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Lawmakers working to reform public school finance

To meet a court-imposed deadline of June 1, state lawmakers apparently have cast aside partisan politics and are working with less gridlock to reform public school finance.

If true, it couldn't come at a better time. The Legislature has fumbled four attempts to distribute state funds equally among public school districts.

La. Gov. Bob Bullock and Senate Education chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, last week unveiled the latest model for reform, which Bullock called "fairproof."

By "fairproof," Bullock means this plan will prevent an Austin state district judge from closing all public schools in June, but there's another dimension to that word.

It also means Democrats and Republicans will come together in a two-thirds majority necessary to place a constitutional amendment on the May ballot for voter approval.

Republican-Democrat Plan

Gov. Ann Richards' special session in Nov. failed miserably because of political gridlock, and some blamed it on partisan squabbling, but that's not entirely true. There simply was no consensus to begin with, not even among Democrats.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Bullock, a shrewd Democrat, got the message; he picked Ratliff, a highly respected Republican, to chair the key committee. Now it's a bipartisan plan from the start, something that rank-and-file legislators might buy.

Put simply, Ratliff's bill calls for a constitutional amendment to legalize county education districts. The CED, some multi-county in size, will levy a tax and share it with all public schools in the CED.

If voters reject the amendment, then voters in each CED will also vote on whether to authorize the CED property tax.

If both proposals are nixed by voters in a particular county, that CED will spend no more than \$3,470 per student.

Laney Okays House Reform

Meanwhile, House Speaker Pete

Laney continued to receive plaudits from members on both sides of the aisle for endorsing sweeping changes in the way the House of Representatives conducts business.

Laney, D-Hale Center, stunned some colleagues by agreeing to changes in House rules that even his critics say will open the chamber to more public scrutiny and fewer legislative logjams.

The proposed changes include new parliamentary rules to ease the crush of bills in the final three days of a legislative session and to ensure that the powerful Calendars Committee conducts business in the open.

"Only Richard Nixon could have gone to Communist China; only Pete Laney could have reformed the Texas House," said Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin.

No More Three-day Bills?

In previous sessions, more than half the bills passed by the House were passed in the final three days, because of parliamentary deadlines. Under the proposed rules, deadlines would kick in 17 days before the end of a 140-day regular session.

Laney has agreed that the Calendars Committee, where bills traditionally were killed or allowed to languish in private, must vote publicly on each bill within 30 days of receiving it.

Other provisions of the reform measure, which the House considered late last week, include:

•The speaker will appoint only half, instead of all, of the members of the Appropriations Committee, including its chairman and vice chairman. Seniority will determine the other members.

•Non-local bills must get final House approval 17 days before the end of the session. Final passage of Senate bills must take place in the House at least six days before the end of the session.

•Only conference committee reports and Senate amendments may be considered on the fourth and fifth days

before the end of a session.

•On the second and third days before the session's end, the House will limit itself to conference committee reports.

'Revolving Door' Bill

State Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, has accepted the state prison board's request to halt the revolving-door policy for employees at Texas' parole agency.

Sibley said his office is drafting a bill that would prohibit agency employees from representing convicts in

parole hearings for two years after the employees leave the agency.

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice unanimously endorsed passage of a "revolving door" bill recently.

The decision came shortly after federal officials in Waco charged former parole board chairman James Granberry with lying under oath about the extent of his parole consulting activities.

"We're concerned about someone using the good ol' boy network, and that's what this bill is designed to stop," Sibley said.

Other Highlights

•With drastic budget cuts facing lawmakers and essential services at risk, State Comptroller John Sharp will begin this week disclosing 192 recommendations designed to reduce the state budget by more than \$3 billion. "What we are recommending is better than kicking a bunch of old folks out of nursing homes," he said.

•Responding to educators who support a state income tax to ease budget problems, Lt. Gov. Bullock said: "An income tax is about as likely as the Red Sea opening up and engulfing Texas."

