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J. Ray Martin Asks For Office of Dist. Attorney

In regard to my candidacy for the office of District Attorney for the 132nd Judicial District of Texas for Borden and Scurry Counties, I feel well qualified by education, experience, and understanding of the problems of West Texans in law enforcement.

I am a native 36-year-old Texan myself and have had a wide and varied practice of both civil and criminal cases in the courts of many counties of West Texas and in the Federal Courts while practicing from my office in Snyder for the past six years. At all times in my practice I have shown courtesy to every person to whom I could be helpful, and time and again I have represented the common man and the injured workman against the best attorneys from Houston to El Paso that money could buy. My practice in defending those accused of crime has taken me before the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, at Austin, which has publicly in its written opinion "in the books" commended my skill in representing the interests of my client. If elected your District Attorney, this skill and experience will be at the disposal of the people of Borden and Scurry Counties to see that liberty will be protected and justice will be applied equally under the law, regardless of station in life. I have no partnerships, kinships, or obligations to any man which would cause me to work harder on one case than on another.

I am a veteran of two years' overseas service in England and Europe and a member of the American, Texas and local bar associations. I am a graduate of Columbia University Law School. I am a family man and the father of an eight-year-old son, and attend church regularly.

This is my first request for public service, and I believe that the interest of the public is served by new blood with the proper background and experience.

I pledge my cooperation to all the public officials of Borden County to give them every assistance and cooperation of which I am capable, and I invite every citizen of Borden County to call on me and feel free at any time to discuss with me any problem or matter to enable me to render the best possible service as District Attorney for all of the people.

Only with such qualifications and experience and with a dedicated conviction that the people of Borden and Scurry counties are entitled to the best pos-

James Rosser Seeks Office of District Judge

There are many rewarding events in a candidates race for any public office. I have met many residents of this District whom I possibly would never have met otherwise in this race for District Judge. This has been a pleasure. I trust that I will be able to continue these acquaintances and get to know those I have missed meeting, as your District Judge.

The office I am asking for is one of grave responsibility. Your selection of the man to fill this office is likewise a grave responsibility. I have tried to lay open, for all to see and compare, my qualifications, training, experience and record as a practicing lawyer. I sincerely believe that I can perform the duties of this office in a reliable and honorable manner.

I can and will cooperate fully with other public officials as well as the public, whom I shall serve to the best of my knowledge and ability.

I can and will administer the District Court with equal justice to all under the law, and also with diligence to effect economies in time and money of litigants, jurors, witnesses and taxpayers, which I believe is possible through efficient court administration.

I can and will devote my entire time and efforts to the duties of this office. I shall be available at all times to those who have occasion to need and use this court.

I shall enter upon the duties of this office without obligation to any organization, group or person, other than an obligation to administer the District Court with equal justice to all under the law. This obligation I pledge to respect and fulfill to the best of my knowledge and ability.

I sincerely thank those friends who have taken an interest in my campaign for election. I shall be most grateful for your consideration, vote and support.

JAMES ROSSER.

The family of Mrs. L. A. Pearce wishes to take this means of thanking everyone who had a part in making the loss of their loved one easier to bear. For the food, flowers, and words of comfort from friends and neighbors, we wish to say "thank you," and may God bless each of you. Sincerely, The L. A. Pearce Family.

able service from their public officials can I ask the people of these West Texas counties to vote for me and my platform of "Liberty and Justice Equally under the Law".

J. RAY MARTIN.

Sterling Williams Asks 2nd Term As Dist. Judge

To the people of Borden and Scurry Counties I announce my candidacy for a second term as District Judge. As your District Judge over the past term I have made a sincere effort to be fair alike to all lawyers and all litigants; to the prosecution and defense alike in criminal matters. As to my success in this effort I will be glad to discuss with anyone privately or publicly the record of any case, and all cases that I have tried. As your District Judge I have presided at the trial of an exceedingly large number of contested cases. I was assigned by the presiding judge of this Supreme Judicial District to try contested cases at Monahans, Andrews, Sweetwater, Abilene and Dallas. My record for cases tried, appealed, affirmed and reversed, in and out of the district, compares favorably with the record of other judges in this area of longer tenure in office.

