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Amendment Vote Aug. 5



MARKER UNVEILING — Top photo shows Mrs. R. B. Allen unveiling the marker which commemorates pioneers of the Silver area. Behind Mrs. Allen and not visible is Mrs. R. W. Odom who helped her mother unveil the marker. Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth is standing to the left with a cup of soil to be placed at the base of the marker. Two interested observ-

ers watch from the right. Bottom picture shows the Jameson marker which commemorates the first oil well in Coke County, Sun No. 1 Allen Jameson. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Jameson and John Shimer, former Silver resident, who poured a bottle of oil from the Jameson Field at the base of the marker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis and Frank of Amarillo are visiting relatives and friends in Coke County this week.

Water Section In This Paper

A special eight page insert is being carried in this week's Observer. The special section is promoting passage of Amendment 2, which will be voted on next Tuesday. Amendment 2 would provide financing for implementing the Texas Water Plan, a long range plan for development of Texas water resources.

This special section is being sent to all readers courtesy of Robert Lee State Bank, Coke County, Bryan Construction Co., Faris City Drug, Ivey Motor Co., City of Robert Lee, a Friend and The Observer.

The section tells a complete story about the Texas Water Plan.

DRUG CLAIMS MAY BE FILED ON ANTIBIOTICS

Consumers who have purchased broad spectrum antibiotics during the period 1954-1966 may file claims against five drug companies as part of a suit against the firms for violation of antitrust laws of the United States. The attorney general of Texas is plaintiff in the suit.

Anyone who wishes to file a claim may pick up a form at the office of County Clerk Mrs. Winnie Waldrop at the courthouse in Robert Lee.

Voters from all over Texas will go to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 5, to cast their ballots for or against nine constitutional amendments. Ballots will have two boxes alongside each proposed amendment and voters should mark an X in the box which indicates the way they want to vote.

The most widely publicized

among the nine amendments is No. 2, which would allow the Texas Water Development Board, with the approval of the Legislature, to issue revenue bonds in the amount of \$3½ billion for developing water resources in the state.

Four voting boxes will be set up in Coke County, one in each

of the commissioner precincts, as follows: Robert Lee with Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. as presiding judge and Mrs. Freeman Clark as alternate judge; Bronte with Matthew Caperton as presiding judge and Noah Pruitt Sr. as alternate judge; Green Mountain with Dave King as presiding judge and Glenn Waldrop as alternate judge; Tennyson with Sam Gaston as presiding judge and James Arrott as alternate judge.

Other amendments to be voted on, briefly, are as follows:

No. 1 provides for repeal of obsolete and unnecessary sections of the Constitution.

No. 3 provides for the Legislature to fix salaries of the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house and other members of the legislature and removes the 120 day limit on per diem for regular sessions.

No. 4 provides an exemption from taxation of nonprofit water supply corporations.

No. 5 provides for the establishing of an \$80 million fund as the state's part of payments for the needy aged, blind, disabled and dependent children.

No. 6 provides removal of the constitutional interest rate on bonds issued pursuant to constitutional authority.

No. 7 provides for payments to surviving spouses and minor children of governmental workers who are killed in the performance of their duties.

No. 8 provides for additional loans to students at institutions of higher learning.

No. 9 provides for the Texas Legislature to hold annual sessions.

Markers Dedicated At Silver Homecoming

More than 200 persons were present Sunday for the annual Silver homecoming, which was highlighted by an afternoon program and dedication of two historical markers. The program followed church services in the morning, an old fashioned "dinner on the grounds" at noon and a period of visiting.

At a business session following the meal, M. C. Hendry was elected president of the homecoming association and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth was elected secretary and treasurer. The fourth Sunday in July, 1970, was set as the date for next year's homecoming.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of the Coke County Historical Survey Committee, got the afternoon program underway and introduced Judge W. W. Thetford, who served as master of ceremonies. H. L. Bloodworth gave the invocation. J. D. Mumford and his two sons presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance. Judge Thetford introduced members of the committee and Mrs. C. E. Arrott introduced representatives from Mitchell County who were present. Mrs. Arrott led the singing of several songs, with Mrs. Wilson Bryan accompanying at the piano.

Elton Mims of Water Valley, member of the Coke County committee and well known historian, gave the benediction.

gave the dedicatory address and praised the pioneers of the Silver area who are commemorated by one of the markers. He also reviewed the oil industry which made possible the first well, Sun No. 1 Allen Jameson, which is commemorated by the other marker.

Following the program which was held at Silver Baptist Church, those present drove to the site where the markers were erected for the unveiling ceremony. Mrs. R. B. Allen and her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Odom, unveiled the Silver marker. Mrs. Bloodworth deposited some soil from a pioneer homestead at the base of the marker.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson unveiled the Jameson marker and John Shimer of Midland, a former resident of Silver, poured oil from the Jameson Field on the site. Ulmer Bird, another member of the Coke County committee, gave the benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Muncrief, Sherri and Terri of LaVerne, Okla., visited over the weekend in the Maurice Yarbrough home. They reported that Oklahoma is very dry and hot with temperatures reaching 110 degrees during the day.

Coke County will have a new government trapper at the end of this month. Leroy Elliott, who has been stationed in Coke County for the last 10 years, is retiring and will be replaced by Jim Skinner who comes here from Uvalde.

Elliott and his wife will move at the end of this month to their farm at Katempcy. The couple has six married children who live at Snyder, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Mason and Katempcy. The Elliotts came to Coke from McCullough County.

Elliott was eligible to retire two years ago at age 65, but he said he enjoyed his work so much and was in good health and decided to stay with his job awhile longer.

Skinner and his wife and their two children have arrived in the county and are living in their trailer home at Add Davis' Trailer Park. They have a daughter who is nine years old and a son who is four. Skinner has been a government trapper for the past seven years. He has worked closely with Elliott the past 10 days learning the layout of the area and getting acquainted with the people.

Weekend visitors in the Dwain Clanton home were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Roberson and Michelle of Lubbock. Mr. Roberson was an employee of Clement Brothers and were residents of Robert Lee for three years.

Water Plan Explained

Members of the BCD and guests heard a program on the Texas Water Plan Tuesday at noon when they met at the community center. Gerald C. Allen, local banker and member of the Governor's Committee of 500, was in charge of the program. He showed a film and commented on the need for Amendment 2 to carry in next Tuesday's election. Amendment 2 provides for the issuance of \$3½ billion in revenue bonds as the state's part of a long range water development program.

BCD Vice President Bill Beaty presided in the absence of President Garland Davis.

The film shown by Allen was entitled "Time for Action." The message of the movie told that the preparation and release of the Texas Water Plan is only the beginning insofar as the effective protection, conservation, development, distribution and utilization of Texas water resources are concerned.

The film stated that nature does a bad job of distributing water over the state, pointing out that El Paso has a yearly average of eight inches, while Wichita Falls receives 49 inches per year. These extreme measurements would be evened somewhat

in the future of Texas.

Development of Texas water resources is a many-faced problem, the film showed, and water and rich soil have been two important factors in the growth of the state since its first settlers arrived. Cities which had an abundance of water have been the ones which progressed the most. Continued abundance of water is needed to keep this progress going.

Likewise, more water is needed to help Texas keep its place as the nation's leader in mineral production. A comparatively new industry in the state, tourism, needs abundant water resources to attract visitors from other states and for the recreation of the state's own citizens.

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by the Texas Water Plan in providing better distribution and storage facilities for areas with light rainfall.

Another problem which the water plan seeks to solve is the lowering of the under ground water table in the Great Plains area where irrigated crops provide one of the richest agricultural regions in the country.

The film concluded that Texas needs to develop water resources in order to maintain its present growth rate through the next 20 to 30 years. More water is needed for domestic, agricultural, industrial, mining, shipping and recreational uses. Population growth and increased water use per capita are prime factors in demanding full development of the state's water resources.

Allen closed the meeting by stating that his more than 30 years on the board of directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority have brought him what the "water needs are in the great state of Texas."

H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

The leather look has been transplanted into washable bathing suits. Many leather-look items are new embossed knit nylon fabric in textures such as calfskin, goatskin, lizard and alligator.

Colors are dazzling. Besides brown and bone, swim suits are available in lime, white, olive and pink. Many suits take the Indian effect right down to the water-front with headbands and beads.

If you plan to buy lace for fall, these tips will be of help. 1. Ask if lace is stabilized for shrinkage control. Lace fabrics are under tension in manufacture. Dry-cleaning and steaming in finishing release the fabric causing shrinkage if it hasn't been stabilized. Nonstabilized lace may shrink as much at 10%.

2. Note underarm and side seams in lace clothing. Are they ample in width and well-finished? Shallow seams pull out with strain in wear.

3. Observe buttonholes. Unfinished or machine-stitched buttonholes fray readily.

Why do grocers persist in putting baked goods first in stores? Bread, buns, coffee cake and doughnuts go into the bottom of the cart and heavier items pile in afterwards.

Supermarket bakery departments carry several brands of baked goods to allow a complete selection. Because driver-salesmen from the various companies stock and service the department, it needs to be located conveniently near the door.

