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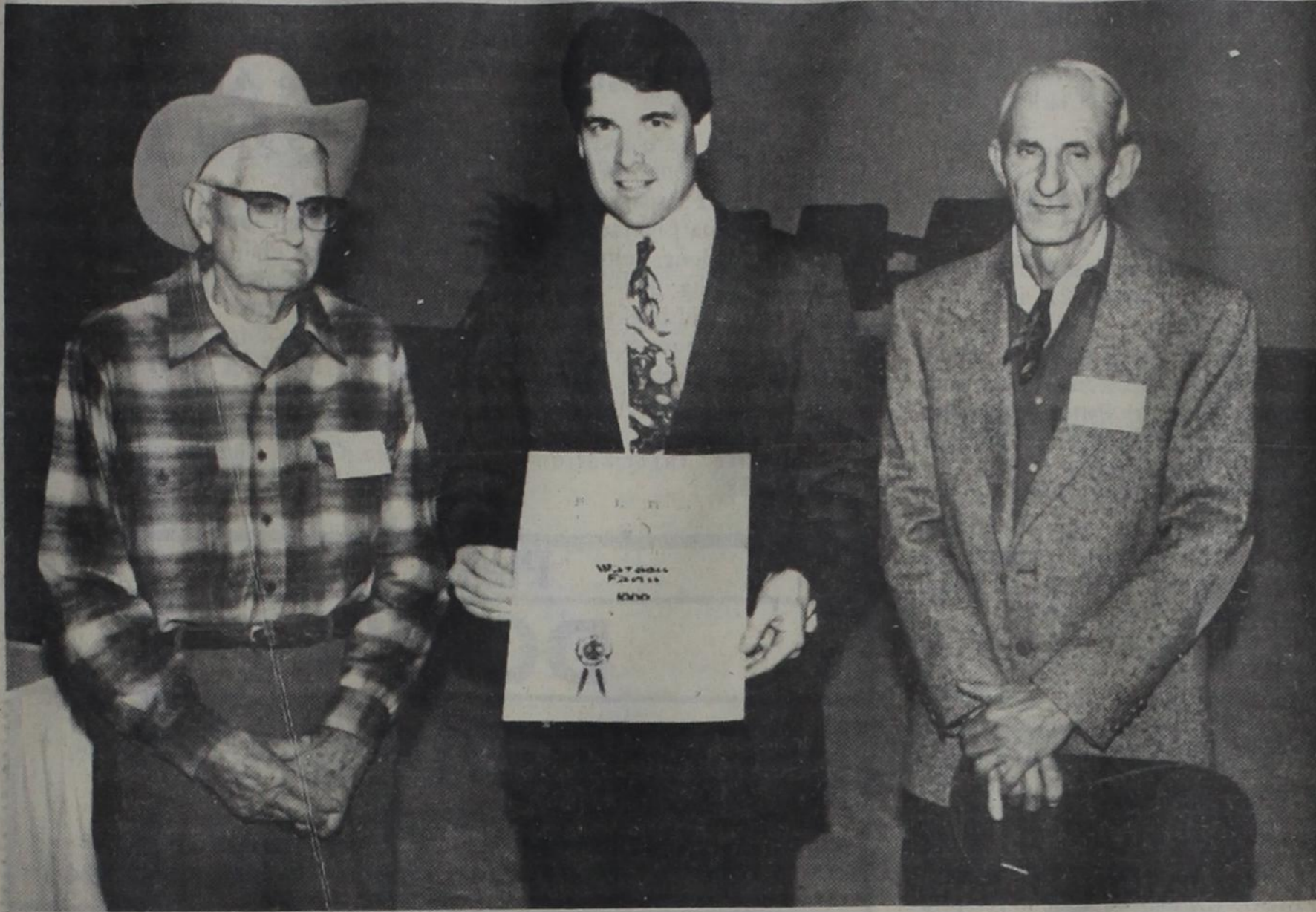
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WATSON FARM RECOGNIZED — R.T. Watson (from left).

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, and Jack Watson are pictured at

the Family Land Heritage Program ceremony.

85 Texas Farm And Ranch Families Honored At Family Land Heritage Ceremonies

The Texas Department of Agriculture honored 85 farm and ranch families from 50 counties at the agency's 19th Family Land Heritage Program ceremony on January 15 in Austin. The program recognizes properties that have been in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry awarded each qualifying farm or ranch a Family Land Heritage Certificate recognizing its achievement.

