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Caprock Home Center Sends Rep. To National Home Center Convention

Dallas, Texas — Phil and Lynnette Barefield, owners of Caprock Home Center and True Value Hardware in Quitaque, attended the National Home Center-Home Improvement Congress & Exposition here, February 5-8. More than 51 industry leaders participated in 14 seminars during the convention.

Representing home centers and retailers of do-it-yourself products, the speakers and panelists included top-ranking leaders of chains and independents from metropolitan areas, suburban and rural markets; and outstanding representatives from government and industry.

The third National Home Center-Home Improvement Congress & Exposition is said to be the only national event where exhibits, seminars, educational and information centers are related to the specialized needs of all retailers of do-it-yourself products, materials, and services.

Monday, February 6, the Barefields attended a seminar on "Converting from Hardware Store or Lumber Yard to a Home Center," including panelists from Van Nuys, California; Dallas, Texas; Springfield, Massachusetts; and Oak Brook, Illinois.

On Monday noon, the Barefields attended a True Value luncheon, along with 150 other True Value members from across the United States and Canada. Dan Cotter, president of the True Value Company, greeted members at the door and was the main speaker at the meeting. Members were briefed about current trends in the hardware and home center business, and about some of the future plans to continue improving

the True Value organization. Phil and Lynnette visited most of the more than 500 exhibits of manufacturers of do-it-yourself products and received much valuable information to continue improving their business.

The trip was cut short by an unexpected snow and ice storm that hit Texas Monday night and Tuesday. The Barefields returned home the evening of February 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon McKay drove to Lubbock Saturday night in the fog to see their new grandson, Jacob Justus, who was born Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dudley and children, Lisa and Eric, also braved the storm. Mrs. Dudley and daughter, Lisa, remained to spend this week with the Justus family, and Clyde and son, Eric, returned to their home in Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay returned to their home in Quitaque Sunday night and had supper with the Trent McKays.

Mrs. Shorty Woods has been quite ill at her home the past week with the flu but is reportedly better. Her daughter and grandsons, Mrs. Eugene Corgill, came to take Mrs. Woods home with them to spend a few days (before she became ill) but the Corgills got stranded in the snow and remained here all last week.

Charles Scott of Seminole, father of Mrs. Eddie Owens of Plainview, was hospitalized about 2 a.m. Friday morning where it was determined he was bordering on pneumonia. Mr. Scott is a heart patient and the doctor thought he had not suffered another heart attack.



PATRICIA JAN ALLEN LONNIE MACK RUSSELL

Patricia Allen and Lonnie Russell to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia Jan, to Lonnie Mack Russell.

Mr. Russell is the son of Mrs. Thelma Brunson of Turkey. He is a graduate of Turkey High School and is employed at Gene Messer Ford in Lubbock.

tan High School and Texas Tech University. She is a Systems Engineer at the I. B. M. Corporation in Lubbock.

The wedding will be March 11, 1978 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rotan.

The couple will make their home in Lubbock after the ceremony.

Contract Awarded For Clearing And Grubbing

Joe Williams and Sons of Sherman Texas have been awarded the contract for clearing and grubbing five floodwater retention dams in the Lakeview Watershed, according to Henry D. Gregory, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service at Memphis.

These watershed dams are located on the John Mann and Oaks Creek portion of the watershed. They are located on the farms of C. W. Hawkins, John L. Byars, Don McMurry, Howard Martin, Sandy Smith and Mrs. Ida Hutcherson. All structures are located about four to five miles north of Lakeview Texas.

Construction work is continuing on the five floodwater retaining structures being built by Lyles and Lyles Construction Company from Ballinger, Texas. These structures are about 55 percent completed.

Beavers Construction Company from Bowie, Texas has completed the dirt work on the structure located on the W. O. Clark farm one mile southwest of Lakeview. Beavers has also built a structure on the Barney Joe Bevers farm one mile northeast of Lakeview.