The second reason is a matter of psychology. Shoppers buy impulsively in the bakery department when they've just entered the store and when the cart is nearly empty and the purse is nearly full.

In the bakery department one impulse purchase leads to another somewhere else in the store. For example, a package of hamburger buns naturally leads to the purchase of a pound or two of ground beef — a package of hotdog buns means that hotdogs must also be dropped into the cart when the shopper gets to the meat department.

Senior citizens offer an almost \$45 million market to business today. As the 19 million women and men 65 or more years old increase to 25 million by 1985, purchasing power grows, too. This expresses concern over the psychology of this age market. What will senior citizens want to buy? What will be their wants when the time comes to spend one-fourth of life in retirement?

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had an operation
bought a new car
painted your house
had company
been married
been robbed
been shot at
stolen anything

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McFarland Rites Held at Winters

Funeral services for Mrs. Olive E. McFarland, 82, of Muleshoe were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church in Winters with burial in the Winters Cemetery.

Mrs. McFarland died at 5:20 a.m. Saturday in a Muleshoe hospital after a long illness. She was a former Coke County resident.

She was born July 20, 1887 in Runnels County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pierce. She married R. H. McFarland in Robert Lee Sept. 9, 1908. She taught school in Coke County at the Lometa school in 1902-03.

He was a contractor for 15 years before retiring. He died Friday, July 18, in a convalescent home in Fresno after a short illness. He had suffered a stroke the last of June.

Survivors include his widow; three sons, James I. Jr., of Fresno, and Eugene L. and Billy Joe, both of Lakewood Calif.; four daughters Mrs. Eileen Perriera and Mrs. Hester Seales, both of Fresno, Mrs. Lois Garrett of Coalinga, Calif., and Mrs. Irene Busey of Washington; a sister, Mrs. Bonnie Norfleet of Carlsbad, N. M., 30 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

California Rites For J. I. Reed, 76

Funeral services for James I. Reed, 76, of Fresno, California, a retired contractor was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday July 22, in the Stephens and Mean Chapel there. Burial was in the Belmont Memorial Park.

Mr. Reed was born in Edwards County, Texas and moved with his pioneer parents to the Silver community in Coke County as a young child. He married Minnie B. Baggus at Hale Center. They reared their family on a 160 acre farm at Silver. They moved to Fort Worth in 1942, lived for a time in Midland and then moved to Long Beach, California in 1945. They have made their home at Fresno for the past 23 years.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fields and her sister, Mrs. Beth Moore of Monahans, visited over the weekend at Fort Worth in the home of another sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Brown. Another sister, Mrs. George Wilson of Whitney, met the group for the weekend visit in the Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rives and grandchildren, Nita and Jan Brock of Odessa are spending a week at their farm in the Friendship community.

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By BILL MCCLANAHAN
Dallas News Staff Cartoonist



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- Where can you join The Snake Safari? (Or do you really want to?)
- Can the Confederate Air Force fly?
- Where will you see the State's only herd of Longhorns?

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MISS VICKI ROWOLDT

Parents Announce Engagement of Vicki Rowoldt and Quinn Conley; Wedding Date Set for September 13

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Rowoldt and Mrs. John Conley are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vicki Charlene, to Evans Quinn Conley, son of Mr.

HAVE BARBECUE SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Millican and Sue Ann entertained with a barbecue supper at their home Saturday night.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Watkins, S. M. Watkins, Mrs. Wanda Durgin and Beth, Joan and Donna Watkins, Stevie, Debbie and Penny Kramer, Mrs. L. C. Trowbridge, Sherry, Robbie and Lonnie Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harmon, Theresa and Betsy of San Angelo.

Also Ross Watkins, Denison; Mrs. W. R. Martin and Randy Mesquite; Mrs. Judy Martin and Carol Briscoe, Forney; Duane Blair, Sterling City; Denise Daniels, Odessa; Mrs. John Bramlett and Kathy, Monahans; Lloyd Holt, Karen and Diane, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican and Troy of Robert Lee.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Jim Blair were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. King of El Paso. Other visitors in the Blair home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keel and two children, Mrs. Sam Keel and Dan, all of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Edward White of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Blair and Gerald of San Angelo.

WELCOME

**Robert Lee
Baptist Church**
West 11th and Chadbourne
Bill Beatty, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sam Plumlee and sons, Sam, Jr., Randy and Ricky, and Mrs. G. R. Smith and daughter, Angela, all of Carlsbad, N. M. were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brice. Sunday guests in the Brice home were J. T. Brice of Bronte, Mrs. Leslie Brice of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Brice and family of Sweetwater, Mrs. Bob Webb and children and Mr. and Mrs. Al Hendley, all of Winters.

Jack Walker underwent major surgery at Hogan Malone Hospital in Big Spring last week. Relatives report he is making a fast recovery.

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Folger's Coffee 69c

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Kuner's Garden Sweet Peas, 303 size can - 4 for 95c

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Gandy's Big Dish 2 for 99c

GANDY'S FROZAN - - - 1/2 gal. crt. 39c

WHOLESALE ORANGE JUICE - 12 oz. can 37c

ZEE TOILET TISSUE - 4 roll pkg. 35c

ZEE TOWELS - - - - large roll 29c

TIDE giant box 75c
10c OFF LABEL

Duncan Hines Cake Mix (except Angel) - 2 for 69c

Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix - - - 2 lb. box 47c

MORTON'S SALAD DRESSING - - qt. jar 43c

WISHBONE FRENCH DRESSING - 16 oz. jar 49c

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**HEARD AT
SANCO**

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Eubanks of New Mexico were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallian last week. They were enroute home from a trip to Dallas and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman, Mrs. Velma Denman and Mrs. Fronay Scarborough visited a sister-in-law, Mrs. Vertna Sherrod, in Snyder last Sunday. Mrs. Sherrod's home is in Hughes Springs.

Mrs. J. L. Carwile Sr., Miss Effie Carwile and Henry Carwile attended the wedding of their granddaughter and niece, Ann Carwile in Colorado City Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Bird also attended the wedding.

Miss Sheri Pitcock returned home from Abilene Sunday with her brother, Darrel, who spent the weekend there. They visited

an aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winkler.

Mrs. Luie Frizzell of Sweetwater, her daughter, Mrs. Doretta Foust and Connie and Donna Sue Frizzell visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lura Reid, on Monday. Doretta and Connie have just returned from California where they spent several months with their husband and father, Ricky Foust, who is in the Navy. Donna Sue lives in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Heck and girls have returned home after a three weeks vacation trip to Batson, Texas and Louisiana.

They spent two weeks at their ranch home at Batson and one week in Lafayette, La., visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Daucette, and friends, Mr.

and Mrs. Ashton Leger at Morgan

City, La. Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Devoll and Lisa spent the July

4th weekend visiting the Hecks

at Batson.

Miss Ann Carwile, Eugene Ward Exchange Wedding Vows In Double Ring Ceremony at Colorado City

Miss Ann Carwile and Eugene Ward, both of Colorado City, were married July 26 at First Baptist Church in Colorado City, with the Rev. Glenn Roenfeldt, pastor, officiating at the double ring ceremony. The bride's father gave her in marriage.

Miss Carwile's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile of Robert Lee and Mr. Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cogdill of San Angelo.

Decorations for the church included background candelabra covered with yellow gladioli and greenery, with spiral candelabra on each side holding yellow swirled candles, also decorated with yellow glads and greenery.

The bride's gown was of silk organza with empire bodice overlaid with lace. Lace formed ruffles at the neckline and long sleeves. The same lace banded the A-line skirt and trimmed the train. The full length mantilla was edged with Chantilly lace and fell from a pillbox. She carried a large white orchid with a yellow throat on a white Bible, with a cascade of yellow gladioli flowerlets. She wore pearls, a gift from the bridegroom.

The maid of honor was Miss Sue Parker of Plains. She wore a mint green gown of organza over satin, with an A-line skirt and matching ribbon marked the empire bodice. The long sleeves were of organza and her headpiece was a Dior bow with veil.

Bridesmaids were Miss Janice Miller of Farwell and Miss Barbara Cogdill of San Angelo, sister of the bridegroom. Their gowns were identical to that of the maid of honor, except they were yellow. All the bride's attendants carried cymbidium orchids.

Best man was Frank Edward Markwood III of Colorado City. Candlelighters were Jerel Graves and Zollie Steakley, both of Colorado City. Groomsmen were Larry Kiser of San Angelo and Carlton Matthews of Lubbock. Ushers were Davis Woods and Lanny Brentz, both of Colorado City.

Mrs. Curtis Baker was organist

gree in mathematics and biology. A math teacher in Colorado City High School, he is a member of the Evening Lions Club, the teachers organizations and is treasurer of the Colorado City Teachers Association for 1969-70.

The bridegroom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Villa Inn in Colorado City last Friday evening for members of the wedding party.

**LARGE CROWD ATTENDS
KING FAMILY REUNION**

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam King, pioneer settlers of Coke County met Saturday, July 26, at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall for the annual family reunion.

