3-87.

Deed, Bobby R. Hudson to Small Business Administration, tract in block 15, P. Reel's Survey, Eagle Lake; 8-4-87.

Deed, Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation to Lufkin F. and Gloria Araque, et al.; 53.21 acres, J.M. Thomas Survey; 8-4-87.

Deed, Glen and Geraldine Hoegemeier to Julius A. and Joyce J. Owens; 58.123 acres, Basil G. Jjms Survey; 8-4-87.

Deed, The Falls Inc. to Industrial Telephone Co., 191 acre, Charles Fritsch Survey; 8-4-87.

Deed, David Arthur Lund to Delores Lund, lot 18, Hillcrest Park Subd.; 8-4-87.

Deed, Dan and Mary Ellen Frause to Columbus Quarterhorse Performance

Turners win at horse show

Coy Turner of Teague and Clyde Turner of Eagle Lake rode Richards Pride to three impressive finishes at the 1987 National Championship Show sponsored by the American Paint Horse Association. The show was held at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque, from July 14-19.

Richards Pride is a five year old stallion owned by Clyde and Marsha Turner. Coy rode Richards Pride to a third place finish in steer stopping, and Clyde rode him to a sixth place finish in Amateur heading and a fifth place finish in Amateur heeling. All three events demonstrate the riders' skill with a rope and the horse's ability to check and turn the steer and position it for the roper.

The Turners are members of the South Texas Paint Horse Club, the Gulf Coast Paint Horse Club and the Central Texas Paint Horse Club.

They have won numerous awards with Richards Pride including high point performance horse in Rifle County, 1986 reserve champion in steer stopping for the Gulf Coast Paint Horse Club; 1986 reserve champion in heeling for the South Texas Paint Horse Club; 1986 champion in heeling for the Central Texas Paint Horse Club; 1987 champion in steer stopping at the Texas Summer Spectacular. Richards Pride also received points on the APHA register of merit in heading, heeling and steer stopping.

The Turners have been showing Paints for the last two years. They own the Painted Horseshoe Ranch. Clyde is a professional farmer.

Public hunt application deadlines set

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have announced deadlines for submitting applications to participate in public hunts on Type I wildlife management areas this fall and winter.

The deadlines apply only to special permit hunts where participants are selected by computer drawing. A fee is charged successful applicants. The department also has regular permit hunts, where hunters simply register on a first-come, first served basis and pay a small fee to hunt. On certain other areas, free hunting is allowed on a self-registration basis.

This year the department has consolidated all Type I materials into a booklet entitled "Hunting Opportunities on Type I Wildlife Management Areas." To obtain the booklet, write the TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call toll-free 1-800-792-1112.

The booklets also will be available at TPWD field offices across the state by September 1.

The application deadlines for hunting the various species of game are: pronghorn antelope, Sept. 7; deer (archery) Sept. 7; deer (firearm), Sept. 21; javelina, Nov. 16; feral hog, Dec. 14; spring turkey gobbler, Feb. 15, 1988. Completed applications must be received by the Austin office by 5 p.m. on the day listed.

Permits for the department's new Type II hunting lands program also are now on sale at department headquarters and 28 field offices. Purchasers of the \$35 permits will receive a map booklet that describes locations and regulations for the Type II wildlife management areas.

Conservation field day near La Grange

A conservation field day will be held near La Grange this Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22, when contractors will install several conservation measures.

The event will start with a ground-breaking at 10 a.m. on Friday. The public is being invited to the field day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Practices to be installed include a diversion terrace, critical area shaping and vegetation, a waterway for terrace outlets, two grade stabilization structures, a pond with a trickle tube through the dam and brush control.

Trailers will be used to take visitors on a 10-stop tour of the construction projects. Concession stands will be on the site.

The field day is being sponsored by the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Texas chapter of the Land Improvement Contractors of America.

More than 100 contractors are expected to work during the two-day event and will plan to keep at least 30 pieces of equipment running.

Throughout the central and Gulf Coast of Texas.

Other features of the livestock show include a junior open breeding rabbit show, fancy poultry show and the senior open livestock show.

The 1986 Colorado County Fair livestock show had a total entry of almost 800 lots. Based on current entries submitted it is predicted that a comparable number of entries will be on the grounds for this year's show.

Entries for the special sale to be

held in conjunction with the fair include 11 beef heifers, nine pens of turkeys, 17 pens of broilers and 15 pens of fryer rabbits.

All blue ribbon entries sell in the primary sale followed by a freezer sale for the lower placing lots.

There will be additional beef heifers entered in the in-county heifer show and a respectable number of entries in the junior open beef heifer and sheep show which includes entries from Colorado County and

also be an excellent habitat for wildlife.

Brush can be cleared in an alternate sequence so that a pattern for wildlife can be established. This alternate brush open area pattern enhances growth of grasses and forbs as well as provides escape cover for deer. These patterns are beneficial to both deer and livestock.

As a landowner, you must decide which type of brush pattern will best fit into your livestock and wildlife operation. You must determine the proper width of brush strips and open areas to balance livestock forage with brush and browse cover for deer and other wildlife. Kinds and amounts of browse plants as food sources for deer must be evaluated also. Many sportsmen will pay premium lease rates to hunt on land where the brush has been cleared in strips or patterns.

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