DALLAS COWBOYS TO ASSIST PLAINVIEW'S MUSEUM

Golden Richards and D. D. Lewis, two members of the World Champion Dallas Cowboys, will lend their prestige to a benefit for the Llano Estacado Museum on the Wayland Baptist College campus March 4.

"An Evening with the Dallas Cowboys" will feature Golden Richards, a wide receiver from the University of Hawaii and Lewis, a linebacker from Mississippi State.

The evening's activities at Hutchinson Physical Education Center will include a dinner, auctioning of autographed footballs and a picture-taking session with all proceeds going to the museum, which was opened two years ago this July at Wayland.

The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and tickets will be \$8.50 for Museum association members and will open at 7:30 for general admission ticket-holders. Cost of those is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 with seating in the spectator section of Hutchinson Center.

Richards, a five-year veteran who caught a 29-yard touchdown pass from Robert Newhouse, and Lewis, a nine-year veteran who was in on a couple of quarterback sacks in the Cowboy's 27-10 Super Bowl victory over Denver, will speak about the events of the season and the Super Bowl.

Following the dinner, Bill Weaks of Plainview, local photographer, will take photos of anyone wishing to have their picture made with the two players. Cost is \$5 and the photos will be mailed within a couple of weeks.

Another highlight of the evening will be the auctioning of 12 footballs autographed by all the Cowboys. Raymond Aiken, well-known local auctioneer, will be in charge of that portion of the program. Norman Wright, vice-president of the Museum Association, will be master of ceremonies.

Tickets will go on sale February 21 and can be obtained by mail from the museum, Box 51, Plainview, 79072. Tickets are tax deductible.

All area athletes and football fans are especially invited and encouraged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Foster and son, Shannon of Hereford, spent Monday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Denver Anderson in Quitaque.

Grady Tyler flew to Houston Sunday with his brother-in-law, Victor Vitarelli of Amarillo. Mr. Vitarelli was to enter M. D. Anderson Hospital with possibly surgery to follow.

Mrs. Bettye Ruth Thrasher spent last week in the Central Plains Hospital undergoing tests.

Vegetative contracts will soon be awarded for seeding the completed dams.

"WE THE WOMEN" HOST SWEETHEART BANQUET

Close to eighty persons attended the annual Sweetheart Banquet sponsored by "We the Women." The inclement weather kept few people from attending the event held in the Quitaque Community Center the evening of February 9.

Mary Woods served an outstanding meal including ham, baked potatoes, fresh green beans, fruit salad, homemade bread, and cake. Mary will no longer be the chef for "We the Women's" monthly meeting because she is now employed at the Briscoe County Clinic in Silverton.

A farewell gift was presented to Mary by "We the Women." A person with Mary's talent is hard to find and all the club will miss her delicious meals, as well as her attendance at the meetings.

God's Squad, a group of Quitaque's young women involved in the puppet ministry, presented several entertaining skits.

Paul Newberry and Ron Lang, students at Wayland Baptist College, presented a comedy-musical routine.

Other special guests for the occasion included Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Dea and Dr. Chua Tuan. Rev. Dea is pastor of Silverton's United Methodist Church and Mrs. Dea is an employee of the Briscoe County Clinic. Dr. Tuan is the new physician for this area, practicing at the clinic and living in Silverton.

TO KICK OFF McMURRY FUND DRIVE

Wendell Tooley of Floydada will preside over a dinner and meeting at 6 p. m. Monday, February 27, at the Floydada United Methodist Church to kick off the 1977-78 McMurry College Annual Fund drive in the Plainview district.

United Methodist churches in the area will participate by sending representatives who will help with the fund-raising for the Methodist-owned college in Abilene. Pastors, McMurry Annual Fund chairpersons, members of the local Annual Fund teams, lay leaders, administrative board chairpersons and council on ministries chairpersons have been invited to attend.

