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of composition is to
speak the truth.

—Thoreau

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South Considers Lyndon

AUSTIN

If Lyndon Johnson is put forward for the presidency as Texas favorite son, he may become "the favorite son candidate of the South."

Senators Richard Russell and Walter George, Georgia's two powerful senators, said as much last week after Johnson's agreement to accept the favorite sonship if it is offered him.

Johnson flew back to Austin last weekend and appointed Tom Miller, middle-of-the-road loyalist mayor of Austin, and E. H. Perry of Austin, an Eisenhower and Shivers Democrat heretofore, as co-chairmen of a "Johnson for President committee."

Miller went on the radio and touted Johnson, not only for favorite son, but for the Democratic nomination. "Lyndon Johnson is the ideal Texas candidate and the ideal national candidate for the Democratic Party," he said.

Perry, associated with Democrats for Eisenhower in 1952, said he would prefer Johnson to Eisenhower as president. Johnson is advocating a delegation pledged to the Democratic nominees.

Governor Shivers, his position becoming increasingly difficult with the Southern conservatives backing Johnson, engaged in some broken-field running.

Wednesday he said:

I am sincerely sorry that Senator Johnson has chosen to identify himself so closely with Speaker Sam Rayburn, whose affiliations with the minority radical wing of the Democratic Party of Texas are well known to all.

In Washington Johnson retorted that Shivers had asked him to run for president seven months before at their September, 1955, meeting on the Pedernales, at which they also agreed on Ben Ramsey as Democratic national committeeman from Texas. Said Johnson:

His (Shivers's) attitude has led me to believe that he favored me as a presidential nominee. On last Sept. 12, when I returned to Texas, he urged me to become a presidential candidate. Why he has changed his mind I do not know.

Shivers replied from Galveston:

I might still back him (Johnson) if he will stop playing footsie with Sam Rayburn and the left-wingers of the DAC-PAC who are trying to take him into camp.

Saturday Mayor Miller went out of his way to remark that he has not been a member of the Democratic Advisory Council. Shivers has attacked the DAC, the loyalist party organization in Texas, and linked it with the PAC and the NAACP.

"I haven't been on the Democratic Advisory Council," said Miller. "Mr. Eisenhower is my President, too, even though I didn't vote for him. I took this job because of friendship for Lyndon Johnson. I count Mr. Shivers my personal friend too."

Perry, cotton and oil investor, remarked on his personal friendship with both Johnson and Shivers:

I'm a friend of Allan Shivers and have voted for him every time, but I've been a friend of Lyndon's longer.

MEANWHILE, Shivers drew Claud Gilmer, former House speaker, into his convention battle organization, and "overwhelming response" was reported to 3,000 letters sent out over Shivers's name asking for convention funds to finance his convention fight.

Texas Loyalists Uniting Behind Him for Favorite Son; Names Austin Mayor and Ike Democrat; Shivers Still May Back Him

Shivers was girding for a statewide stumping tour for states' rights and pro-Shivers delegates to the May 22 convention. He is banking heavily on the obstacles loyalists will have to overcome because they did not vote for him in the general election in 1954, thereby cutting their proportional precinct delegate strength drastically.

ENDORISING Johnson, Senator Russell, a Southern contender for the presidency in 1952, noted Johnson's speech last week—he called it "a stirring appeal for party unity"—and then remarked, on the floor of the Senate:

In the course of his remarks, he said, "I have made it clear to the leaders of other states that I am seeking none of their delegates."

I cannot refrain from observing that when his name is presented to the convention as a favorite son candidate from the great state of Texas, it will be impossible to prevent delegations from other states adopting him as their favorite son.

Russell said Johnson could become "the favorite son candidate of the South."

Told of Russell's remarks, Speaker Sam Rayburn said: "That's certainly all right with me."

The next day Senator George said Texans would be "very wise" to send

Johnson as a favorite son. He continued:

If his name goes before the convention as a favorite son, he is very likely to become a major factor in the selection of a presidential candidate for the party. He has a reputation throughout the country as a man who could well become a great candidate for the presidency in the event of a deadlock between those seeking the nomination.

If he can be persuaded to do so, he might well become the effective candidate for the party because of his strong support through the South, as well as in other sections of the country.

The national chairman of Americans for Democratic Action indicated that his organization probably "will sit out" the 1956 campaign if Johnson gets the nomination because, said Joseph Rauh, Jr., Johnson "is running the Democratic Party for the benefit of the Southern conservative viewpoint."

Formation of a committee to back Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham of New Waverly as "favorite daughter and chairman if the delegation" was announced by Mrs. Mary Weinzierl of Riverside. Mrs. Cunningham's campaign manager. The committee members have not yet been released. This was the first public loyalist dissent from Johnson's candidacy.

Galveston Debates a Question

Ministers Say Students Shouldn't Go There

Jim Kemp

(Galveston, a curious community, last week fell to debating whether 8,000 high school students might notice the community's bawdy houses. Here is a report by our Galveston correspondent.—Ed.)