Political Announcement Column BORDEN COUNTY

The Round-Up is authorized to announce the following candidates for public office subject to action in the Democratic primaries.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

JOHN STEPHENS
DEE BURRUS

For County Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector:

SID REEDER
JOHN W. DENNIS

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:

P. A. WARE
BORDEN GRAY

For District Attorney, 132nd Judicial District:

J. RAY MARTIN
WAYLAND G. HOLT
PAT BEENE
C. F. SENTELL

For District Judge, 132nd Judicial District:

JAMES ROSSER
STERLING WILLIAMS

For Congress, 19th District:

GEORGE MAHON

George Mahon For Re-Election To Congress

Rep. George Mahon has asked the Borden County Roundup to carry an announcement of his candidacy for re-election to Congress from the 19th Texas District. His statement follows:

"I am sending this message from Washington where Congress is in session to announce my candidacy for re-election to Congress. I am grateful for the fact that I have no opponent. If I am honored with re-election, I shall continue to seek to be of every possible service in matters big and small to the people of our District. My principal responsibility is to the people of West Texas. If I serve the District well, I feel that I have served the Nation well.

"We continue to be confronted with many problems, local, national and international. Of principal interest this session was the farm legislation which we passed. It is far from adequate, but it was the best we could get this year in view of a Presidential veto and other difficulties. I think we did a pretty good job with the military appropriations bill which I handle in the House and which has recently passed the Senate. In spite of new tactics and smiles from Moscow, I do not think there has yet been a fundamental change in the objectives of the Communists and we must continue to keep our guard up despite the resultant burdensome costs.

"My object in making this announcement is to ask you for your vote and continued support. The

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If it is the will of you, the people of this the 132nd Judicial District, that I shall be your District Judge for the ensuing term, I will guarantee to you that each of you will have equal rights in the court regardless of your circumstances or station in life.

STERLING WILLIAMS.

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Pat Beene Announces For District Attorney

Pat Beene, Snyder lawyer, has qualified as a candidate on the Democratic Ticket for the office of District Attorney of the 132nd Judicial District of Texas, which includes Borden County and Scurry County.

"The office of District Attorney is one of the most important and responsible positions in the Judicial organization of the State", Mr. Beene said in making his announcement. "I have filed for the office upon the solicitation of a great many of my friends, and if elected I will conduct the affairs of the office with the diligence and efficiency gained from my many years experience in the active practice of law".

Pat Beene has been a resident of Scurry County since 1949 when he moved to Snyder from Andrews where he was elected County Attorney four consecutive terms, serving a total of eight years in that office.

Engaged in both civil and criminal practice in Snyder, Beene has been active in the Scurry County Courts and other Courts in West Texas, and has had extensive experience in cases tried by juries. He has been actively engaged in the practice of law for twenty years.

Beene is a native of West Texas having been born in Montague County and raised in Wheeler County, where he was associated with his father, D. O. Beene, in the practice of law before moving to Andrews.

He and Mrs. Beene live at 1107 30th Street in Snyder, and have one son, Roy Beene, who is a Freshman in Snyder High School, and one married daughter, Mrs. Bill Ogden, who lives in Midland, Texas.

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people of our District have been wonderfully generous to me through the years. I am very grateful for the opportunities for service you have given me. I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me at any time. The problems are at times difficult, and I may make mistakes, but I shall continue to do my best in an effort to do a good job for our people and to merit insofar as possible, your good will. Thanks very, very much."

To The Voters Of Borden County:

The Sheriff's office, and the man elected sheriff, is very important to the people of our county. Important because that office, and the man we elect to that office, is responsible to the people for the enforcement of our laws, the preservation of the peace and the protection of lives and property.

If elected I can and will perform these duties and responsibilities.

Most all the people of this county know that I was raised at San Angelo, finishing college there, and worked for years before and after the war with the Texas Production Credit Association at Sweetwater. Had three years of service, two and a half of which were spent in the Pacific theatre of operations. I am married and the father of four children, and have since 1946 been a rancher in Borden County.