Five surviving sons and daughters were all present. They are: Mrs. Vela Plumlee, Mrs. Lillie Gaines and D. O. King of Robert Lee; Frank King, Socorro, N. M.; and R. B. Kink, El Paso.

Others present were Mrs. R. B. King El Paso; Mrs. Carrie King, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. King and Ray, Moriarity, N. M.; Judy and Alan King, Edgewood, N. M.; Mrs. Bertha King, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Peralta, N. M.; Thomas L. King Jr., Kay, Raymond and Bonnie King Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. King III, Mr. and Mrs. Lester King, Phil Plumlee, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie R. Gaines, Belinda, Randall and Terry Gaines, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson and Jerry, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker, Dave and Rex, Mrs. Charles Brice, Ann, Georgia, and Jackie, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas, Arlington.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wanker, F. L., Freddie L. and Frankie Lynn, Fairview, Okla.; Mrs. Sam Plumlee, Sam Jr., Randy and Ricky, Mrs. G. Raymond Smith and Angela, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gaines, David and George Bob, Leveland; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton King, Becky and Larry, Lake Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Embrey, Helen Ann, Kathryn and Willie Mack Jr., Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Don King, Jerry, Jeana and Rhonda, Stanley, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hartsell, Richard, Robert and Ronda, Ardmore, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy King, Winger; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Glaze and Lauri, Abilene; Miss Molly Vinson, Albuquerque, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Plumlee, Ira; Mr. and Mrs. Jan Phares, Destry and Collette, Denton and Jimmy and Kathaleen Robertson, Portales, N. M.

From San Angelo were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Gaines, Steven and Tonda, Mrs. Shirley Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Middleton, Katie and Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keel, Martha and Joe David, Mrs. Sam Keel and Wanell Ford, Katie and Susan Calder.

Robert Lee residents attending were Mr. and Mrs. David Key, Joe David and Dee Anna, Mrs. D. O. King, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brice, Judy, Darlene, Kay and Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eads Jr., and Jessie III, Carl Blair, Alfred and Karen, Miss Adrienne Summers, Mrs. Vivian Blair, Jim Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Waymon Robertson and Frank Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brice were in charge of the reunion this year. Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Middleton were elected to be in charge next year and the date was tentatively set for July 25, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Davis and children returned home Saturday following a five day vacation spent at Ruidoso, New Mex.

Mrs. William Joe Harmon and two children visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon. Mr. Harmon came to visit over the weekend and get his family.

**MRS. EUGENE WARD**

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CAMPERS — Robert Lee Boy Scouts who recently spent a week at Camp Sol Mayer include: bottom row left to right, Walter Flowers, Bobby Large, Dennis Cox, Carl Bagwell; second row, Jim Craig, Tommy Black, Harvey Wojtek, Doug Herford, Ricky Mashburn, Jeff

Eubanks; third row, Vincent Hanna, David Beaty, Gary McDaniel, Lynn Sockwell, Burl Davis, Mark Matlock.

The scouts had a successful week, with lots of fun, approximately 53 merit badges added to their collection and some rank advancements.



AUSTIN, Tex. — September 1 is the date suggested by Gov. Preston Smith for the special committee, now investigating auto insurance rates in Texas, to report its recommendations to the governor.

Former Gov. Price Daniel, chairman of the committee, has expressed doubt that the group will be able to make that deadline. But he says "we are going to try."

Lots of insurance industry representatives showed up to listen, chat with reporters, and speculate as to just what was likely to come out of the committee's work.

Governor Smith, in his address to the committee, stressed that the investigation was not a "witch hunt" nor was it an attempt to "punish" the insurance industry. But he also said that unless increases in auto insurance rates were "absolutely essential," they should not be made and if they were absolutely necessary, the people deserved to know why.

Capitol pressrooms were deluged with memoranda and bulletins from various insurance associations, giving background information, stating positions and generally pledging support and assistance to the committee.

First meeting of the committee produced little information, except a show of determination by its seven members to find a way to lower auto insurance rates or to present a "concise and clear explanation" to Texas drivers as to why their rates are going up.

And this will take a lot of explaining.

State Board of Insurance has agreed to a 30-day delay in its auto rate decision, usually made on August 1. Board has proposed a minimum rate hike of 11.4 per cent. This increase would apply only to drivers of private passenger cars. Individual rates would fluctuate in keeping with the accident experience record in each area.

EDUCATION — Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System has increased the rate for loans to students from six to seven per cent. This rate applies to all future loans granted under the Hinson-Hazlewood Act.

Board also approved a common calendar for all state supported colleges and universities. Such schools will begin classes the

first week in September. Final examinations for the fall semester will end just prior to the Christmas holidays.

OIL DEPLETION — Most Texas government leaders publicly denounced action of the U. S. House Ways and Means Committee that would, if accepted by both houses of Congress and the President, cut the oil depletion allowance from 27.5 per cent to 20 per cent.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and Atty. Gen. Martin "deplored" the action. Barnes condemned it, and cited the contributions the oil industry has made and will make to Texas.

Martin charged that it will cut the amount of state taxes coming from the oil industry.

James Wilson, a researcher for the State Comptroller, disagreed. He says more money would come to the state if the depletion allowance was lowered. He figures oil and gas companies will raise prices to make up the difference and since state taxes are based on the price, the amount of money coming in should increase.

Governor Smith is withholding comment until more action is taken by Congress.

AUGUST 5 BALLOT — Attorney General Martin says that Amendment No. 1 on the August 5 ballot, proposing to remove obsolete provisions from the Texas Constitution, should not be adopted because of the effect it will have on land titles.

He agrees that some of the Constitution's programs are obsolete, but believes that removal of one section would raise serious questions on the validity of some title to land.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kinney are parents of a son, James Travis, who was born Saturday, July 26, at West Coke Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Mrs. Kinney is the former Dianna McClure. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James McClure of Robert Lee and Kenneth Kinney of Drummond, Okla. Mrs. Bee McClure is the baby's great grandmother.

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Farm Bureau Backs Two Amendments

Future irrigation needs for agriculture and drinking water for rural areas are involved in two of the nine proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on in the special election August 5, according to Wayne Arrott of Bronte, president of the Coke County Farm Bureau.

Proposed Amendment No. 2 on the ballot would grant the powers and flexibility of operation to the Texas Water Development Board necessary to develop sufficient water resources for present and future economic development of the state. The proposed amendment contains those constitutional changes necessary to implement the Texas Water Plan.

Proposed Amendment No. 4 on the ballot would exempt non-profit water corporations from ad valorem taxation. This would give the many rural water systems that have been set up in recent years the same tax status as municipal water systems.

The Texas Farm Bureau supported both of these proposals in the recent regular 61st session of the Legislature, Arrott said. In regard to Amendment No. 2, the

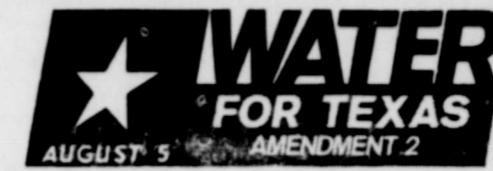
ers of Coke County to go to the polls on August 5 and cast their ballots for both Amendment No. 2 and Amendment No. 4," Arrott said.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddux of Abilene were guests Saturday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr. at Sanco.

"Therefore, I am urging all vot-

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No Exchanges

CASH

No Returns

**HEART ASSOCIATION
ORGANIZED IN COKE**

A Coke County Chapter of the American Heart Association was organized recently when interested persons met in the conference room at the courthouse in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Kenneth Lackey of Robert Lee was elected president of the new organization. Other officers are James Golson of Bronte, vice president; Miss Gladys Waldrop, Robert Lee, secretary-treasurer.

Hospital News

July 22 — Charlie Farris, Hershel Hall, Richard Marquis admitted. Charlie Farris dismissed.

July 23 — Mrs. Lizzie McCutchen admitted.

July 24 — Mrs. Georgia Roe admitted. Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, Richard Marquis dismissed.

July 25 — Mrs. James Kinney admitted.

July 26 — James Travis Kinney admitted. Hershel Hall dismissed.

July 27 — Mrs. Cordie Liles, Mrs. Lizzie McCutchen dismissed.

July 28 — Mrs. J. W. Service, Sr., Frank Allen, Mrs. C. E. Bell admitted.

There were eight patients in the hospital and nine in the nursing home on Tuesday.

**Grand Jury Panel
Called for Monday**

A grand jury panel has been notified to appear Monday for the August term of 51st District Court with Judge Joe L. Mays presiding. On the grand jury list are Bill Allen, B. A. Boykin, Douglas Dittmore, Frank Hearn, John Conley and Frank Wojtek, all of Robert Lee; Edward Cumbie, Joe Rawlings, E. F. Glenn, James W. Allen, Marvin Bryant, and M. H. Landers, all of Bronte; Ulmer Bird of Sanco; Cooper Chapman of Water Valley; Walter King and Bill Hamilton, both of Blackwell.

Scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., cases on the docket include the following: T. G. Frick, doing business as Friendly Service Station vs. C. L. Martin, suit for debt.

Frank Reff vs. Joch Jordan, suit for possession and debt.

Carteron Chevrolet vs. T. C. Jernigan, suit on account.