GALVESTON

With more bawdyhouses than schools and enough "clubs" to qualify as "Playground of the South," Galveston was declared by local ministers last week to be no place to send high school seniors to round out their education.

Pointing to more than a dozen juvenile arrests in the red light district within a week, the Galveston Ministerial Assn. has threatened to ask a student boycott of the island unless the chamber of commerce takes a hand in controlling vice.

As expected, the chamber, still nervous after the short-lived vice crackdown that resulted from its September resolution calling for an end to "flagrant law violations," dropped the subject.

Refusing to reaffirm their September edict, the chamber was left to fret with the threat from the ministers that they would write letters to principals and parents of 8,000 high school students due here for vacations under the "High School Fiesta" program.

The ministerial association, headed by Rev. Milton W. Bulgerin, is still waiting for an answer to a proposal the chamber help clean up the town "at least for the six weeks when the students will be here."

However, E. J. Pennington, Sr., who in September declared the chamber "means business" and would "no

longer tolerate vice" in the city, refused any comment.

Instead, the chamber issued a statement declaring that sponsors of the 5,000 students who came here on their senior trips last year "had nothing but praise" for the island and that none had ever gotten into trouble.

The ministers countered with the latest American Social Hygiene Assn. survey of Galveston, citing vice as "worse than ever before" and listing 20 bawdyhouses and eleven places where open soliciting is allowed.

Pennington's attitude is typical of the split personality of many Galvestonians. Not long ago, a mainland civic group cheered a speech in which Pennington denounced isle vice. Then they roundly applauded the orchestra—loaned free of charge for the event by the Maceo syndicate gambling house, Cedar Oaks.

SHOULD the ministers fail to carry out their threat—which seems probable—Galveston is prepared to offer the students a real education.

For beginners, every beer joint offers some type of gambling, from pinballs to tip books.

When this course is completed, the students can try their hand at illegal clubs offering liquor by the drink, more slots and tips, plus a little blackjack or dice.

If they haven't run out of money or

Young Democrats in Dallas "enthusiastically" endorsed Johnson. Regular Democratic groups in El Paso, San Antonio, and Dallas have also endorsed the senior senator.

POLLS on the presidency last week became pertinent to the Johnson story because of the Russell and George endorsements.

A Gallup Poll of U. S. Democrats showed this distribution of support last week: Adlai Stevenson 39 percent, Estes Kefauver 33, Averell Harriman 6, Russell 4, Johnson 3, G. Mennen Williams 3, Frank Lausche 2, Stuart Symington 2. A poll of U.S. independents gave Kefauver 29 percent, Stevenson 23, and Sam Rayburn, listed among others, 4 percent. (Johnson was not listed.)

Gallup's poll of Democrats in the South gave Stevenson 28 percent, Kefauver 26, Russell 13, Johnson 8, Harriman 4, Symington 4, Harry Byrd 3, Albert Chandler 3, and Rayburn 2.

Joe Belden polled 500 Texas voters on their preferences between Shivers and Johnson for delegate chairman. Those who said they consider themselves Democrats now divided 62 percent for Johnson, 18 percent for Shivers, 10 percent "don't like either," and 10 percent undecided. Independent voters favored Shivers over Johnson 43-to-30, with 10 percent liking neither and 17 percent undecided.

Belden polled Democratic voters in the 500 on presidential preferences and got these results: Johnson 33, Kefauver 25, Stevenson 22, Harriman 4, Symington 2, Lausche 2. Independent voters gave Johnson 27 percent, Kefauver 22, Lausche 16, Stevenson 12, Harriman 6, and Symington 5.

nerve yet, they may make a trip to the district where they can swear they're 21 and will meet little argument.

There are a few places in town that qualify as real universities, fully accredited by the Galveston Police Department. Among these is the Rio Grande Club.

Here the boys will find a bar that sells beer after hours; a cafe on the same floor; a "club" on the second floor, complete with band, B-girls, and crap table; and, on the third floor, also accessible from the alley, a fine bawdy house.

There's a floor show there too, comparatively tame.

POLICE Commissioner Walter L. Johnston, who closed down the town for three weeks in September, then allowed operators to reopen after getting his personal "permission," had no comment on the ministers' allegations.

Dist. Atty. Marsene Johnson, Jr., who vowed to keep "every bawdyhouse in the county" closed in September, likewise wanted no part of the controversy during election year. Said Johnson: "Let them go see the law enforcement officers."

Mayor George Roy Clough, who did say he would "jail any prostitute who caters to juveniles," put the monkey on Johnston's back.

"Police have access to these places," said Clough. "Why don't they walk in and see if there are any juveniles there?"

Clough shifted his attack to parents, too, declaring, "Don't blame the kids. There is too much adult delinquency. They are the parents who don't know where their kids are."