Although this is my first time to seek a public office, for years I have devoted a considerable amount of my time to studying the duties of the sheriff's office. I know these duties and can fill the office with credit. I know that the people are entitled to fair and impartial law enforcement. All of the people regardless of color or creed are entitled to the same fair treatment and consideration. If elected I will see to it that all people will receive all the time the same fair, aboveboard and courteous treatment and will have no favorites among any one class or group of people.

I will see to it that all of our laws are enforced at all times, to the best of my ability.

My full time will be devoted to the office and to the needs of our people all the time.

If elected I will serve you efficiently, honestly and courteously.

Sincerely,
JOHN DENNIS,
Candidate for Sheriff.

Pioneer Resident Passes

Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Pearce, 78, were conducted Tuesday of last week at 4 p. m. in the Gail School Auditorium, by Rev. Fillman, minister of Fluvanna. Mrs. Pearce died Monday about 11 a. m. in Abilene, after a long illness. She had resided in Borden County about fifty years.

Survivors include her husband, L. A. Pearce, of Gail; three sons, Wayne of Ft. Worth, Roy of Roscoe and Delmo of San Antonio; four daughters, Mrs. L. L. Petty and Mrs. Jno.

To The Voters Of Precinct 1:

I take this means to ask you for your vote for the office of Commissioner of Prec. 1, in the forthcoming July primary election.

I have seen many in the precinct and talked with them concerning my candidacy, but should I have missed you, please accept this as my personal request for your good words and influence during the remaining days of my campaign for this office, and for your vote on July 28.

I only have this to say. I will (if elected) try my best to make my County and Precinct a good Commissioner. I have had a lot of experience in dealing with men both in the Army and in Civilian life, and together we, the citizens of Borden, could agreeably work out all the problems in our county.

Sincerely,
JOHN STEPHENS.

To The Voters Of Precinct No. 3

As the time is drawing near when you are to make your final decision in selecting the man you wish to lead in county affairs for your precinct through the course of the next four years. I ask that you carefully consider my request for the privilege of serving you through the next tenure of office.

I have only kindly feelings for all in our county and in Prec. 3, and shall continue that way, on and on.

I deeply appreciate your ever thinking of me as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Prec 3, and will appreciate your vote very much, and if I am lucky enough to be elected, I will serve my community and the taxpayers in general, to the very best of my ability. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
P. A. WARE.

Williams of Abilene, Mrs. Ted Johnson of Snyder, and Mrs. Willis Bennett of Orange; twelve grand children and several great grand children.

Burial was in Gail Cemetery under direction of Bell Funeral Home of Snyder.

To The People Of Borden County:

I wish to use this means to reach the voters of the county before the nearing election date.

I am fully aware of the responsibilities and claims on the time and proper decisions to be made under all circumstances by the man who is heading the county as an officer of the law.

Through the years I have carefully observed the passing events in Borden and other counties where it was important that proper actions be taken as an officer, and in decisions of varied problems as they arose. I have studied all these things and weighed the results of the actions of the law enforcement body as new problems came forth from time to time. It takes a level head, a steady nerve and a quiet manner to handle many of the more difficult problems that arise. I have studied to show a calm and quiet spirit, a patient yet firm approach, and at the same time have realized the need for a forcefulness in handling the cases where what you say or do counts for so much, realizing an officer should at all times be on the alert. Sometimes under certain strain it's a problem to temper serenity with brass, but I have done my best, always.

With my knowledge of the law, I feel I am able under any circumstance to keep at the helm and steer my course clear for the citizens of our county, and if elected, I pledge my very best in all future service as your County Sheriff. I am, as always,

Your Friend,
SID REEDER.

Eli Robison, of Robert Lee, visited the Sam Skeens Sunday evening.

Sunday evening guests of Mrs. D. Dorward were Mrs. Maurice Dorward and son of Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Snyder.

Mrs. Ruby Covey and daughter, Mrs. Bowen Fallis and children of Seagoville visited friends in Gail last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harris are spending the summer in Gail. Mr. Harris teaches in the Cisco schools.

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