"Above all else, Texas farmers and ranchers are a race of survivors. And the stories represented by today's honorees are a testament to their endurance," said Perry.

"Since the program began in 1974, the Texas Department of Agriculture has honored 2,749 families for their tenacity in holding on to the land. Their stories have not only been the history of agriculture but the history of Texas."

The R.T. Watson farm was among those honored in the ceremony. Family members present for the award presentation were R.T. Watson, Burkett; Jake Watson, Mineral Wells; Jack, Joe, and Guy Watson of Abilene; Staci Watson, Austin; Patsy Hill and Jim Hill, Van; Sherry and Tiffany Hansborough, Boerne; and Ronnie, Voncile, Kyle, and Shay Wilson, Austin.

A history of the Watson Farm, located in northeast Coleman County between Burkett and Cross Plains is as follows:

1888 - The farm was purchased by James Wood and Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Carroll Watson using money inherited by Molly Watson as a down payment.

J.W. and Molly Watson never lived on the place, but offered each of their children an opportunity to live in one of the two houses and to work the land rent free for two years as they started their marriage.

Their five sons, Bill, Dick, Dosh, Jim, and Emmett, each lived there several years when newlywed and many Watson babies were born on the farm.

R. T. Watson, present owner, was born June 16, 1905 on the place. The family called the farm "The Weaning Ranch".

Colonial Oaks Services

The Pioneer Revival Center will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 31, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

1916 - Molly Watson died, and the place was inherited by her five sons and three daughters. Two of the heirs, Stella Watson and James Carlos Watson, with his wife Liza Bailey Watson, purchased the farm from the other heirs.

1921 - Newlywed, Esther Watson Johnson (daughter of James Carlos and Liza Watson) and her husband, George Johnson, purchased the half undivided interest owned by Stella Watson.

The Johnsons lived on the place and their oldest daughter, Reecie, was born there. Esther Johnson was also born on this farm.

1924 - R. T. Watson and his new wife, Nanie Godwin Watson, purchased the place from his parents, Jim and Liza Watson, and his sister and brother-in-law, Esther and George Johnson. They built a new home utilizing the lumber from the two old houses.

The four oldest of their five children, Betty Ruth, Jake, Bobbye, Patsy, and Jack were born on the Watson farm. Nanie Watson died November 25, 1988 after a 64 year marriage to R.T. Watson, age 87, who still resides on the farm raising feed and cattle.

The oldest property inducted this year was the Belen of La Sacatosa-Luciano Canales Ranch in Starr County, founded in 1836 by Antonio Canales and Maria Rita Pena de Canales. Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Canales III are the fifth generation to own the property. Their ranch was the first Starr County to qualify for the Family Land Heritage Program.

Properties in Glasscock, Motley, and Scurry counties were also recognized for the first time this year. Stephens County had the most honorees with five applicants who qualified.

Short biographies of the families will be published in the bi-annual Family Land Heritage Registry, a source of information for genealogists and historians.

The application period for the 20th certification program will begin March 15 and run through August 15 of this year. Applications or information requests about the program should be addressed to Family Land Heritage, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC SET FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

A Blood Pressure Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2 at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center beginning at 10:00 a.m., and running

Rose Butane Closing At Noon Friday

Rose Butane, Inc. will close at noon, Friday, January 29, for the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show.

The office will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 1.

PTO Meeting January 28

There will be a Parent-Teacher Organization meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. The main topic of discussion will be the upcoming chili supper on February 2. Final plans will be discussed. This is one of our major fund raisers and all members are urged to attend.

A.A.R.P. Meets Monday, Feb. 1

A.A.R.P. regular meeting will be on Monday, February 1, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center.

Rolan Jones will be the guest speaker. Members should bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Fellowship Meeting Set For Friday, January 29

The Monthly Fellowship Meeting will be held at the Old Time Gospel Mission on Friday, January 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Area speakers will be featured. Everyone is invited to attend.

through 11:00 a.m. Dorothy McKinney, LVN, will conduct the clinic.

The public is invited to use this service free of charge.

Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Thursday, Friday And Saturday

The Annual Callahan County Junior Livestock Show will begin on January 28 at 5:00 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Charles Palmer, of Clyde, is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 500 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Jimmy Harris, Vice-president, Ed Brady, Treasurer, and serving as secretaries this year are Sandra Carey and Chandra Scott.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

Beef Cattle, Jimmy Seider, Richey Crow
Market Lambs, Scotty Mitchell, Don Harris
Swine, Glen Altman, Ricky Carey.