Jail for Legislators

The State Bar grievance committee has recommended up to two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for legislators who practice influence before state agencies. This is a severe recommendation. If it were adopted retroactively, it would slam many a legislator into the hoosegow. But in making it the committee was motivated by the kind of indignation toward the abuse of public trust that has too long been lacking in American society. A man elected by the

people is supposed to work for them, not for himself, with the power they have given him. Legislators black-jacking state agencies with their power over appropriations and appointments ought to be subject to jail and fines. So should legislators who take retainer fees from persons interested in legislation. Too long have the legislators in Austin treated their public trust like some sinecure to be used to their own casual advantage.

A Deeper Issue

In uniting behind the expedient of Senator Johnson's favorite sonship, the loyalists are entrusting to him their hopes and their ideals. The senator will command the fealty of some Shivers and conservative loyalist people in his own right. Daily he is extracting from others commitments to him. His protestations to the contrary, his candidacy is becoming nationally significant (he could become "the favorite son of the South," said Richard Russell). What presumably was begun as an anti-Shivers clincher now becomes much more than that: something in itself: the affiliation of Democratic Texas with the conservative causes of the South.

The loyalists will in all likelihood win the May conventions. The basic disadvantage to be overcome is the failure of Democrats to vote for Shivers in the general election of 1954, with resulting disadvantages in 1956 precinct delegate strength. But with Shivers a political hasbeen, with the Democrats stronger nationally than in 1952, and with Johnson cutting deeply into the Shivers ranks, the Shivercrat remnants seem to be desperate holdouts.

What is now at issue for thoughtful people is the direction of the loyalist cause itself. Whither is it going? The answer will depend on certain specific arrangements at the state convention regarding the nature of the pledge to vote for Johnson—first ballot only or "delegation to be released at the honoree's will"—the selection of the delegation, and the senator's right to commit the delegation on questions of platform and candidates.

Loyalists now are working hard separating the sheep and the goats, on the one hand, from the billygoats on the other: the Democrats who will agree to support the nominees from the Shivercrats whose almost explicit intention is to go to the Chicago convention as saboteurs and then vote for Eisenhower.

It is to be hoped that loyalists will also watch sharply for signs of a basic compromise on behalf of a "united delegation." Unity is not worth the compromise of principle. Texas belongs in the national Democratic Party, not the Southern Democratic Party.

Tilting Horses

Monaco has its casino and its pouting prince; France has its second story show windows and lovers by the Seine; Washington has its people's servants in Cadillacs and cherry blossoms by the basin; and Texas has its politics, equally delicious and ridiculous.

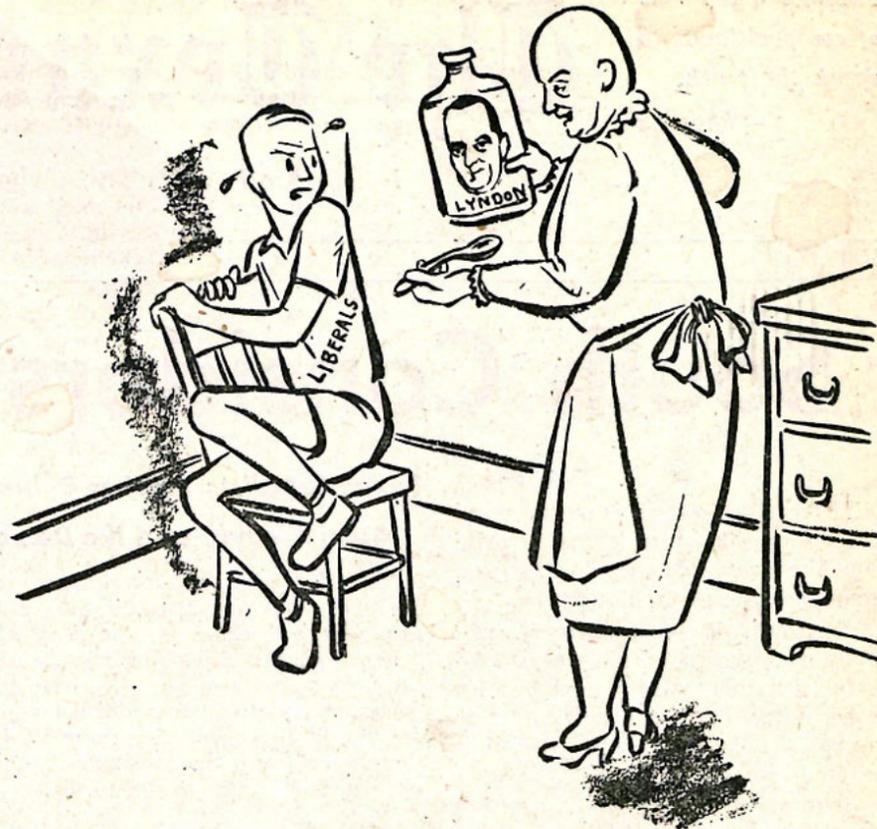
Now the loyalists (most of them, apparently) sigh in amorous palpitation at their hero Sir Lyndon; now the Shivercrats cheer on their knight in Shining Silver Pieces. Lances down, the two come charging over the plain; but ho! a portable bush is wheeled across the plain, and thus hid from common view, the dashing swains do clash. Sounds of rending armor! Shouts of pain and sweat! Clacks of smashing lances! Silence.