Sending representatives to the meeting will be churches in Floydada, Lockney, Matador, Roaring Springs, Petersburg, Quitaque, Flomot, and Turkey.

On the agenda for the program is a slide-tape presentation by Charles Hogsett, director of planning giving at McMurry. Also there will be brief impressions of McMurry given by a current McMurry student, a recent graduate and the parent of a McMurry student.

Also on the program is Dr. John Hale, Plainview district chairman of the McMurry Annual Fund. A McMurry graduate, Dr. Hale is a dentist from Abernathy.

Tooley is chairman of the cluster of United Methodist churches invited to the Floydada meeting.

The McMurry Annual Fund was begun in 1973 to raise money for academic and general expenses of the college. Dr. Thomas K. Kim, McMurry president, noted at the time that most other private U. S. colleges have similar drives. Last year the Plainview district raised \$12,237.16 for McMurry.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barbee were in Plainview on business Monday. After returning home, they drove to Clarendon to see about their son and family, the Earnest Wayne Barbrees, who were without electricity.

VALLEY MENUS February 20-24 MONDAY

Barbecued Beef on Bun, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Hot Roll and Butter, Peach Cobbler, 1/2 Pint Milk

TUESDAY

Country Fried Steak, Sweet Peas, Whole Tomatoes, Biscuit, Butter, Honey, 1/2 Pint Milk

WEDNESDAY

Chili Beans with Taco Sauce, Turnip Greens, Kurlly Kut Beets, Cornbread, Fruit Gelatin, 1/2 Pint Milk

THURSDAY

Spaghetti with Meat, Blackeyed Peas, Whole White Potatoes, Rice Muffin, Banana Pudding, 1/2 Pint Milk

FRIDAY

Pizza, Tossed Salad, Seasoned Corn, Applesauce, 1/2 Pint Milk

Mrs. Aubrey Turner returned home Saturday from Amarillo where she had been with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Couchman. Her four-year-old granddaughter, Rachael Couchman, underwent dental surgery last week at High Plains Baptist Hospital.

Brenda Leigh Peery of Bowie, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Peery and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Sam Peery, spent last week with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Peery attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dugan in Childress Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Mullin and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. House drove to Welch Sunday to visit the Lewis Hunters. Church services were an inspiration to all. Dinner and fellowship Sunday afternoon with Brother Hunter, Charlice, Ashley, John and Mrs. Hunter was a delight.

The Hunters send their prayers and love to all their friends in Turkey.

Dr. and Mrs. Jay Stone and children of El Paso spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Stone.

Dr. Stone will be in a meeting of the Branch Entomological Society of America in Lubbock this week.

Mrs. Stone and children will go to Dimmitt to visit her mother, Mrs. Fern Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Totty and son, Rusty, of Plainview spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Payne in Quitaque.

Mrs. Rosa Carlile who has made her home here with her mother, Naomi Gilbert, has bought a home in Pampa and moved there.

Brother Melvin Clinton and Buster Hanna visited Rev. and Mrs. Elroy Wisian at the hospital Monday. Donna will be home this weekend. They both were doing fine. The men visited Bruce Gibson and he was improving also. Shortie Rogers was released from the hospital and was at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie England at 2114 Columbia Street, Amarillo.

They visited Alga Turner in the Memphis Hospital. He was doing fine. They also visited Mrs. W. B. Mullin.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Justus of Lubbock are the parents of a new baby boy, Jacob, born Saturday night, February 11, at 9:40, in a Lubbock Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

He has two brothers, Jeff, 4, and Chad, 2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lon McKay of Quitaque, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Justus of Grace-mont, Oklahoma.



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Pastors And Laymen To Meet At Wayland

Plans have been completed for the 57th annual session of the Panhandle Pastors' and Laymen's Conference to be held on the Wayland Baptist College campus in Plainview.

The two-day confab has been scheduled for February 20-21 in Wayland's Harral Memorial Audi-

torium. It annually attracts pastors and laymen from Southern Baptist churches from south of the Lubbock area to the Texas border north, east and west, which includes several hundreds of churches in the Texas Panhandle and several thousands of people.