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

For the week of Jan. 28, 1993. Plan to watch "The Eyes of Texas" on Channel 2 at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 30. The history of Alletton will be featured. Bill Harrison Sr. is in the process of writing the history of this interesting town right here in our own county. The book should be published within the next few months.

One of the busiest places in Eagle Lake is our very own Prairie Edge Museum and it will be especially so in the next few months. The PJ players are preparing to present a play which Rollin Baker has adapted to drama form from the story of *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*. Rollin also wrote the script for *Ruby Red and the Elves* at Christmas.

The next production is scheduled tentatively for the last weekend in March which will immediately precede the beginning of our next Wildflower Celebration scheduled to run April 1 through May 2. Prairie Edge is again the designated headquarters for the celebration and young people at the museum yesterday trying out for

parts in the upcoming presentation. The play will be ably directed by Debbie Reed who will again have the valuable assistance of Kyle and Debbie Walker. They will supervise sets, props, etc. Watch this column for further information concerning the play. Call Debbie Reed at 234-2601 if you would like to volunteer to help with the production.

Out fountain pen and pencil collection is now even more interesting since, through the courtesy of Sandra C. Thomas, three interesting items are being added. One of these is a fountain pen with such a shiny pen point. Another is one called Inkograph which, even though it has a pen point similar to the ball point, is designed to use ink in the same manner as a regular fountain pen. The third artifact is indeed interesting because it is a combination pencil and fountain pen. All three of these are in beautiful cases. Make plans to see these and other exhibits in our collection.

I was saddened to learn of the recent death of John Davenport of Houston. He had written such an interesting article which appeared in the magazine section of the Houston Post about the time we started our collection. The article concerned fountain pens and I'm so thankful that I had placed it in the case with the collection.

Recently I reported the Prairie Edge Museum officers who are: president, Victor Scott; secretary, Jeanne Leopold; treasurer, Louise Spalinger; and reporter, Elizabeth Boothe.

Now I wish to list the board members. Those whose terms will expire at the end of 1993 are Mary Lou Szymanski, Mary Baker, Ethel Cone and Louise Spalinger. Those whose terms expire in 1994 are Joe Lee McCreary, John Camaris, Lloyd Spalinger and Grace Cooper. Those whose terms expire at the end of 1995 are Obie Rhodes, Helen Craig, Jeanne Leopold and Victor Scott. Alternate board members' terms will expire as follows: Anita Loessin, 1993; Elizabeth Boothe and Catherine Clipson, 1994; and Roy Tuttle, 1995.

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Good household appliances, furniture and linens are always good sale items. The museum is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call Elizabeth Boothe at 234-2601 or Bill Harrison at 234-2662 if you wish to arrange for a special tour.

School principals and teachers, our school year is over half gone. How about scheduling a visit to the museum for your students?

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." — Burke.

24 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1968
Free circus performances for all citizens are set for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by the Retail Trade Development Committee and over 40 businesses in Eagle Lake.

Robert F. Zahradnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Zahradnick, currently serving in Viet Nam has been selected for promotion to the rank of major. His wife and family reside in the city.

Dr. William G. Rhoades of El Toro Marine Base in California, will open a dental clinic here this summer following his completion of duty with the Armed Forces.

Dr. Lester Cranek, Garwood rice farmer and rancher, will attend the Farm Policy and Rural Life Conference in Washington, D.C., March 25. Johnny Meitzen, owner of Johnny's Sport Shop, announces registration for the first annual fishing contest.

Cpl. Clyde Black, U.S.M.C. was presented the Meritorious Mast for his actions in Viet Nam. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Black. Imperial Sugar is 29¢ a 5 lb. bag at Minimex this week.

Construction of Astroworld, multimillion dollar family amusement park near the Astrodome is underway for a June 1 opening.

Uvalde rancher Dolph Briscoe has announced plans to run for governor.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Stiles, Jr., are the happy parents of a daughter, Melinda Lois, born March 19th in Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Sgt. Joseph J. Matula, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Matula of East Bernard, has received the bronze star for meritorious service in Viet Nam.