Dave Lenz, and Weldon Watts
Poultry & Rabbits, Pam Harris and B.P. Stephenson.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:00 p.m. January 28 with Bill Bredmeyer of Throckmorton doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 4:30 p.m. on that day.

Lambs and Swine will be weighed in from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. January 29, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Swine Show. Kenneth Dundersing of Sweetwater is judging the Breeding and Market Swine.

At 1:00 p.m. January 29, Marvin Ensor of Seminole, will start judging the Breeding Sheep followed by the Fat Lambs.

On the afternoon of January 29 from

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. all steers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 30, with the Breeding Heifer Show to be judged by John Kuykendall of Llano. Kuykendall will also judge the steers starting at 9:00 a.m. Following the Steer Show, a Bar-B-Que Lunch will be served followed by the Premium Auction at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction to be conducted by Ronnie Vinson of Clyde.

Announcers for the 3 day show will be Jack Corn, James Trammell, Dick Vestal, and Tim Stone.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.



FEATURED SPEAKER — Fran Adkins, (center), was the guest speaker at the annual Project Pride

Banquet. Her daughter, Kori Adkins, (left), accompanied her, and Billie

Loving, her former teacher, served as mistress of ceremony.

Project Pride Dinner Well Attended

By ERA LEE HANKE

Approximately 100 people braved the cold wet weather Tuesday evening to attend Project Pride's annual membership dinner. A festive mood was set with multi-color table decorations. Balloon bouquets were courtesy of Tim Dillard and thanks go to the First Baptist Church for loan of the public address system. The invocation was voiced by Michael Hale and Charles Chesshir gave the benediction. Dinner music was provided by Sharon Stephenson.

Billie Ruth Loving served as master of ceremonies. She reviewed accomplishments of various organizations in the city during the past year and invited everyone to continue working together in 1993 for the betterment of the community. She then introduced the guest speaker, Fran Adkins of KTAB-TV Abilene. Mrs. Adkins was well received as she related experiences and made suggestions for combining careers with family and homemaking. She was accompanied to Cross Plains by her daughter, Kori.

Project Pride officers for 1993 are: president, Betty Lewis; vice-president, Clara Nell Spencer; secretary, Susan McNeel and treasurer, Joan McCowen. Directors, currently serving two year terms, are: restoration, John Adams; finance, Joe Hanke; project and planning, Cherry Shults; historical, Clara Nell Spencer; publicity, Era Lee Franke; member-

ship, Tim Dill. Howard House hostess is Billie Ruth Loving.

Membership is open to all interested persons. Annual dues are \$3.00 per

person or \$5.00 per couple. Regular monthly meetings are held on second Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. at the Howard House and the public is invited.

2nd Annual PTO Chili Supper February 4

The Cross Plains PTO will be holding its 2nd annual Chili Supper on February 4, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Prices are: \$1.00 for kids under 6; \$2.00 per bowl; or \$3.00 for all you-can-eat (all prices include tea). Dessert will be available for \$.50 each. Take-outs will also be available.

Proceeds from the chili supper will be used to fund many of the projects sponsored by PTO. During the past year, PTO has purchased dictionaries for the high school, given money to project graduation, sponsored an elementary field day to see the play "Charlotte's Web", and purchased playground equipment. Recently,

Chamber Of Commerce Meets January 28

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Justice of the Peace Office. Upcoming events for 1993 will be discussed. All directors and members are urged to attend.

PTO sponsored a sock-hop for junior high and high school students at the school gymnasium.

Everyone is invited to stop by the cafeteria, enjoy a bowl of homemade chili, and then cheer on the Lady Buffs and Buffaloes at the school gymnasium as they play the Baird Bears in district basketball. Come on out and support the kids and their school!

2 School Board Trustee Terms Expiring Soon

The first day to apply for a place on the ballot for school trustee for the Cross Plains I.S.D. is February 15.

March 17 at 5 p.m. is the last day to file application. Application forms may be obtained from the Superintendent's office in the local high school or by contacting the secretary of the school board, Barbara Sowell.

The terms of Rex Beggs and Monty Richards are expiring.

Free Income Tax Service

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

Through the Tax-Aide program, volunteers provide free personal income tax assistance to the Senior Citizens, low income families and the general public with basic tax returns. Individuals with complicated tax returns will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Volunteers are specially trained in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to understand those provisions of the tax code that affect the Senior Citizen as well as the low and middle income people. Tax-Aide volunteers provide personal, one-on-one assistance to help you complete your federal and/or state tax returns (including special rebate programs).