Who will emerge from behind the bush? We will place our wager now at five to four: the horses dead, the swains emerge, singing together: "For he's a jolly good gal-lant."

Overrun

A Connecticut capitalist has bought up 30,000 acres of Padre Island to turn it into a beach resort. A highway runs past Walden Pond and there is a rumor that it is industrially polluted. Out in our own Hill Country, the Frio River, once a poachers' paradise, has been fenced in by unfriendly owners. Our natural havens are overrun by owners. It makes you appreciate the national parks.

'Just a Little Spring Tonic for the Shivers'



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POLITICAL PAVLOVS

AUSTIN
States' rights, suh, is as American as ham and eggs, as sacred as Mother, as inviolable as the Texas Constitution.

Every day now some politician invokes it to prove some other Texas verities equally elusive in meaning and consequence.

Political logic is almost without content. Symbol 43 is based on symbol 1,269, which is in turn derived from Symbol 473, which was aroused by revulsion from Symbol Minus 321.

You like freedom don't you? Then you hate federal encroachment. Then you hate federal aid to education. So you love states' rights. Therefore you love Texas. Thus and so you love the Texas oil industry. Therefore you are against higher state oil taxes to pay for more education.

Don't argue. The school kiddies will take care of themselves if the people will keep electing champions of states' rights.

Absurd? Analyze the next defense of states' rights Weldon Hart writes for Allan Shivers.

The political hucksters are symbol jugglers, crude hands at Pavlovian psychology adapted to mass prejudices, banging gongs here and winding sirens there to produce the desired public salivation.

Cutting through the verbal panderings, the most curious aspect of states' rights is that its principal champions are politicians who are also defending big business—organizations of national and international scope.

Theoretically a government closer to the people, like the state government should be, would be more responsive to their wishes and welfare than a government far off in Washington.

Texas and national history in the last 25 years proves the contrary. While the Texas state government was adding selective sales taxes, refusing to require Texas oil, gas, sulphur, and other natural resources industries to carry their fair tax burdens, and ignoring the tax potentialities of other new industries like chemicals, the federal government, under public mandates every four years, has held to progressive taxation patterns and fostered widespread programs of social welfare—social security, public housing, rural electrification, school lunch programs, effective anti-trust legislation, hospital subsidies—which the states' righters have damned as socialistic.

The reason Shivers, Price Daniel, John Ben Shepperd, and the rest of the protectors of vested interests in Texas are against "federal encroachment" is that the total weight of the

state government has been against social progress.

WHY has this been so?

It is so, one suspects, because the people and the press do not watch the state government as closely as they do the national government. Backdoor deals go unnoticed in Austin, while they bring down the national roof in Washington.

It is so, further, because the major interests, rebuffed at the national elections for years, turned to the state governments and developed them into shields against the general will.

In Texas oil's policies and the Governor's policies are literally indistinguishable.

They have developed the symbols so extensively, one almost would think that the federal government is a foreign power, financed by communists instead of American citizens.

The spokesmen for big business would as swiftly defend the federal government if this were the best defense for big business, or if political pressures required it.

For example, E. H. Thornton, the Governor's chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, the other day was praising the new federal highway spending act because it will give federal handouts to the states for interstate highway improvements.

Shivers last week urged Eisenhower to sign the farm subsidy bill. How can he possibly justify such an act and then attack "federal encroachments" on the states?

Daniel says he is against federal aid to education, but he is in favor of more federal money for highways and old age pensions.

Our school children need federal aid much, much more than our highways do.

If we are to have adequate classrooms in Texas by 1960, an expenditure of \$2 billion will be required. More will be needed to train and hold enough good teachers. The first men to oppose industrial taxation to produce that money will be Shepperd, Shivers, Daniel, and their kind—states' rights champions loathe to admit that if states are to earn their rights, they can do so only by performing for the people.

Promiscuous in their experiments, our political Pavlovs have struck upon federal aid to education as an inflaming symbol. They are therefore content to see Texas school children studying in overcrowded classrooms and rickety schools under poorly trained teachers in the meantime.

It certainly is uncivilized of them.
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Daniel Now Ahead, Poll Reports

AUSTIN

In its first appearance in four months, the Belden Poll gives Price Daniel the favorite's role in the governor's race by a substantial margin over Ralph Yarborough and W. Lee O'Daniel.

Yarborough had a 24-to-16 first-place lead in Belden's December poll, but last week Belden reported that 41 percent of those he polled gave Daniel their first choice vote, compared to 21 percent for Yarborough and 18 percent for O'Daniel.

O'Daniel's entry and the two state-wide radio and television buildups for Daniel have taken place since the December poll. Yarborough has not yet been on radio or television, explaining he doesn't have the money.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, who has not yet announced his gubernatorial plans, got three percent of the first-place votes, and James P. Hart, who has withdrawn from consideration, got two percent.