"We're looking for another great response this year," said Conference secretary-treasurer Charles Bassett. "This conference has proven to be an annual highlight of Baptist work in the Panhandle." Bassett is vice president for

Ag Strike May Mean Sacrifice

(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from the October 30 bulletin of the First Christian Church at St. Francis, Kansas. It was written by John Bartlett, Minister. It is shared with readers here as a guest editorial.)

Along with many of you readers, I attended the recent agricultural strike meeting held in the high school auditorium. I came away with some proud and sobering thoughts.

My first reaction was to the speakers themselves. Three men from Hugoton, Kansas, all farm-

ers, stood before a full house and did, in an admirable way, what they came to do—to tell their story and to win support for a cause they strongly believe in.

They first won my attention and support when after he had greeted everyone he said something like, "I am going to take the prerogative of a free American and ask you all to stand for a word of prayer." He then proceeded to lead us in prayer in a way that let me know that this was not the first prayer he had ever prayed. He didn't even have to hunt up a minister to open the meeting with prayer.

One by one each man stood up and told his message. The striking thing besides the message, was that not one read from a manuscript, not one gave a memorized presentation, and not one stuttered and stammered around or uttered a single "ah" or "you know". And I thought as I listened where has the stereotyped image of the farmer gone? I wished very much that our leaders in Washington and our urban friends could have this real image and the story presented that night.

My sobering thoughts I feel were only an extension of the attitude of the speakers themselves. The pain of having to take such action. The struggle within, on even having to use the word "strike". The fear and anger brought about by the economic conditions of the farmer, and the knowledge that they have been pawns in the hands of politicians and wheelers and dealers for too long.

While everyone must make up his own mind about the "strike", and I shall respect his decision,

financial affairs at Wayland. Registration will begin on Monday, February 20, at 9:15 a. m. Participants will worship with Wayland students and administration-faculty members at 9:50 a. m. Afternoon sessions are scheduled at 2 o'clock and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday's sessions will start at 9:30 a.m. and 2 o'clock and 6:30 p. m.

Personalities include Bible study leader, Dr. Joel Gregory, pastor, Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Fort Worth; conference preacher, Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor, First Baptist Church, Midland; Dr. Charles McLaughlin, state missions commission director, Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Dr. Winfred Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church, Amarillo.

Platform guests will be Wayland leadership on Monday morning; Caprock Plains members, Monday afternoon, and Lubbock Area leaders, Monday night. Tuesday morning platform guests will be area missionaries from the Panhandle, Top O'Texas area leaders, Monday afternoon area personnel on Tuesday night.

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I must admit that my sympathy and support lies with the effort. I sincerely hope it works, but I have serious reservations that it will have any more than limited success. The main reason I feel this way is the attitude of the strike leaders, and what they are conveying to others. For they seem to have too much concern for the whole country. They want to gain their goals without hurting anyone else. I respect this and I love them for it, but that is not the way the American labor movement functions. The coastal dock workers, George Meany, and others, for example, do not concern themselves with how much the farmer will be hurt if they strike. They have one single purpose, to achieve their very narrow goals—and their way works!

Perhaps this reveals a certain cynical attitude on my part. And I confess that it does. As much as I love America, I do not see us as a society operating mainly on reason and understanding. We operate emotionally, selfishly, and too often, violently. The leaders of the agricultural strike, by rejecting these methods may be drastically limiting their success. Let me add that I sincerely hope that I am wrong.

History, I think, has proven that no great goals are ever reached without great sacrifices. Thus, if a movement is unwilling to sacrifice others, then to achieve their goals they must be willing to sacrifice themselves. It seems to me that someone else made it by this latter way. Wasn't his name Jesus, and didn't he use a cross?