Tax-Aide volunteers are available from February 1st to April 15th each year. There will be two volunteers working the Cross Plains area using the Multi-Purpose Center on East 8th Street as their headquarters. Tax returns will be prepared on Tuesday's from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by APPOINTMENT so you may be helped when needed. Volunteers are Pauniece Oglesby 725-6772 and Irma Miller 725-7696

When you need a Tax-Aide volunteer, you should bring the

following: (1) a copy of last year's (1991) income tax return. (2) any W-2 forms you have received (showing your income from working). (3) all 1099 forms you have received which show the interest and/or dividends. (4) all 1099-R forms which show all pension monies paid to you. (5) form SSA-1099 which shows the Social Security paid to you. (6) records of any other income you have received and (7) receipts or cancelled checks for any medical/dental expenses and any contributions you have made to charities.

This is a community service available to those stated above and the Tax-Aide volunteers are eager to be of assistance, so please call and let us help you.



Visiting Mrs. Suma Dill this past week were Fred Dill, Clara McEnnis, Bud Ingram, Larmon McMillan, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, all of the Cross Plains area, and Joe Howser of Abilene.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

We've had another week of unusual weather in this month of January. In this seven days, thunder and lightning, nearly an inch of rain in the Gibb's gauge, more cold, but best of all, three days of beautiful weather. Even the birds were up and flying. Dorothy Reynolds reported a lot of blue jays in their yard. It will soon be groundhog day. We'll know then if winter is over.

Dorothy sang during the funeral service of Raymond Hardy News, in the First Baptist Church in Rising Star, Monday. On Sunday, Dorothy was in Cisco to attend the funeral of the infant baby of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Long of Cisco.

James Reynolds drove to Snyder Sunday to be with Joe and Shine Griffin. Joe has improved some since the visit.

Brad and Michael Watson of Arlington spent the weekend in the Robert Watson home. Also visiting in the home were Kile Watson of San Antonio, and his friend Tammie Culpepper of Austin.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin attended the funeral of J. P. Boyd in Sweetwater Saturday.

Don and Maryanna Harrell and daughter Leigh were busy packing boxes for a move to Abilene in a few days. Don remarked that closets were full of lots of things, some things not needed, but packed anyway. Roger Blackman of Del Rio has bought the house and will lease the land for raising horses. This writer will miss calling the family for weekly news for this column. Also we will welcome the Blackman family to the community.

Lee and Jean Jernigan visited in the Tony Steele home Saturday from Lake Proctor.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Effective January 1, 1993, all veterans' spouses eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) will receive benefits of at least \$750.00 per month.

V A makes DIC payments to surviving spouses and children of veterans who died on active duty or died from causes related to service-connected disability.

The increase, authorized under Public Law 102-568, the DIC Reform Act that became law on October 29, 1992, applies to all new DIC recipients and to those who are currently receiving less than \$750.00 per month. An additional \$165.00 per month will be added to that base amount, if the veteran was totally disabled for at least eight years before his or her death.

The legislation also includes a "grandfather" clause to protect DIC recipients who were receiving payments over \$750.00. Their monthly checks will not be reduced.

The 1993 monthly rate for a DIC spouse with children is also increased from \$71.00 to \$100.00 per child. The rate climbs to \$150.00 in 1994 and to \$200.00 per month in 1995. The law also reinstates DIC eligibility for some remarried spouses of veterans, if they began their divorce action before November 1, 1990.

The Department of Veterans Affairs pays at the end of each month thus the January 1 increase will be reflected in the checks received on or about February 1, 1993.

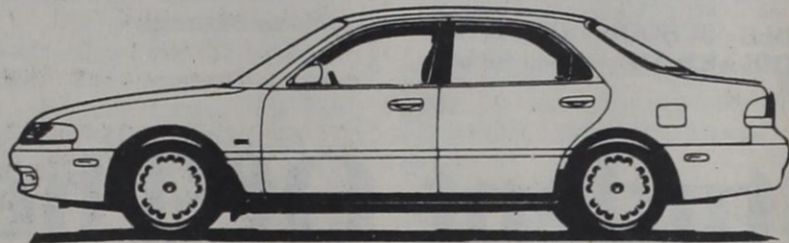
Veterans receiving V A compensation or pension can expect a cost of living (COLA) increase of 3 percent in checks received January 1, 1993. The 1993 increase is authorized by Public Law 102-510, the Veterans Compensation COLA Act of 1992, and is identical to the raise in Social Security benefits, according to Mississippi Representative G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