Jack Jordan vs. Clement Brothers Company and The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, suit on account.

Lorene Beard vs. The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, suit of compensation insurance.

Jewel Smith vs. Dall Smith, suit for divorce.

Don A. Hill vs. Noel G. Hill, suit for divorce and child custody.

R. L. Lohse vs. Colorado River Municipal Water District, suit for title and possession.

Vivian Horn vs. Ben A. Boykin, et ux, suit on account.

W. T. Anderson vs. Fidelity Fire Insurance Company, suit of insurance policy.

Wanda Jean Reeves vs. James William Reeves, suit for divorce and child custody.

Maria E. Soto vs. Gabriel Soto, suit for divorce.

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**Methodist to Have
Vacation School**

Plans were announced this week for Vacation Church School at First United Methodist Church by the minister, the Rev. Arthur Kendall.

The session will begin Monday, Aug. 4, and continue through Friday, August 8. It will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. each day.

Mrs. Glen Womack is director of the school and teachers are: kindergarten, Mrs. Jimmy Bickley and Mrs. Kenneth Preston; primary, Mrs. Ben Bessent and Mrs. Dale Wojtek; junior, Mrs. Ben Boykin and Mrs. Arthur Kendall. Other workers will be Rosanna Boykin and Emilie Shoemaker. Mrs. O. B. Jacobs will be pianist for the school.

Rev. Kendall extended an invitation to all children of kindergarten through sixth grade age to attend.

WANT ADS

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FOR SALE — 1968 305 Honda Dream motorcycle. Like new. \$350. Call 453-2682.

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PACIFIC GOLD PEACHES, No. 2½ can - 2 for 65c

RANCH STYLE BEANS, No. 300 size - 2 for 29c

SWIFT'S VIENNA SAUSAGE - - - 4 for 89c

KOUNTY KIST CORN, 15 oz. can - - 2 for 39c

STOKELY'S ENGLISH PEAS, 303 can - 2 for 39c

Folger's Coffee lb. 69c

DUNCAN HINES or BETTY CROCKER

CAKE MIXES - - - - - pkg. 39c

FROZAN - - - - - ½ gal. 39c

PURE ICE CREAM - - - - - ½ gal. 79c

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LETTUCE, large firm heads - - each 19c

YELLOW SQUASH - - - - 2 lbs. 25c

GREEN ONIONS, bunch - - 2 for 19c

MORTON'S FROZEN CREAM PIES - each 29c

BIRD'S EYE FROZEN AWAKE - 9 oz. can 33c

MORTON'S TEA - - - - ¼ lb. box 33c

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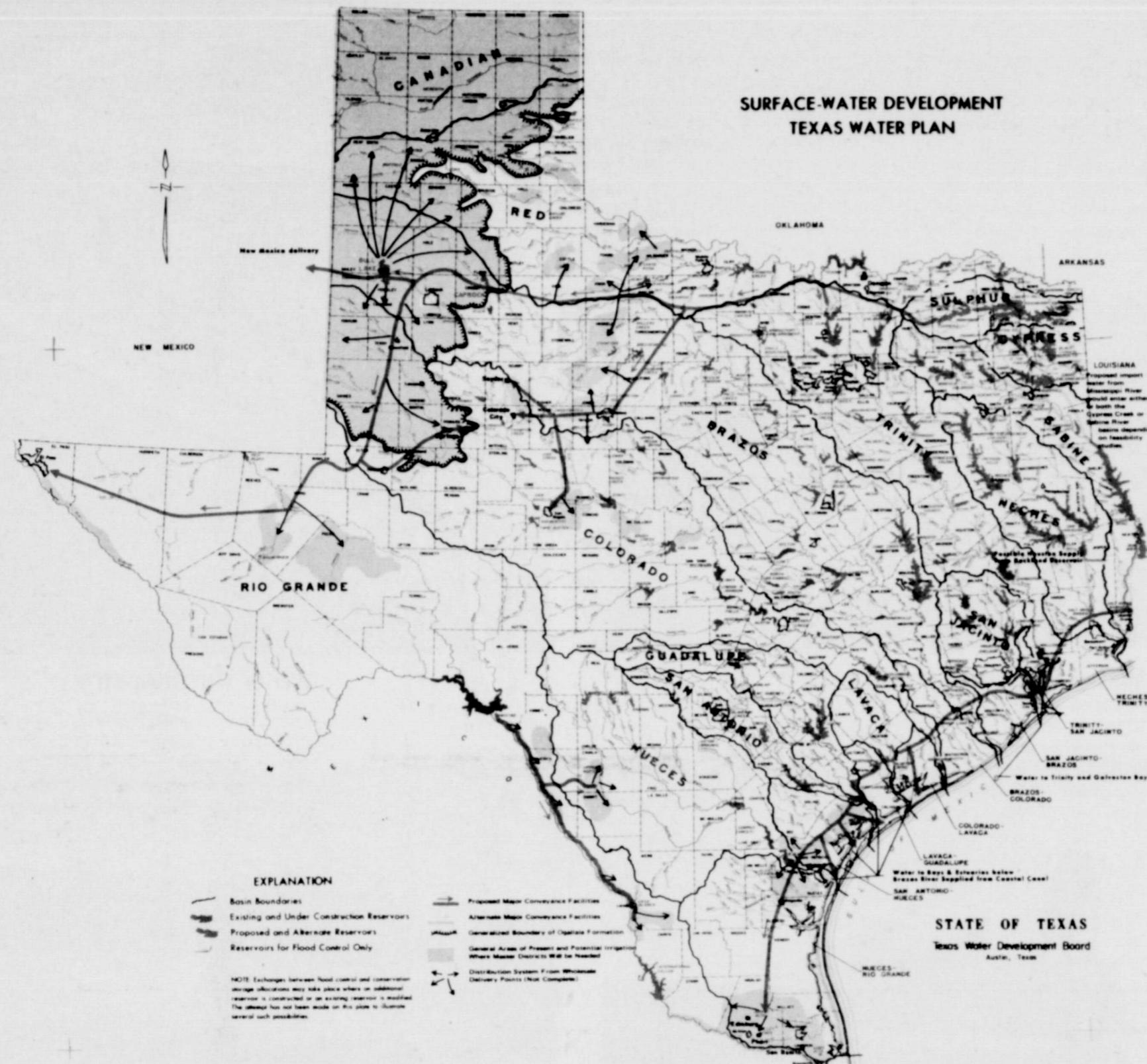
Fryers lb. 31c

GOOCH'S THIN SLICED BACON - - - lb. 69c

GOOCH'S FRANKS, all meat - - - 12 oz. pkg. 49c

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Texas Water News



Texas' Future Hinges on Water Amendment Ballot August 5

Texas voters will ballot Aug. 5 on a constitutional amendment that would provide the State of Texas the capability to authorize the issuing of \$3.5 billion in water development fund bonds for Texas' share of the \$9 billion Texas Water Plan.

Their decision on this first Tuesday in August will chart the course Texas will follow into the next century—a course leading to unprecedented economic growth and prosperity for the entire state, or a path leading to decline and stagnation caused by the lack of adequate water for the state's villages, towns and cities, its industries, and for its irrigated agriculture.

The Amendment—Number 2 on the ballot—authorizes an

increase in the Water Development Fund of \$3.5 billion; removal of the 4 per cent interest rate limitation on the Fund's bonds and authorizes the rate to be set by legislative enactment; expands use of the Fund for the development of water resources for the State, both within and without the limits of the state; removes the Dec. 31, 1982 cutoff date for use of the bond funds to assist political subdivisions of the state to develop their water resources; empowers the Water Development Board to contract with federal agencies, other states, foreign countries—such as Canada—and others for the development of water resources and the bonds would not be used for gifts or grants. They would

be repaid—with interest—by the users of water. The Texas Water Plan is based on the concept that all reimbursable costs of water developments would be repaid by those who use the water.

Planners from the Texas Water Development Board estimate that Texas, after a full development of its water resources, will have a shortage of 12 to 13 million acre feet annually by 2020. An acre foot is 325,581 gallons.

To overcome this anticipated shortage, the Texas Water Plan proposes the importation of some 13 million acre feet of surplus water each year from the lower Mississippi River to meet an estimated requirement of 32 million acre feet for growing

cities, industries, and agriculture.

The immense Texas Water Plan proposes the construction of 67 dams and reservoirs—with 33.6 million acre feet of conservation storage and 16.1 acre feet of flood control—at an estimated cost (in 1967 dollars) of \$2.4 billion. Remaining costs would amount to some \$6.5 billion.

The Texas Water Plan sketches a massive network of transstate transmission canals spanning north Texas and the Gulf Coast, connecting pipelines, pumping stations, and power plants—possibly nuclear powered.

The 500-mile concrete-lined northern canal would begin in the upper Sulphur River basin

of east Texas and extend westward past Lubbock in the High Plains, turn south and west to the Trans Pecos where a pipeline would connect with the canal for movement of municipal and industrial water to El Paso. The Trans-Texas division would carry about 10 million acre feet of water a year for northern and western Texas.