Michael Janik of East Bernard will represent the legion at Boys State in Austin June 8th - 16th.

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About Town...

Rollin Baker has a fascinating article "The Molding of a Champion Athlete: Wallace of Eagle Lake" in the Jan. 1993 issue of the Nesbit Memorial Library Journal. It is the story of Eagle Lake's own great athlete, William B. Wallace, who played sports for Eagle Lake High School from 1927 through 1931.

Wallace continued to be a successful athlete at Rice Institute (later Rice University). He was called one of the great halfbacks of college football. He

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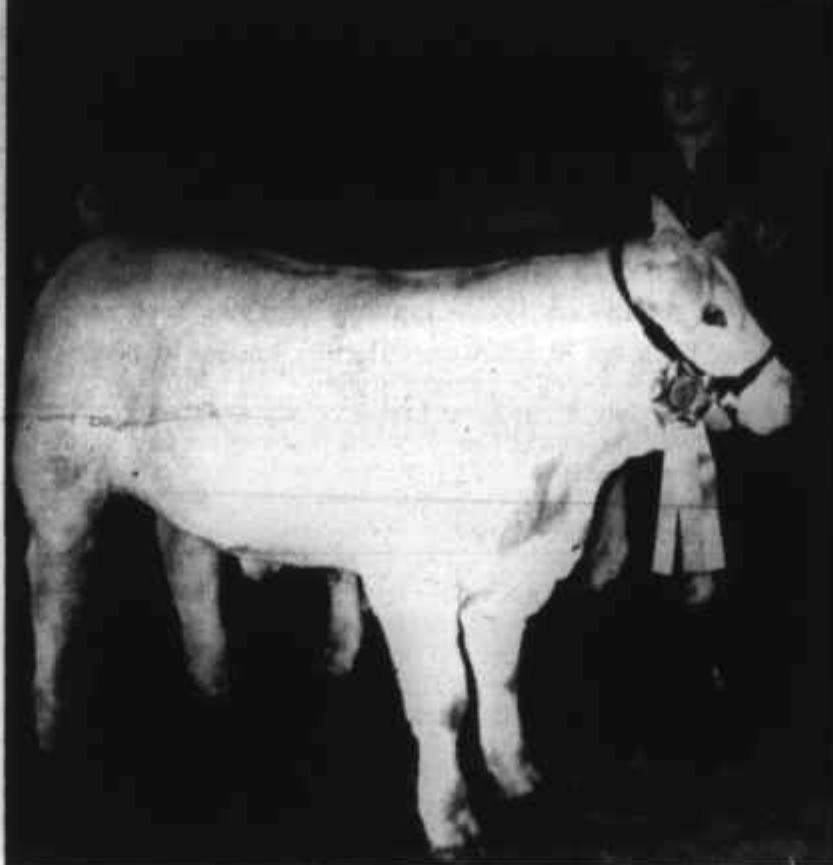
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Showmanship winner, steer division

Chad Weselski won the distinction of top showman in the steer division of this year's Rice FFA Show and Sale. Chad's first place (medium weight) steer was purchased by Larry's Super Service (Larry and Diane Smidove) of Garwood.



Top showman, hog division

Among students showing hogs at this year's FFA show, Bryan Johnson was named top showman. Bryan's second place (light weight) entry was purchased by United Buyers.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Memorials

Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 1992

In memory of Inez Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mahalic, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Shindler, Jewel Law, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lee Bauer, Mr. & Mrs. W. Stuart and family, Mr. & Mrs. K. Szymanski, Dolores Rod, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Burkhardt, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Roy Guthman, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Gertson, Terry L. Kohleff.

In memory of Mary Veselka: Barbara Pidgeon, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mahalic, Mr. & Mrs. Robby Cook, Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Dr. & Mrs. Russell Thomas, Thomas Clinic Staff.