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CARD OF THANKS
We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to those who visited us while in the hospital and since we have returned home. Thank you for your prayers, flowers, phone calls, cards and food. A special thanks to the Quitaque ambulance service for their help getting us to the hospital.
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The Howard Rogers wish to thank the Flomot, Quitaque and Turkey Fire Departments for their efforts to save their home from the fire. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts.
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Thanks for your concern while I was sick. All of you have been so good to me with your many visits, your phone calls, your cards, your delicious cakes, pies, salads, soups, other good eats, and most of all, for your prayers. Special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell for their night call and house calls. We appreciate you and are glad you are here. We are indeed grateful to all of you and thank you from the depths of our heart. May the good Lord bless and care for you.
Willis Walker 36-1tp

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(Re-election)
DALE GARNER

FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS:
PHYLLIS DUNN
(Re-election)
Memphis, Texas

FOR COMMISSIONER, BRISCOE COUNTY PRECINCT TWO:
ORVAL COBB
(Re-election)
JACK CHANDLER
LEROY HAMILTON

FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:
BESS McWILLIAMS
(Re-election)

FOR TREASURER, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:
MILDRED REID
(Re-election)

FOR JUDGE, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:
FRED MERCER
Silvertown, Texas

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, BRISCOE COUNTY PRECINCT 2:
DICK TAYLOR

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS:
TOPS GILREATH

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to the many people who made our housewarming Sunday such a success: the Young Adult Training Union Class of the Quitaque First Baptist Church for sponsoring the occasion, the many people who braved the inclement weather and visited our home, those who participated in giving the many gifts received, and to those people who wished us well but could not attend.
Please consider this a personal invitation to visit our home in the future, especially if you have been unable to do so yet. We are enjoying our new home so much, and we would love to have you visit us.
Phil, Lynnette
and Debra Barefield

CARD OF THANKS
We want to thank all of you for the food, flowers and loving kindness you gave to all of us during the loss of our husband and father. There is no way for our knowing who all the ladies were who sent food and we want to especially thank you for the delicious meals. May God's rich blessing be with all of you.
The family of Mack Christian.

TO FRIENDS, VOTERS AND CITIZENS OF HALL COUNTY:
I filed for the office of the County Superintendent of Schools the past week-end and I want you to know that I would appreciate your vote. And, I, also, want to tell you the following facts concerning this office for you people deserve to know how some of the "powers that be" are striving step by step to take all local control away from the people.
Did you ever know a Candidate seeking an office and not knowing if elected, whether there would be funds for the salary of the office? Well, I am in that spot. I have filed for re-election to office of County School Superintendent and to date we have not received a definite ruling about the State paying the salary as heretofore from State Available School Funds. During the past session of Legislature in 1977 the Appropriation Bill for County Administration was passed and it appropriated \$3,800,000 (to or for 8-31-78) and \$1,100,000 (to or for 8-31-1979, and the wording so we have been informed by Texas Education Agency attached to bill says: "It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds in the Item County Administration (from Available School Fund) for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1979, shall only be used until the current terms of those now in office expire." But this wording of "intent" came from Texas Education Agency. Now, various County Superintendents have personally contacted some of their Legislators and they deny it was the "intent", of Legislature. Whom do you believe? In the 1975 Legislative Session a Law no. 226 was passed abolishing offices of County Superintendents who did not have Common school districts, Rural High Schools or Independent Districts with fewer than 150 students in Average Daily Attendance. Hall County has two schools with fewer than 150 in daily attendance so the office of County School Superintendent in Hall County remained intact, and still does. After the 1977 Appropriation Bill was passed many County Officials began trying to get interpretations from the Attorney General. On December 12, 1977 Attorney General made the ruling no. H-1103 reference:
County school administrations; termination of state support; abolition of offices: Section 17.94, Texas Education Code, provides for the termination of state fiscal support after December 31, 1978, for the offices of county school superintendent or ex officio county school superintendent or a county school board of trustees in counties with no common districts, rural high school districts, or independent districts with less than 150 scholastics in average daily attendance, but provides that such offices and boards may be supported by ad valorem tax revenue generated from a county-unit system of taxation established under Chapter 18 of Texas Education Code or by voluntary local contract under Section 17.98, and because of this ruling our office was exempt and is not abolished. We were advised by a member of the office of John Hill, State Attorney General, to file for office and it was believed another opinion would be forthcoming about the Money for County Administration from State Available Funds. There are only very few County Superintendents running for office because they did not want to pay the \$300.00 for filing fee unless they knew they would have a salary. Maybe