In addition to serving the Northeast Texas basins, the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene, Odessa, Midland, and other communities, the division, with its offshoot pipelines, would provide irrigation water for north central Texas, the High Plains, and the Trans Pecos

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THE TEXAS WATER PLAN

water for texas



Water For Cities and Towns



Water For Industry



Water For Agriculture



Water For Recreation

"THANK YOU!"

The publishers wish to take this means of saying "thank you" to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Highway Department, the Texas Tourist Development Agency, the Santa Fe Railroad, Central Power and Light Co., Aluminum Company of America, and the Texas water Development Board for photographs used in this edition. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Amendment No. 2

Someone has said—facetiously, yet seriously—"there are 11 million reasons to vote for Constitutional Amendment No. 2 on Aug. 5—the People of Texas.

The Amendment, approved overwhelmingly by the 61st Legislature, broadens the powers of the Texas Water Development Board and the purposes of the Water Development Fund; eliminates the interest limitations (4 per cent) on Texas Water Development Bonds; raises the authorized amount of Texas Water Development Bonds by \$3.5 billion; extends the maturity schedule on Texas Water Development Bonds from 40 to 50 years; eliminates the Dec. 31, 1982 cutoff date for financial assistance by the Board to political subdivisions for the development and improvement of their water supply systems; and empowers the Board to contract with the federal agencies, other states, foreign governments—such as Canada—and others for the development of water resources and facilities.

Voters of Texas will have their say on the proposed amendment to the Constitution on Aug. 5.

Basically, the proposed Amendment would provide the State of Texas with the capability to finance its share of the cost of the Texas Water Plan, estimated to be (in 1967 dollars) \$9 billion. The balance of the costs initially financed by the federal government.

An important aspect of the Texas Water Plan, however, is that the entire projects' cost will ultimately be paid by water users. So the real question is not "Who will pay?" but, rather, "Who will advance the money?"

In this respect the State is performing the function of a banker supplying funds for interim financing. All costs to the State, both principal and interest, will be recovered—although the recovery will be spread over a long period of time.

Before any of the \$3.5 billion in bonds could be issued—they will be issued over a period of 40 to 50 years—two-thirds of the Legislature must give approval. The bond funds will not be used for gifts or grants. Funds provided for the development of water resources must—and will—be repaid the State with interest.

Of the State's estimated \$3.5 billion share of financing, \$2.3 billion is earmarked for development of municipal and industrial water supplies; \$65 million is earmarked for the cost of storage acquisition in reservoirs not a part of the Texas Water System; \$600 million is set aside for future loan programs of the Texas Water Development Board; and \$500 million for contingencies.

Approval of the Amendment on Aug. 5 will give the State the flexibility needed in the full development of the State's water resources for the benefit of the people of Texas.

Look At It With 2020 Vision



Water Plans Will Meet State's Needs

Texas is entering a new era in the development of its water resources, an era unequalled in the state's long history.

To meet the water requirements of booming, dynamic Texas and its projected growth of 30.5 million people in the year 2020, the Texas Water Development Board has prepared a \$9 billion master plan for the development of Texas water resources.

Highlighted by far-sighted proposals to transport surplus waters from the Mississippi River and moisture-rich east Texas by giant canals to parched west and south Texas and parts of New Mexico, the Plan represents more than a decade

of intensive study and an expenditure of about \$10 million. Estimated state share of overall project costs (in terms of 1967 dollars) is \$3.5 billion. Federal and local funds would pay for the rest.

The Plan provides for the construction of 67 dams and reservoirs and alternates, huge transmission canals and pipelines, pumping stations, and power facilities for the movement of vast quantities of water annually to water-deficient area—about half of Texas—to meet the needs of towns and cities, industries, and agriculture. Other beneficial water requirements will also be met by the Plan.

Three divisions—the Trans-Texas, Coastal, and Eastern—form a dramatic part of the Texas Water Plan.

The Trans-Texas Division will supply municipal, industrial and agricultural requirements in the Northeast Texas basins, the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the North Central sector, the South Plains, Trans Pecos, El Paso, and eastern New Mexico.

A total of 10.3 million acre feet a year will move through the huge system from an Interstate System and from Northeast Texas across the top of Texas holding reservoirs on the Caprock near Lubbock for distribution to the Plains, Trans Pecos, El Paso and Eastern New Mexico. New Mexico will receive 1.5 million acre feet of out-of-state water while 7.5 million acre feet will be allocated to agriculture along the route served by the Canal. Municipal and industrial users will receive 950,000 acre feet of water to satisfy their requirements.

The Coastal Division will supply some 4.5 million acre feet annual water for municipal and industrial uses, for irrigation, the bays and estuaries and for wildlife refuges from the Sabine River to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Estimated water requirements west and south of the Brazos River, plus inflows into Galveston Bay but excluding Houston and San Antonio, requirements, are 1.8 million acre feet for irrigation, 2.5 million additional acre feet for bays and estuaries, 433,000 acre feet for municipal and industrial supplies, and 60,000 acre feet for fish and wildlife.

Water supplies for Houston can be met by several alternatives, including combinations of supply from the Brazos, Trinity, San Jacinto, and Neches river basins, ground water, and water from the Coastal Canal.

Cuero, Cibolo, and Goliad reservoirs, with Cannon reservoir and a pipeline system, part of the Coastal Division, can, through systems operation, supply San Antonio with 220,000 acre feet of water annually to supplement available ground water from the Edwards Aquifer.

The Winter Garden area, southwest of San Antonio, can be served by conveyance of releases out of Amistad Reservoir on the Rio Grande. Water supplied from Amistad to irrigators in these areas will be replaced in the Lower Valley by deliveries through the Coastal Canal.

The Eastern Division of the System includes facilities which will be required to move water imported from out-of-state sources to the Trans-Texas and Coastal divisions.

Subject to the results of feasibility studies, the Board proposes that design and construction begin in the following sequence:

(1) Storage facilities in South-

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AN EDITORIAL: Texas Water Plan a "Must"

TEXANS ON AUGUST 5 will determine the course our state will take into the next century. One course, begun nearly two decades ago and ready for action now, will provide adequate water resources to keep Texas moving ahead with vision and determination. The other leads to stagnation and decline because of an inadequate water supply.

WHAT IS AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO?

Amendment No. 2 authorizes the Texas Water Development Board to issue \$3.5 billion in bonds to finance Texas' share of the cost of the Texas Water Plan. This money is not to be used to provide gifts or grants, but will provide temporary financing which will be repaid by water users. The Amendment also removes the 4 per cent ceiling on Water Development Bonds.

WHAT IS THE TEXAS WATER PLAN?

The objective of the Texas Water Plan is to provide adequate water to maintain the growth and prosperity of Texas into the next century when it is estimated that we will have a population of 30.5 million people. The Plan provides for the full development of our water resources and the importation of surplus water from the lower Mississippi River for distribution to areas with declining water resources.

WHO IS TO PAY FOR THE PLAN?

Cost of the \$9 billion Texas Water Plan – Texas' share is estimated at \$3.5 billion – will be shared by local, state and federal governments, with those who ultimately use the water paying much of the costs of the Plan.

WHY DOES TEXAS NEED A WATER RESOURCE PLAN?

By the end of this century – in just 31 years – Texas will not have enough water to supply its growing cities, its expanding industry, and its irrigated agriculture. To assure an adequate water supply, the state has prepared a plan for the full development, management and use of its water resources – and an imported water supply – to serve Texas to the year 2020 and to assure all Texans water to meet their needs.

WILL THE PLAN PROVIDE ADEQUATE WATER FOR TEXAS?

Yes. With our current major reservoirs (157), the proposed full development of our water resources (67 dams and reservoirs) and an imported supply of water, Texas can meet its water demands to the year 2020. **WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PLAN?**

The people of Texas will benefit from the Texas Water Plan. The Plan provides for meeting all essential and beneficial water requirements throughout the state. The Plan will provide water for domestic and municipal uses, for industry, for agriculture, for recreation, for our bays and estuaries, and for other beneficial purposes. The Texas Water Plan will provide Water for Texas!