In memory of J.D. Miles: Barbara Pidgeon, Mrs. D.O. Koescheck, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bauer. In memory of Mrs. R.H. Stansel: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Thomson. In memory of Gwendolyn Hutchison: Mr. & Mrs. W. Stuart and family.

In memory of W.H. Bolton: Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Dufan, Mrs. D.O. Koescheck, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutledge, Christine Owen, Leona Herman. In memory of Marie Renkin: Olga Lundquist, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Stapleton, Eagle Lake Hospital Auxiliary, Sophie Zoeller.

In memory of Mrs. Melton Nelson: Mr. & Mrs. Simon Landry. In memory of Mickey Chandler: Dorothy Cassidy. In memory of Charles Kaechele: Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Dr. & Mrs. Russell Thomas, Thomas Clinic Staff, Terry L. Kohleff. In memory of Glenie Buckley: Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Dr. & Mrs. Russell Thomas, Thomas Clinic Staff.

In memory of Bob Waddell: Class of 1963, Eagle Lake High School. In memory of Alvin Kohleff: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Gertson. In memory of Susie Marsalis: Mr. Jimmie Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Stapleton.

In memory of Ora Walker: Dorothy Cassidy, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Stapleton, Mrs. Eunice Dwy, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Braden Sr., Mr. & Mrs. K. Szymanski, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kohleff, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kohleff, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Croner, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Guthman, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Gayle Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh

Sheridan, Barbara Pidgeon, Mr. & Mrs. Errol Hughes, Betty Hoover, Dorothy Hinton, Helga Harper, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Thomson, Jeff Fmka, Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Wink, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Schmitt and family, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kolthorst, Marjorie Towsen, Mr. & Mrs. Joe L. McCreary, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutledge, Mrs. Jimmie Scott, Hattie Mae Dromgoole, Frances Adkins, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Mascheck, Harry Louquet, Mrs. D.O. Koescheck, Mary Ann Hickley, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bauer, Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Brunner, Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Sealhorn, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, George Cason, Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Schneider, Mary K. White.

In memory of Charles Duddleston: Dorothy Cassidy, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Stapleton, Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Braden Sr., Rose Lange, Evelyn Beseda, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutledge, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Mascheck, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bauer. In memory of Jim Pelkett: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutledge.

In memory of Gordon Birdwell: Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. David Winterman, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Stapleton, Mrs. D.O. Koescheck, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bauer, George Cason, Mrs. Jimmie Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Birdwell, R.E. Birdwell, Bessie Birdwell, John Birdwell, Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Anderson.

In memory of Bernice Kochwelp: Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bauer, Sophie Zoeller, Mrs. Jimmie Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Guthman and family, Mr. & Mrs. B.F. Blair, Roger Birdwell, Bessie Birdwell, Elizabeth Boothe, George Cason, Gladys Gold, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fmka, Adeline Parma, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hadley, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutledge.

In memory of Nell Rowe: Mr. & Mrs. B.F. Blair, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutledge, Betty Hoover, Dorothy Hinton.

Monica Poole, who currently lives in this community, has been very busy in the American Legion Post 9191 Ladies Auxiliary in Killean. The post is the biggest in Texas and made All American this year.

Lorraine is current senior vice president and will be incoming president in June. She is also assistant musician in District 14 and will travel to Austin for the winter seminar as well as to Corpus Christi in June for a state convention. Monica will be taking care of the homefront in Killean while her mother is away.

She recently received a gift from the state president for her work as membership chairman. She also serves as safety chairman.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Estate of Emma Livingston to Kelly H. Baxter, und. int. in 70.028% of a 5.9% mineral interest, et al.; filed 12-21-92.

Deed of Gift: C.J. Marik, et ux to Charles J. Marik, Jr., et al. part of the J. Dunlavy Survey, Abstract No. 165; 12-21-92.

Deed: Arthur Robert Milenz Trust to Allen Ray Milenz, et al, 1263.617 acres in the Aaron Burleson League, Abstract No. 85; 12-21-92.