Declared candidates Reuben Senterfitt and J. Evetts Haley got three and one percent, respectively.

Belden asked two questions—which two candidates are best qualified, and which one would receive the pollee's first choice vote. He polled 500 persons in a sample he said was properly balanced to represent voters of every region of the state.

The results:

	Best Two	First Choice
Price Daniel	66%	41%
Ralph Yarborough	49	21
W. Lee O'Daniel	31	18
Reuben Senterfitt	15	3
John C. White	10	3
James P. Hart	5	2
J. Evetts Haley	2	1
J. J. Holmes	1	—
Don't know, undecided	10	11

He also asked those polled if they had read or heard about each of the candidates. Percentages of those who had:

O'Daniel, 93 percent; Daniel, 91 percent; Yarborough, 90 percent; Senterfitt, 38 percent; White, 37 percent; Hart, 17 percent; Haley, 17 percent; Holmes, 16 percent.

THE HOUSTON Post endorsed Daniel, commending his "vigor, sincerity, and good results" in previous public service. The Post emphasized his role in the tidelands fight, his advocacy of the Harris-Fulbright gas bill, and his narcotics probe, which the Post said was "a great service to humanity."

(The Post erred in noting that Senator Sam Houston "entered the race for governor, was elected, and then resigned from the Senate—as Sen. Dan-

iel plans to do." Houston was defeated in his first effort for the governorship and was elected in a subsequent race.)

YARBOROUGH, in a talk to the Marlin Rotary Club, said water and soil conservation are the most urgent problems facing Texans.

He advocated large dams on main streams, smaller dams on tributaries, and retaining walls on farms and ranches. Anti-pollution laws should be part of a water program, he added.

The topsoil which blew away in recent dust storms is "the birthright of

TEXAS POLITICS

OTHER RACES TAKE SHAPE

While the Johnson-Shivers issue has occupied the public attention in pre-convention state politics, work is also proceeding on the organizational level.

Ed Drake, Shivers leader in Dallas and county Democratic chairman, announced a meeting to oppose the favorite son movement of Senator Johnson April 27. Shivers will speak, winding up a statewide tour.

Drake asked for everyone "tired of getting orders from the banks of the Potomac or the Pedernales or from somebody's front porch in Bonham" to become politically active for "a Shivers-led uninstructed delegation."

The Harris County Democratic executive committee will meet April 21 at the courthouse. A meeting of the Tarrant County group resulted in the Shivers group outvoting the loyalists on several rollcalls by about 15 out of slightly more than 100 votes.

Shivers, out on the stump, told a cotton compress and warehouse convention in Galveston that states' rights needs adherents and champions; that interposition is "the people reasserting their authority as the supreme law of the land"; and that it does not mean "that I do not respect the constitutional authority of the Supreme Court."

Shivers also wired President Eisenhower last week urging him to sign the farm bill passed by Congress. Shivers said it was not "all that you or anybody else might desire" but that farm subsidies are necessary as long as subsidies to other industries raise farmers' production costs.

GOP ARGUMENTS

Texas Republican committeeman Jack Porter laid down the Republican argument for the precinct conventions at a meeting of the Harris County Republican executive committee.

future generations" gone to waste forever, said Yarborough.

He advised the Rotarians:

"Don't let anybody tell you that, no matter how big government gets, you have to be crooked to get elected or to stay in office."

O'Daniel, speaking in Dallas, said that after the O'Daniel backed law "against labor violence" was adopted, many industries moved to Texas. In a radio talk, he said no charge of "dishonesty, graft, or corruption" was made while he was in office, and he said Texas voters want him "to get

that shameful mess at Austin cleaned up."

J. Evetts Haley, Canyon rancher, said in a Houston radio speech that recent Supreme Court decisions "sow the seeds for the certain destruction of the white race," "promise discord, misery, and violence for the South," "hazard the peace and unity of the United States," "destroy the Constitution," and "grant control over our lives to the federal government."

He called them "illicit" decisions and specifically mentioned the school integration, natural gas, and federal anti-secession rulings.

Defending interposition, he said:

"If a moral man is told to do an immoral act, he simply says 'No'."

He said "conservative Democrats" who followed the Shivers bolt for Eisenhower in 1952 are "embroiled in a fight they cannot win."

"The Democratic National Committee," he said, "will seat at that party's national convention this year only those delegates who agree to support the nominees of the party without reservation."

"The only reasonable course for pro-Eisenhower Democrats is to go to the Republican precinct conventions May 5 and let everyone know they are going to support President Eisenhower," he said.

TWO FILE

Incumbent Ben Ramsey and Senator A. M. Aikin of Paris paid their \$600 filing fee for the lieutenant governor's race last week.

Ramsey will start his campaign early in May.

Aikin said he does not favor federal aid to education ("Texas should take care of its own") and believes education and water preservation are two of the state's biggest problems. C. T. Johnson of Austin, campaigning for the same office in Dallas, reiterated his advocacy of 100,000 small dams in Northwest Texas and a canal parallel to the Gulf Coast, crossing the state's ten rivers.