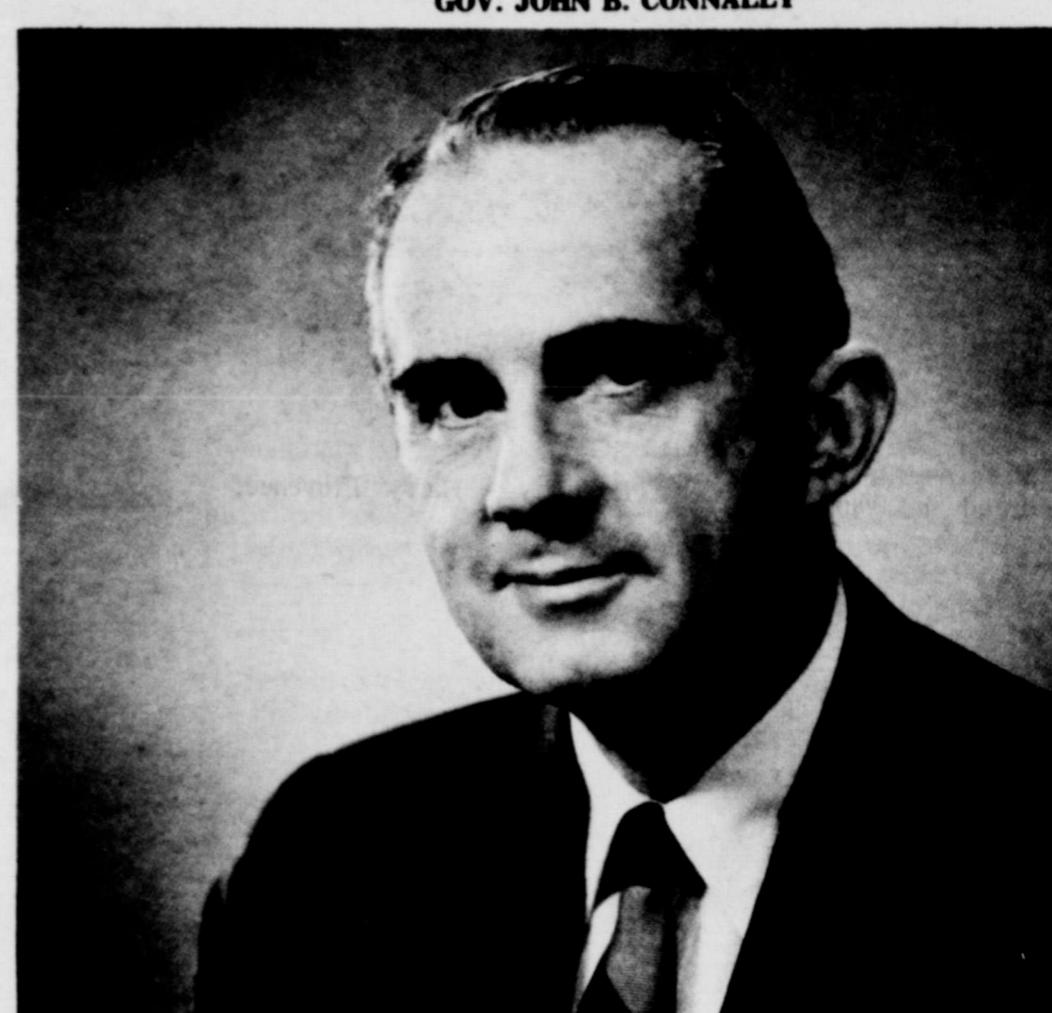
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GOV. ALLAN SHIVERS

Governor, 3 Former Governors Head Blue-Ribbon Panel for Amendment 2

The men who talk Texas, live Texas and epitomize the sterling qualities of Texas leadership are manning the ramparts on behalf of Constitutional Amendment No. 2.

This proposal is expected to reflect the combined influence of the state's finest on election day, August 5. Heading the massive effort to implement the 50-year water program are the four governors whose regimes marked inception of the vast Water Plan and the successive step to make it operational.

In order of service the Chief Executives are Governors Allan Shivers, Price Daniel, John B. Connally and the present Governor, Preston Smith.

Speaking of his predecessors, Governor Smith said,

"I know of none in Texas who have individually or collectively contributed more to the development and conservation of the state's vital water resources than these former governors. Each during his tenure provided the leadership and gave the time and energy to the development of our water resources. Texas has benefitted from their devotion, and future generations of Texas will be the beneficiaries of their vision and leadership."

"The availability of an adequate supply of water has always made the difference between prosperity and want—

between plenty and famine. For these reasons, water has played a major role in the Texas story—has been the essential element in placing a State known for wide open spaces in the position of sustaining the Nation's third largest population by 1985; a high rate of growth in business, industry and finance; and the Nation's third largest agricultural industry.

"Our State's growth projections in these areas nearly defy imagination, and yet experts tell us that these projections and future prosperity cannot be realized unless giant steps are taken now to assure Texas' future water resources.

"The Texas Water Plan was

developed to make maximum use of the available water in our State and to provide for additional out-of-state water as needed. This work has taken place during all of our administrations as Governor of Texas. The plan comes to its first real public test on August 5 when you, the voters of Texas, are being asked to approve Constitutional Amendment No. 2, which will authorize the Texas Water Development Board to sell up to \$3.5 billion in additional bonds over a forty year period, in amounts as needed, and as authorized by a two-third vote of the State Legislature—money that will eventually be repaid by water users.

"We urge you to vote for Constitutional Amendment No. 2 on August 5. It may be the most important vote this generation of Texas will cast."

Chairmen of the Governor's Committee of 500, comprising leaders from all parts of Texas are:

Attorneys - Joe Kilgore, Austin
Agri-Business - Harold Hinn, Dallas

Cities - Steve Matthews, Austin
Contractors - Jim Richards, Austin

Coordination - Rep. Bill Clayton, Springlake
County Officials - W. D. Henson, Dalhart

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Texas Can Rightfully Claim to be 'Land O' Lakes'

Move over, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Texas is hard after your claims to being the "Land O' Lakes."

Texas today has more square miles of inland water than any other state in the Union. And with the mammoth Texas

Water Plan now off the drawing boards and the state policy for the future development of the state's water resources, Texas—

particularly East and Southeast Texas—could well become the nation's water wonderland.

The variety of recreation available in Texas is unsurpassed among the 50 states. Whether vacationists and recreationists want only a few hours of fun, a vacation of several weeks, or permanent retirement, they have an almost endless choice in Texas.

Texas today has 157 major reservoirs constructed or under construction. And these lakes offer abundant opportunities for recreation, be it fishing, water skiing, swimming or just plain loafing along their scenic shores. The Texas Water Plan proposes the construction of 67 major dams and reservoirs, or alternates, during the next 50 years or so to provide water needed by the people of Texas for their cities and towns, their industry, and for their agriculture. These reservoirs will also serve other useful and

beneficial purposes, including recreation.

And the 35 counties that most of East Texas stand to gain immeasurable benefits from the Texas Water Plan. The Plan proposes the construction of 28 dams and reservoirs in this historic and exciting section of Texas in addition to the other facilities needed to provide water for Texans.

The benefits to East Texans—today and in the future—are staggering. Not only does the Plan provide an assured water supply for East Texas villages, towns and cities and the industry that abounds throughout the region, it will provide a more viable economic base which will not be limited because of lack of water.

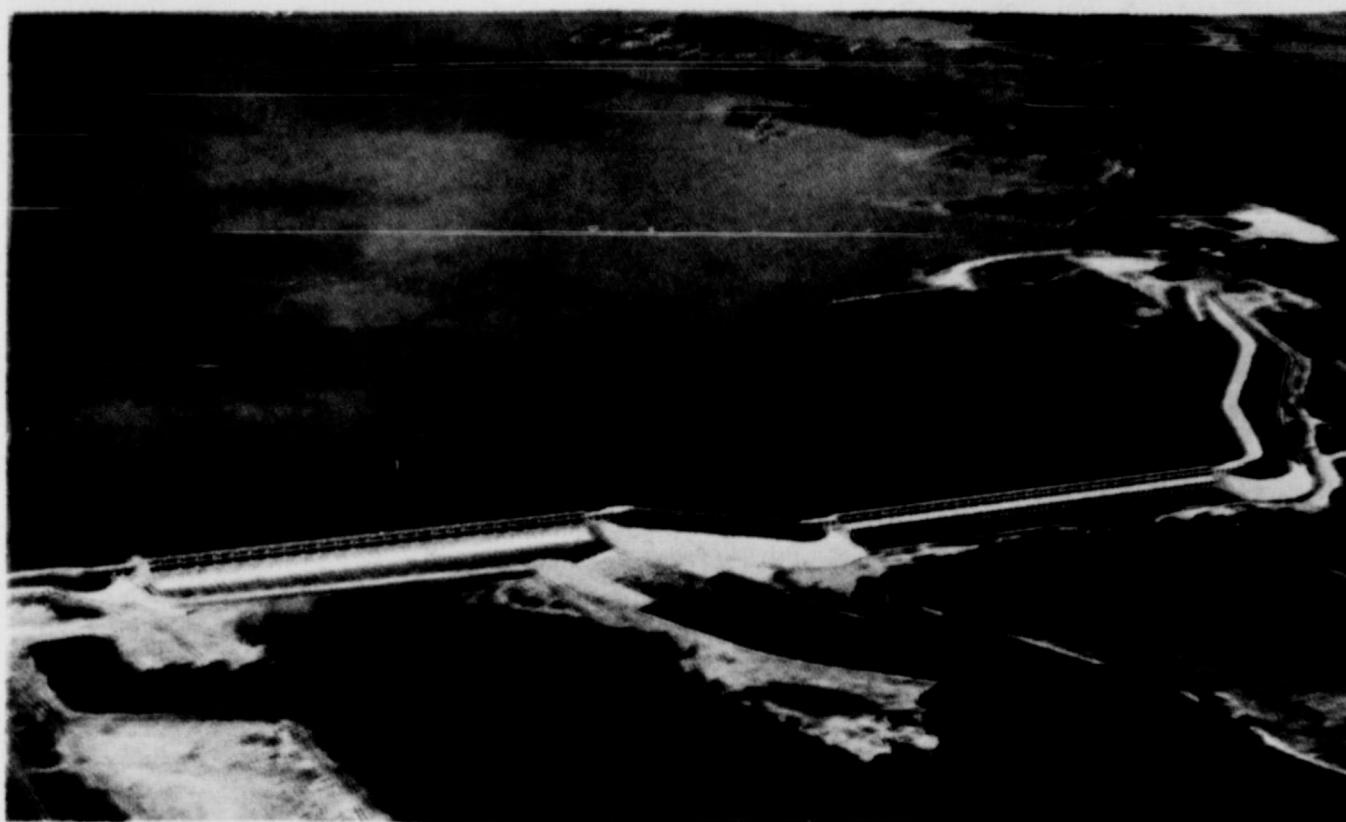
The Texas Water Plan is based on the premise that there will be no interference with vested rights under existing water permits. The basin of origin provisions of the Texas Water Development Act provides legal basis for protection of intrabasin rights. There is no comparable legal protection in federal law or policies nor in other Texas statutes that provide such protection.