with only a few in office money will be available.

Of course, you know the Commissioner of Education, M. L. Brockette, has recommended ever since he was appointed (I firmly believe every official, including Supreme Court Judges, in U. S. of America should have to run for the office he or she holds) and his predecessor, Dr. Edgar, advocated the same policy, to do away with the County School Boards and County Superintendents. Both advocated doing away with our small schools for the last 20 years. Once the County Board is out of the way, the Commissioner of Education can almost do as he pleases with the small schools in the State of Texas. He has great plans for our children in "big city schools." We cannot understand how the Commissioner of Education has reached the conclusion he knows so much more about the education of Children in Texas than you people know. Listen to these figures — in the same appropriation Bill of 1977: the salary of the State Commissioner is written out 8-31-78 \$43,700,000 and (for and to) 8-31-79 \$45,200,000 and now read on! For Administrative Services to August 31, 1978 \$6,178,774.00, and for and to, August 31, 1979 — \$6,382,015.00. Now, that sounds like a regime with the Master mind and the last time I counted there were 547 employees in Texas Education Directory plus possibly that many Federal employees not listed. Can you see why Dr. Brockette is so powerful? Why with all his consultants, Advisors, Program Directors, he could almost defeat any Legislator who did not go along with his plans. There are 20 Regional Centers in State of Texas which cost you people thousands and thousands of dollars in State and Federal monies, and the Texas Education Agency is taking most of the power from local school boards and local superintendents and placing it in hands of these Regional Centers. Amarillo and Wichita Falls are the Regional Centers nearest our county. Brockette sees a great future for these Centers and they can oversee local schools and carry out his plans.

I hope you will re-elect me as your County Superintendent. I do not know if the Texas Education Agency will allow my salary from the State Available School money or County Administration Fund as we call it, but I hope the Attorney General will issue an opi-

nion that a de facto law is unconstitutional in the appropriation Bill for they (Legislature) did not abolish the office. The 1975 Legislature passed several laws which provided a County Superintendent in County (2) By County Unit System and (3) by the people voting a small Special Tax bill in County to pay salaries of County Superintendent, Assistant and County Board. I might ask you people to do that if it meant keeping local control in our schools and in our county. One office can be done away with and many people will never miss it until they want a service and then they find the local power is gone.

In our office we have charge of records which are worth thousands of dollars. For example, some of you will never need a record of age but many, many people will, and if the office is not funded, records will be destroyed. Now, that isn't a criticism, but it is a fact. You know it. Who would take care of our school records which are vital to some people? Why, no one, for no other official has the time to do all researching required. Again, local power is taken away when

an office in a county is done away with.
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting me serve you and I believe you know that I love the children of Hall County and Briscoe County and strive to serve them in every way I can. And, if elected, I will always try to do all I possibly can to help our children achieve an education. And, I won't have to go to China as Commissioner Brockette did here recently to observe education in Chinese Schools. Some of our so-called Leaders are so busy going to other nations that they forget "our people" could teach them a few things if they would stay home. We already give too much Aid to those who would like to destroy our way of life.

Thank you for your co-operation and I still say my political philosophy simply says we have more Federal Government than we can pay for — and more Federal Bureaucracy than we can stand. Strong, responsible "grass roots" of local government is our last line of defense. Help me find a way to finance the office I am seeking and Vote for me.
Tops Gilreath

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