In Austin Johnson said it was "amusing" to him that Lt. Gov. Ramsey, under whose administration the Texas Election Code was adopted, is now trying to have it declared unconstitutional through "his attorneys."

"The law, if followed, will show how the special money interests of Texas are financing political campaigns for their chosen candidates," he said.

Rep. Brady Gentry of Tyler announced he would not seek re-election, and Lindley Beckworth of Longview, former congressman who opposed Price Daniel for the Senate in 1952, and R. E. Peppy Blount of Tyler, a former representative, announced for the vacancy. Blount had previously been a Senate candidate for Warren McDonald's seat. McDonald is also reported interested in the Gentry vacancy.

John Young, Nueces county judge, will oppose Rep. John J. Bell of Cuero, he announced.

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Democrats: *How many times will you buy a pig in a poke?*

REMEMBER WACO AND BEN RAMSEY!

REMEMBER LYNDON JOHNSON AND BROWN & ROOT!

REMEMBER SHIVERS AND CORRUPTION!

—Throw ALL the rascals out!

—Wake up!! Run your own show at the May precinct conventions by passing the following resolution:

WHEREAS the unfolding story of corruption in our State and Federal government is so horrifying to decent, honest citizens that confusion and suspicion cloud the issues of the day; and WHEREAS officials in high places are resorting to percentages to minimize the wickedness of bribery and stealing; and WHEREAS the grand juries and courts are dealing most leniently with the culprits taken in guilt; and WHEREAS the choice of the National Democratic Convention will probably be the next President of the United States which makes the selection of delegates to that Convention a matter of high political importance; be it

RESOLVED that the precinct conventions be requested to instruct their delegates to work for a delegation to go to Chicago of plain, honest men and women none of whom occupy official positions in either the State or Federal governments and all of whom shall be of known integrity.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the Texas Democratic Women's State Committee and the Democratic Women for Good Government. JOIN THEIR FIGHT TO GIVE TEXAS BACK TO THE HONEST CITIZENS!

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AGENCIES THROUGHOUT TEXAS

The Week in Texas

● The State Bar's board of directors has recommended a \$10,000 fine and a possible two-year jail sentence for legislators who accept employment for pay to influence the actions of state officials or agencies. Also recommended: a \$50-a-day legislative pay rate for the first 120 days of a session.

● A Connecticut investor has bought 30,000 acres of Padre Island in a 30-mile strip from the Kennedy-Willacy county line to a point 10 miles north of the southern tip of Padre Island. He plans to develop it into a beach resort.

● A fishing boat caught fire off Palacios and the captain and crew were rescued by a shrimp boat minutes before the burning trawler rolled over.

● In San Antonio, the Houston Better Business Bureau outlined to other B.B.B. representatives a plan to enlighten the public about loan sharks, investigate complaints fully, and get help from civic clubs and labor unions against usurers.

● In Corpus Christi, the president of the school district and the superintendent of schools have put forth a plan to finance public education by withholding 10 percent of the federal income tax at the state level.

● El Paso's police chief and a police lieutenant have charged H. S. Bernhardt, former assistant police chief, with trying to bribe the lieutenant in return for tip-offs on police gambling raids. Bernhardt says he is innocent.

● Texas City's new mayor, W. J. Godard, says all clubs, brothels, and gambling joints in the town have been shut down for good.

● The Texas Supreme Court refused to review a lower court rejection of a state bar grievance committee action to disbar C. Woodrow Laughlin of Alice, judge of the 79th district court. The Supreme Court removed him as district judge in March, 1954, but he was re-elected in the summer of that year.

● Trial of Vern Sanford, manager of the Texas Press Association, on election law violation charges was postponed to permit Waco prosecution officers to attend Sanford's appeal to the State Court of Criminal Appeals of the rejection of his request for a writ of habeas corpus.

● In Dallas, two top officers of the Mercantile Investment Corporation were indicted on four felony

counts, two of violating the state's new securities legislation and two of stealing over \$50 and swindling.

● W. P. Allen, publisher of the Laredo Times, carried his anti-corruption crusade into East Texas. He forfeited a \$25 bond by non-appearance in a Port Arthur corporation court where he had been charged with violating an anti-noise ordinance. He appealed a \$100 fine in Beaumont on a similar charge.

● J. Earl Rudder, Land Commissioner, speaks at Aggie Muster April 21.

● With 24 polio cases so far this year in Nueces County, the area has been scheduled for some emergency polio vaccine by the State Health Department.

● With two new anti-integration members present, the Kerrville school board reversed plans for racial integration next fall.

● Texas Agriculture Commissioner John White said he will ask for \$5,000 more to fight black fly citrus infestations in the Rio Grande Valley. He will try to get the money from the governor's deficiency fund.

● About ten thousand people jammed Poteet last week for the ninth annual strawberry festival there.