Reasonable intrabasin needs for all beneficial purposes developing within the next ensuing 50-year period will have absolute priority of right over exportation for out-of-basin demands except on a temporary interim basin.

Not only will these reservoirs provide an assured water supply for the future, many other economic benefits will accrue to the region.

During construction of the 28 dams and reservoirs and other facilities proposed by the Texas Water Plan in the region, more than \$2.2 billion will be expended. This will contribute greatly to the economy of East Texas by providing jobs, demands for services, and sale of supplies by merchants and others in the region.

Recreation benefits to the region are expected to exceed \$180 million annually by 2020 after full development of the water resources in East Texas.



Water For Texans

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... WATER PLANS

west Texas and the Coastal Canal from the Lower Rio Grande Valley, building eastward. The Plan calls for construction of the dams and canals to begin in 1975, with delivery of interim supplies of water from these projects scheduled in 1980 into the Coastal Canal.

Construction of the Eastern and Trans-Texas divisions, with their reservoirs and transmission facilities, is scheduled to begin in 1977, with first delivery of water in 1985. It is anticipated that construction of the import system will begin in 1980, with delivery of water coming in 1988.

Water available as surplus from the Northeast Texas basins would move westward first, supplying the requirements of the Dallas-Fort Worth complex as needed, and other West Texas requirements.

As facilities from the Mississippi River are completed, additional water to West Texas, plus the 1.5 million acre feet annually for New Mexico, would be moved through the Trans-Texas Division facilities as rapidly as municipal demands increase and as irrigation distribution systems facilities are constructed to serve the land.

When the Coastal Canal is completed east to the Sabine River, Mississippi River water can be brought directly into the Coastal Division to supplement eastern basin water providing 2020 project requirements in the area supplied by the Coastal Division.

Projects proposed by the Plan include dams and reservoirs to meet local water requirements throughout the state and to provide flood control and other benefits to the area and to the state. Navigation, hurricane protection projects, upstream watershed-protection pro-

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grams, drainage of wetlands, natural salinity alleviation projects, and phreatophyte control projects are included in the Plan.

"No water resource development program on this scale or of this complexity has ever been attempted anywhere," commented Howard B. Boswell, executive director of the Texas Water Development Board.



A Restful Spot



Piney Wood Sentinels

Water Development Not New in Texas, Neither Is Financial Plan

Planning the wise use of water is not new in Texas. Neither is financing the development of the state's water resources although providing funds for water development projects is not as old as the development and wise use of the state's water resources.

Spaniards, in 1680, began the wise use of water resources of the land now called Texas when they began the first irrigation of crops near what is now El Paso. Indians in the area planned the use of their meager water resources long before the Conquistadores invaded the land and settled there. Planning, development, and use of Texas' waters has continued in some manner to the present.

Development of the State's water resources moved slowly during the '30s and '40s with most of the development being done by cities, river authorities, the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

The drought and floods through which Texas passed during 1950-57 gave impetus to planning the conservation and management of Texas' water resources.

The flood waters of the Spring of 1957 had barely receded when the Legislature passed the Water Development Act, establishing the Water Development Board. The people of Texas, recognizing their responsibilities and approved an

amendment to the Constitution which provided \$200 million to aid political subdivisions of the State to develop, conserve, and manage their water resources.

Since that time, cities and towns, river authorities, and water districts in all sections of Texas have received some \$100 million in loans and commitments for the development of their water supply resources. Projects are located from Northeast Texas to the Lower Rio Grande and from the Panhandle to Southeast Texas.

The Texas Water Development Fund and its purposes have had the overwhelming support of Texans. In 1962, the Constitution was again amended and the Water Development Board, in the name of the State of Texas, was authorized to acquire conservation storage space in reservoirs to be constructed on Texas streams. This provided for the optimum development of the limited number of dam and reservoir sites in the State.

Four years later—in 1966—Texans again approved an amendment to the Constitution, this time increasing the \$200 million Water Development Fund to \$400 million and expanding use of the Fund by the Board to construct any system of works necessary for the filtration, treatment, and transportation of water from storage to points of wholesale purchase

and distribution. This new authority assured the State's participation in the full development of its water resources for the benefit of all sections of Texas.

Late in 1957, the Legislature during a called session, passed the Planning Act of 1957, creating the water planning division within the then Board of Water Engineers. This function was transferred to the Water Development Board in 1965 by the Legislature when it charged the Board with the development of a Texas Water Plan for the entire State.

The Board in mid-1966 presented the preliminary Texas Water Plan. After 27 public hearings and a series of public meetings, the Board staff began revision of the Plan to meet objections voiced during the public hearings.

In December 1968, the Texas Water Development Board released the Texas Water Plan, as a flexible guide for the orderly development, conservation, and wise management of the State's water resources to meet the needs of Texas to the year 2020.

The total estimated cost of the Plan based on 1967 construction cost levels is \$9 billion. It is estimated that the State's share of financing will be some \$3.5 billion.

To provide the State's share of the cost, the 61st Legislature authorized an amendment to the Constitution which would authorize the Water Development Board, upon authorization by two-thirds of the membership of the House and the Senate, to issue \$3.5 billion in bonds. These bonds will be issued in increments over a 40 to 50 year period as the need arises and implementation of the Plan progresses.

Officials of the Texas Water Development Board and supporters of the Amendment, Governor Preston Smith's Committee of 500, which includes former Texas governor John Connally, Price Daniel, and Allan Shivers, and Lt. Governor Ben Barnes and Speaker of the House Gus Mutschler, points out that the proposal for the State to provide interim financial assistance to aid development to water supply projects is not a new program, but one that has been effectively used in Texas for a dozen years. It is an expansion of a program that has already been approved three times by the voters of Texas, they explain.

The only difference in Amendment No. 2 and previous amendments is the amount of money and the broader purposes for which the funds can be used.

Heretofore, the Water Development Fund was designed and used to develop the water resources of the State in piecemeal fashion. It is now proposed to achieve full development of our water resources in orderly fashion for the benefit of the State's

Questions and Answers

Q. What is the Texas Water Plan?

A. It is a flexible guide to the development, management and use of Texas' water resources and an imported supply to meet the State's water requirements to the year 2020.

Q. Who will benefit from the Plan?

A. The people of Texas

Q. Will the Plan provide adequate water for Texas?

A. Yes. Estimates indicate that Texas will need 32 million acre feet of water annually by 2020 for cities and towns, for industry, for agriculture, and for all other beneficial uses. The Plan provides for the full development of Texas' water resources and importation from the lower Mississippi River of 12 to 13 million acre feet of water each year to supplement the State's supplies.

Q. What is the cost of the Plan?

A. About \$9 billion (in 1967 dollars)

Q. What is Texas' share of the costs?

A. \$3.5 billion

Q. Who will pay the costs?

A. Those who use the water

Q. Where will Texas get the money to finance its share of the Plan?

A. From the sale of Water Development Fund bonds

Q. Will this be tax money?

A. No. Although the investment in the construction of the Texas Water Plan will require support from the general revenue fund of the State for meeting bond obligations during the interim period between development of water supplies and development of local water user capacities. General revenue support will be particularly heavy during the 13 years (1978-1991) when it is estimated that an aggregate amount of \$630 million will be required to pay debt service. It must be remembered, however, that the general fund should receive income to repay these advances. Over the life of the Plan, about 50 years, the State will recover all of the expended funds.

Q. Will the bonds be issued at one time?

A. No. The bonds will be issued, upon two-thirds approval of the Legislature, over a period of 40 to 50 years.

Q. Is this method of financing water development in Texas a new program?

A. No. In 1957, the voters of Texas amended the constitution and established the Texas Water Development Board and the Water Development Fund and authorized \$200 million in Water Development Bonds. In 1966, the voters increased the fund to \$400 million. Since then, some \$100 million has been loaned or committed to political subdivisions of the state for the development of water supply facilities.

Q. Is the Fund used to provide gifts or grants?

A. No. The funds loaned must be repaid the State with interest.

dwindling water resources and to provide import water from outside of Texas.