Gift Deed: Ben J. Hirschory, et ux to David J. Hirschory, et al, 235.8560 acre out of the Wm. T. Dunlavy Survey, Abstract No. 183, the Joseph Duty Survey, Abstract No. 20, et al; 12-21-92.

Gift Deed: Leland H. Miller, et ux to Doyle F. Dittmar, et al, 0.4251 acre, being original lot No. 6, in Block No. 138 in the City of Columbus; 12-21-92.

Deed: Edward Hoffmann, et ux to Raymond Hoffmann, et al, 73.4 acres, being a part of the J.S. Evans Survey; 12-21-92.

Deed: Edward Hoffmann, et ux to Raymond and Ruby Hoffmann, et al und. int. in Royalty, being out of the Preston Gilbert League, Abstract No. 25; 12-21-92.

Deed: Edward Hoffmann, et ux to Raymond and Ruby Hoffmann, et al Royalty (und. int.) in 73.4 acres out of the

J.S. Evans Survey; 12-21-92.

Deed: Harry C. Henkhaus, Jr., et ux to Bruce H. Henkhaus, et al, 46.734 acres out of the James Tylee League, Abstract No. 550; 12-21-92.

Deed: Lester Schneider, et ux to David Schneider, et ux, two (2) tracts containing approximately 60.83 acres out of the Armstrong Center Survey, Abstract No. 143; 12-21-92.

Deed: T.H. McElvain, et al to T.H. McElvain Oil & Gas Limited Partnership, 100 acres out of Section 7, Texas and New Orleans Railroad Survey; 12-21-92.

Gift Deed: Lloyd W.H. Poniwach, et ux to Jeffrey L. Poniwach, et ux, 2.00 acres out of the Wm. R. Hung League, Abstract No. 29; 12-22-92.

Deed of Gift: William T. Richardson, et ux to Charles T. Richardson, et al, 97.14 acres, being out of the B. Beason League, Abstract No. 5; 12-22-92.

Royalty Deed: John S. Turner and John S. Turner, Inc. to Preston Energy, two (2) tracts containing 437.96 located in the I & G. N.R.R. No. 6, Abstract No. 314 and in the I & G. N.R.R. Sy, Abstract No. 301; 12-22-92.

Deed of Gift: Dittman W. Harrison, et ux to Dittman Webster Harrison, trustee in benefit of Margaret Ann Waligars, et al, 1/3 interest in 59.5 acres of land, out of the R. Alley League, Abstract No. 1; 12-22-92.

Deed of Gift: Ruben P. Drymalla, et ux to Irene O. Polansky, et al, being 57.794 acres out of the Louis Wink Survey, Abstract No. 590; 12-23-92.

Deed: Raymond R. Thomas, et ux to Gateway Lodge, L.C., 157.021 acres, out of R. J. Focken Survey, Abstract No. 202; 12-23-92.

Deed: Franklin Schobel and Joe Bonno, Independent Executors of the Estate of Anna Schobel to Harvey G. Poniwach, 34.3 acres, off the West end of said Lot 8 in the Freeman Pettus Labor; 12-23-92.

OIL & GAS LEASES
Little Mae Nunn Channel to WCS Oil

and Gas Corp., 15.159 acres, out of the I.G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36 and out of the Jess Burnham Survey, Abstract No. A-9; filed 12-21-92.

M. F. Dick, et ux to WCS Oil and Gas Corporation, 11.25 acres out of the U.G. O'Farrell Survey, Abstract No. 36; 12-21-92.

Edith Hopkins to P&GE Resources Company, 281.94 acres out of the L&G.N. R.R., No. 5 Survey; 12-22-92.

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS
Lennie Johnson, Columbus, theft-by-check; defendant plead guilty, court fined defendant guilty, credit for time served 7 days, restitution in the amount of \$90.

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For additional details on the reunion contact Andy Ansell, R.D. #1 Box 336, Acme, PA. 15610.

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