● A series of one-day conventions will be held early this summer on the Texas AFL-CIO merger.

● Clarence Manion, former dean of law at the University of Notre Dame, speaks April 30 in Houston un-

der Citizens League for School Home Rule sponsorship.

● Corpus Christi will get color television (on KRIS-TV) about mid-May.

● The Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled that a police officer or undercover agent who causes a person to commit a crime has "entrapped" him, and prosecution cannot ensue. In Laredo, a Houston police captain got himself invited into a dope gang and helped arrest one of its members.

● Houston Natural Gas Co., presenting figures showing it has invested \$20 million, of which \$4 million has depreciated, is petitioning for a rate increase of nearly \$1 million on the basis of equipment value of \$23.7 million, based on the "current cost new."

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO Manuel Reyes, Defendant, in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the 126th District Court of Travis County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock A.M. of Monday the 7th day of May, 1956, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 103,812, in which Acencion Valdez Reyes is Plaintiff and Manuel Reyes is defendant, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of March, 1956, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Being an action and prayer for judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant for decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between said parties; Plaintiff alleges that she and defendant have lived apart without cohabitation for over ten years next before filing said suit; Plaintiff further alleges that no children were born of said union and no community property was accumulated; Plaintiff further prays for relief general and special;

All of which more fully appears from Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this office and to which reference is here made for all intents and purposes;

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS, O. T. MARTIN, JR., Clerk of the District Courts, Travis County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Austin, this the 23rd day of March, 1956.

O. T. MARTIN, JR.,
Clerk of the District Courts,
Travis County, Texas
By (s) GEO. W. BICKLER, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO Walter White, John Milton Johnson and Emzie Oliver, Defendants, in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 126th District Court of Travis County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of Monday the 7th day of May, 1956, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 103,900, in which Arthur Bell, Dempsey Bell, Joseph Bell, Algie Bell and John Bell are Plaintiffs and Betty Bell, Leon Bell, and Beatrice Bell, the heirs at law of Milas Bell, deceased; Walter White, John Milton Johnson and Emzie Oliver, whose residences are unknown, and Lee Johnson, who are the surviving heirs at law of Fannie Bell, deceased, are defendants, filed in said Court on the 22nd day of March, 1956, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Being an action and prayer for judgment of the Court approving and confirming the partition between the parties hereto of the following described 11.54 acres of land, a portion of Tract 5-TRACT 10, William Bell-Pleas Davidson, et al, Jesse Tannehill League 29, in Travis County, Texas; and further praying for the appointment of a Receiver to partition the following described 10 acre tract of land in Travis County, Texas, same being a part of the J. C. Tannehill League, known as Lot No. 13, of the Subdivision of the Townsend 2,000 acre tract off of the East side of said Tannehill League, as shown by plat of record in Book 91, page 234, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas;

Plaintiffs allege, that they and Defendants are the sole surviving heirs at law of William Bell and wife, Martha Bell, who, at the time of their death, were seized and possessed of the above described real property, that no administration was had upon the estates of said William Bell or Martha Bell and none was necessary; Plaintiffs further pray for attorney's fee, Receiver's fee, costs of suit and relief, general and special;

All of which more fully appears from Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this office and to which reference is here made for all intents and purposes;

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WITNESS, O. T. MARTIN, JR., Clerk of the District Courts of Travis County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Austin, this the 22nd day of March, 1956.

O. T. MARTIN, JR.,
Clerk of the District Courts,
Travis County, Texas
By (s) GEO. W. BICKLER, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO Mack A. Goodrum, Defendant, in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the 126th District Court of Travis County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 101,852, in which Lola Goodrum is Plaintiff and Mack A. Goodrum is defendant, filed in said Court on the 8th day of July, 1955, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Being an action and prayer for judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant for decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between said parties; Plaintiff alleges cruel treatment on the part of Defendant towards her of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife altogether insupportable; Plaintiff

further alleges that no community property was accumulated by said parties and no children born of said union; Plaintiff further prays for costs of suit and relief general and special;

All of which more fully appears from Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this office and to which reference is here made;

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS, O. T. MARTIN, JR., Clerk of the District Courts of Travis County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Austin, this the 29 day of March, 1956.

O. T. MARTIN, JR.,
Clerk of the District Courts,
Travis County, Texas
By GEO. W. BICKLER, Deputy

SHERIFF'S SALE

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued by the Clerk 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on the 14th day of March, 1956, in a certain Cause No. 102,841, wherein Howard Masden is Plaintiff, and Richard C. White and wife Elizabeth White, are Defendants, in favor of the said Plaintiff for the sum of Six Hundred Forty-two and 70/100 (\$642.70), with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from the 8th day of March, 1956, that being the amount of a judgment recovered by the said Howard Masden, Plaintiff, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 8th day of March, 1956.