The purpose of the Amendment is to provide the State with the financial capability that will be needed to place Texas in a strong position to discuss with the Congress and the federal agencies federal participation in the full development of Texas' water resources and place Texas in a position to have control of the development, management and use of its water resources.

Funds from the sale of bonds will be used to provide the interim financing necessary for payment of \$2.3 billion of construction costs of that part of the Texas Water Plan allocated for municipal and industrial water; \$600 million would be used for carrying on the present program of the Board which provides financial assistance to political subdivisions of the state for development of their water resources; \$65 million would be used by the Board for storage acquisition in reservoirs not associated with the Texas Water System; and \$500 million would be earmarked for contingencies.

The Amendment would also remove the present Dec. 31, 1982 cut-off date for the present program of financial assistance by the Board; it would empower the Board to contract with the federal agencies, other states, and foreign governments—such

as Canada—for the development of water resources and facilities.

Board officials emphasize that the bonds would not be issued at one time, only in increments as needed over a 40 to 50 year period for implementation of the Plan. The bonds and debt service would be repaid from proceeds of sale of water to users. The Water Plan is based on the concept that all reimbursable costs of water development would be repaid, with interest, by users.

Such financing would require support from the general revenue fund of the state for meeting bond obligations during the interim between development of water supplies and development of local user capabilities.

General revenue fund support will be needed most during the 1978-91 period when it is estimated that the general revenue fund will be called upon to advance an aggregate amount of \$630 million to pay debt service.

Beginning in 1992, however, the general fund should receive income to pay future principal and interest costs and start repayment of these advances.

The prestige of the State and its leaders has been placed behind the efforts to provide Texas with a plan—an effective plan—for meeting the State's water requirements into the next century. The decision is now up to the people of Texas.

2020 VISION

FORESIGHT is essential for progress. And a current advertisement of Philco effectively makes that point by saying, "For years, America's been shortsighted about its future water supply. We're helping to give California 2020 vision."

Texans today face the choice between nearsightedness and looking forward to future supplies of the essential element to support people, growing plants and industrial plants—water.

As the advertisement says, "Funny thing about water. There's so much of it around, people have wasted it, polluted it and frittered it away for years. And suddenly, there's water, water everywhere—except where it's needed."

California State Water Project is the subject of that advertisement, and reluctantly Texans must admit that in some ways the Far West has been more foresighted than we have.

But our leaders have come up with a sound, forward-looking Texas Water Plan which is so important for all parts of the state that it has been endorsed by many Texas leaders.

Among those actively engaged in working for the plan to provide water needs in Texas at least until the year 2020 are Gov. Preston Smith, former Governors John Connally, Price Daniel and Allan Shivers, Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and Speaker Gus Mutschler of the Texas House. There are many others all over the state who know our region and its needs.

Some conservationists who are concerned about ecological changes of environment have voiced opposition. A few have even intimated that Texas—especially West Texas—should not try to grow in population, agribusiness and industrialization. This, we suggest, is myopic.

The News agrees that wildlife, marine life and other assets should be preserved and is confident that the sound leadership involved in the Texas Water Plan will work toward that end without sacrificing the needs of people.

First essential step toward acquiring 2020 vision is approval of Amendment No. 2 on the ballot in the Aug. 5 election. Texans who will be vacationing then should arrange to vote absentee for Amendment 2; those who will be at home should be sure to go to the polls on Aug. 5. (Dallas News)



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF TEXAS

The availability of an adequate supply of water has always made the difference between prosperity and want--between plenty and famine. For these reasons, water has played a major role in the Texas story--has been the essential element in placing a State known for wide open spaces in the position of sustaining the Nation's third largest population by 1985; a high rate of growth in business, industry and finance; and the Nation's third largest agricultural industry.

Our State's growth projections in these areas nearly defy imagination, and yet experts tell us that these projections and future prosperity cannot be realized unless giant steps are taken now to assure Texas' future water resources.

The Texas Water Plan was developed to make maximum use of the available water in our State and to provide for additional out-of-state water as needed. This work has taken place during all of our administrations as Governor of Texas. The plan comes to its first real public test on August 5 when you, the voters of Texas, are being asked to approve Constitutional Amendment No. 2, which will authorize the Texas Water Development Board to sell up to \$3.5 billion in additional bonds over a forty year period, in amounts as needed, and as authorized by a two-thirds vote of the State Legislature--money that will eventually be repaid by water users.

We urge you to vote for Constitutional Amendment No. 2 on August 5. It may be the most important vote this generation of Texans will cast.

Sincerely,

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... Texas' Future area.

The 418-mile Coastal Canal and the Coastal Division would carry about 4.8 million acre feet annually, plus the amount supplied to metropolitan Houston and San Antonio by subsystems.

Rio Grande waters from Amistad Dam at Del Rio would move to Maverick and Webb counties and to the vegetable-growing Winter Garden area around Carrizo Springs.

As needed 220,000 acre feet of supplemental surface water for San Antonio could be provided from reservoirs in the Guadalupe and San Antonio rivers basins. Houston could be provided with additional surface water from the Brazos, the San Jacinto, the Trinity and the Neches river basins.

The Coastal Canal would supply municipal and industrial water for the Corpus Christi-Kingsville area and irrigation water for the Coastal Bend.

The Coastal Division would also provide 2.5 million acre feet of additional fresh water

each year to the valuable bay and estuary system and to wildlife refuges, thus maintaining and enhancing their sports, commercial and aesthetic value to Texas and to the nation.

Timing of the developments proposed by the Texas Water Plan is an extremely critical factor, say Water Development Board planners. "Our best estimates indicate that by or before 1990 some of our metropolitan areas--Corpus

Christi, San Antonio, El Paso--will need supplemental water to meet their growing requirements," said Howard B. Boswell, executive director of the Board.

"By 1985 ground water supplying irrigation on the South Plains will have been depleted to the point that agriculture will be increasingly dependent on dry-land farming," Boswell added.

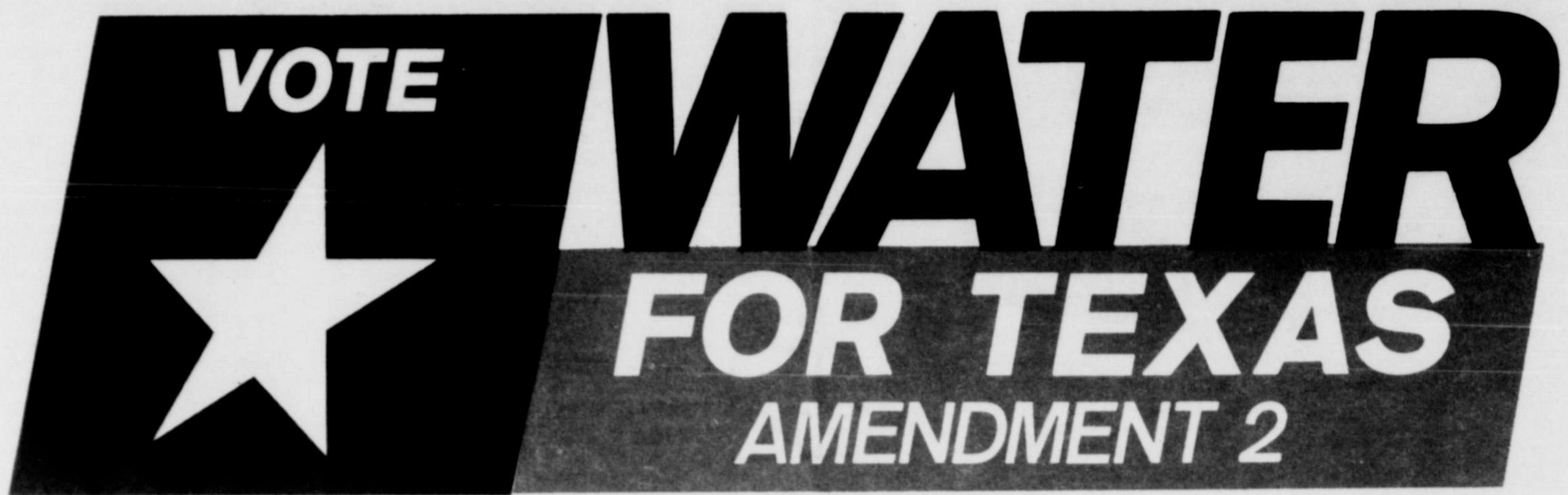
"If this occurs, the entire

state will suffer economic losses in investments, banking, insurance, transportation, markets for agricultural equipment and supplies, and the loss of population," he added.

Texans old enough to vote in the Aug. 5 election remember well the drought of the 1950's and what it's like to be without water. Water rationing was the rule in most Texas towns and cities. Lakes dried up. And farmers saw their land crack

from the dry heat and crops die. Pastures dried and died, and ranchers sold their herds.

Texas' water planners hope to ease the plight of Texans, should drought strike again, by the development, conservation and wise use and management of the state's water resources. Supporters of the Plan and Amendment No. 2 are hoping Texans recall the dry, dusty days of 1950-57 on Aug. 5.



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