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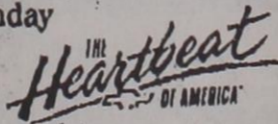


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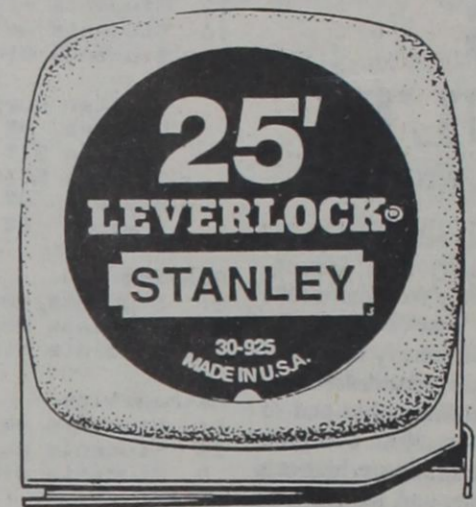
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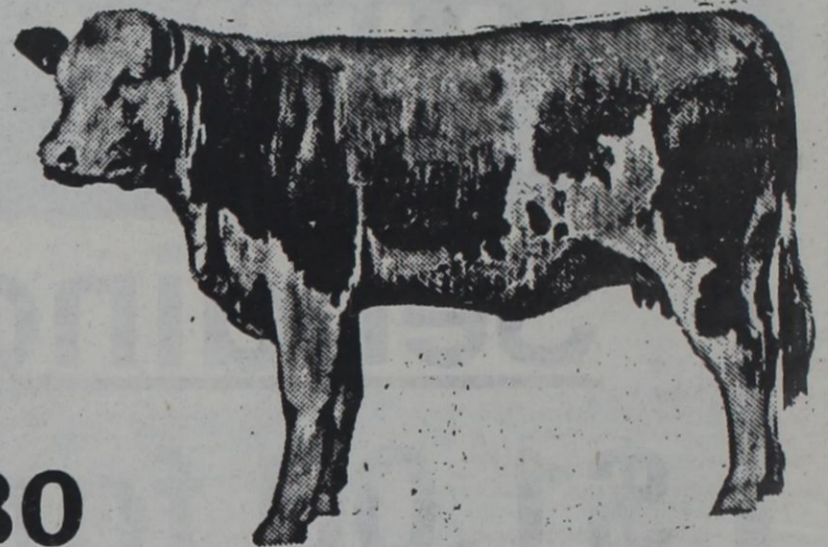
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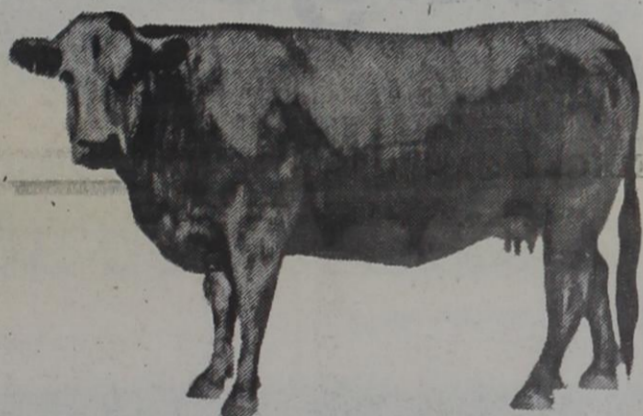
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No More 3-day Bills?
In previous sessions, more than half the bills passed by the House were passed in the final three days, because of parliamentary deadlines. Under the proposed rules, deadlines would kick in 17 days before the end of a 140-day regular session.

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

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

■ The speaker will appoint only half, instead of all, of the members of the Appropriations Committee,

including its chairman and vice chairman. Seniority will determine the other members.

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

■ Only conference committee reports and Senate amendments may be considered on the fourth and fifth days before the end of a session.

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

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

Sibley said his office is drafting a bill that would prohibit agency convicts from representing convicts in parole hearings for two years after the employees leave the agency.

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

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

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

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

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

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VA Care For Families

Certain active duty members, military retirees and their dependents would be eligible to receive V A health care under Public Law 102-585, the

Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, which was signed into law on November 4.

The law authorizes V A to provide health care on a space available basis in areas where base closings have left active duty and retired military families without Department of Defense hospitals and clinics.

It also sets up a V A health-service program for women veterans, including a counseling program for those who are sexually harassed or assaulted while in the service. The law directs V A to provide PAP smear tests, mammography and general reproductive health care for women veterans. Currently, just under 5 percent of the nation's veterans are women.

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