I, on the 15th day of March, 1956 at 1:18 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 1st day of May 1956, that being the first Tuesday in said month, at the Court House door in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Richard C. White and wife Elizabeth White, as the same existed on the 15th day of November, 1949, and at all subsequent dates existed and still exists in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of said Defendants, to-wit:

100x168 feet of Lot No. Twenty-nine (29), of Lake Side Addition, in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Addition of record in Vol. 3, Page 66, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, the party hereby conveyed being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the West side of Charles Avenue, which point is also the Northeast corner of Lot No. 29, and the Southeast corner of Lot No. 30;

Thence N. 59 deg. 10' W. along the dividing line between said Lots 29 and 30, 200 feet, to a point which is the Southeast corner of the part of Lot No. 30, sold to Wilbur E. Henna, for the PLACE OF BEGINNING of this tract;

Thence N. 59 deg. 10' W. continuing along the dividing line between said Lots 29 and 30, 168 feet to a point in the East side of a 32 foot road for the Northeast corner of this property and Southeast corner of the Wilbur E. Henna property;

Thence at right angles and along the East side of said 32 foot road in a southerly direction 100 feet to a point in the dividing line of Lots 28 and 29;

Thence S. 59 deg. 10' E. along the dividing lines between said Lots 28 and 29, 168 feet to a point;

Thence at right angles and in a Northerly direction 100 feet to the place of beginning of this tract.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$642.70, in favor of Howard Masden, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

T. O. LANG,
Sheriff, Travis County, Texas
By HENRY KLUGE, Deputy
Austin, Texas, March 26, 1956

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, ONCE, not less than ten days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Travis County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy—(but if there be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return day thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO all persons interested in the estate of Irene Wegley McBride, deceased, No. 16,916, County Court Travis County, Texas. Robert W. McBride, Jr., administrator thereof filed in the County Court of Travis County, Texas, on the 4th day of April A. D. 1956, his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Irene Wegley McBride, deceased, together with an Application to be discharged from said Estate.

Said final Account and Application will be heard and acted on by said Court on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of Posting or Publishing this citation, the same being the 23rd day of April, 1956, at the Courthouse thereof in Austin, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate are required to appear by filing a written answer and contest said account and application should they choose to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Austin, Texas, this the 6th day of April, A. D. 1956.

EMILIE LIMBERG
Clerk of the County Court
Travis County, Texas
By M. Ephraim, Deputy

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO all persons interested in the estate of Robert W. McBride, deceased, No. 16,915, County Court of Travis County, Texas. Robert W. McBride, Jr. administrator thereof filed in the County Court of Travis County, Texas, on the 4th day of April, A. D. 1956, his final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Robert W. McBride, deceased together with an application to be discharged from said Estate.

Said final Account and Application will be heard and acted on by said Court on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of Posting or Publishing this citation, the same being the 23rd day of April, 1956, at the Courthouse thereof in Austin, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate are required to appear by filing a written answer and contest said account and application should they choose to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Austin, Texas, this the 6th day of April, A. D. 1956.

EMILIE LIMBERG
Clerk of the County Court
Travis County, Texas
By M. Ephraim, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO Thelma Elizabeth Young, Defendant, in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: You are hereby commanded to appear before the 126th District Court of Travis County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday the 21st day of May, 1956, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 102,550, in which Cecil H. Young is plaintiff and Thelma Elizabeth Young is defendant, filed in said Court on the 5th day of Oct., 1956, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Being an action and prayer for judgement in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant for decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between said parties; Plaintiff alleges cruel treatment on the part of Defendant toward him of such nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife altogether insupportable; Plaintiff further alleges that no children were born of said union and no community property accumulated; Plaintiff further prays for relief, general and special;

All of which more fully appears from Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this office and to which reference is here made;

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS, O. T. Martin, Jr., Clerk of the District Courts of Travis County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Austin, this the 2nd day of April, 1956.

O. T. MARTIN, Jr.,
Clerk of the District Courts,
Travis County, Texas
By Geo. W. Bickler, Deputy

NOTICE
TO THE CREDITORS

OF
HOME LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS

Home Life and Accident Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, was placed in receivership by order of the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, and its affairs turned over to the Liquidator for the Board of Insurance Commissioners on March 14, 1956.

The Court has ordered that all policies, contracts, and agreements under which Home Life & Accident Insurance Company was in any way bound as an insurer are cancelled as of 11:10 A. M. March 14, 1956, save and except, however, those policies and contracts of insurance on which Western Republic Life Insurance Company and Bankers General Life Insurance Company assumed liability by virtue of their respective contracts with the Receiver dated March 30, 1956, and April 5, 1956.

All persons having a claim against Home Life & Accident Insurance Company are notified to present the same with legal proof thereof to me at my office in Austin, Texas, within one hundred eighty (180) days from March 14, 1956.

Blank proof of claim will be furnished on request.

J. D. WHEELER, Liquidator for the Board of Insurance Commissioners
P. O. Box 13
Austin 61, Texas

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE WITHOUT CHANGE OF FIRM NAME

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Raymon W. Cook, doing business as sole proprietor of Ray Cook & Co., intends to incorporate such firm immediately without a change of firm name.

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