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**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
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# Race Shows Difference in Philosophies

By JOHN MOULDER

The race for county commissioner, Precinct 1, boils down to a difference in philosophies: Commissioner Bryan Henderson, 71, of 5017 Calmont, wants to leave Tarrant County government operating under the same basic principles it has had since the Texas Constitution was adopted in 1876. His Democratic primary opponent, Richard T. (Dick) Anderson, 39, of 2201 Windsor Pl., wants to abolish county government as we know it today and replace it with a modernistic system.



Anderson Henderson

Anderson believes his "ideal county government" would remove waste and corruption from county government. Henderson believes the plan would destroy the only form of government left in the U. S. that is close to the people and maintains a system of checks and balances.

On election day May 4 one of the philosophies will be picked by voters—a potential of \$9,000 — in the precinct which encompasses all of South Side, some of West Side and the southern suburbs.

**FIRST**, who are the candidates?

Bryan Henderson is a six-foot, stately-appearing, gray-haired grandfather (two children, five grandchildren) who resents Anderson's campaign speeches charging a lack of dignity and "comedy of errors" on Commissioners Court.

Born in Odessa, Mr. Henderson came to Fort Worth from Waco to establish a tire dealership in 1924. He entered politics in 1948 because "I thought I could serve the people well with my business experience." He defeated an incumbent, Edward H. Alles, and was sent back into office without a runoff in every election since.

Dick Anderson is a youthful man with dark, thinning hair. He spent his early childhood in the tough slums of Chicago and since 12 grew up here with relatives.

He graduated from TCU with a bachelor of science degree in commerce, became an executive of a national corporation, later formed his own company here and now is engaged in land development.

He and his wife have two children, one in kindergarten, the other in the second grade.

In 1966, Mr. Anderson entered politics, coming out third in a three-man race for state representative. He says he ran for commissioner because "there was more opportunity to be progressive in Tarrant County government than in any other government in the United States." Mr. Anderson, who has the "e" in his name inverted on campaign posters to attract attention, pledges dignity and efficiency in the office of commissioner.

**THEIR POLITICAL** philosophies are described in the campaign literature that has blanketed South Side. Says Mr. Henderson on his campaign cards: "This was my platform when elected. . . . To operate in my allotted budget—Low taxes — Better Roads and Streets. Tarrant County Is Now on Top With Good Roads, Buildings and Economy."

Mr. Anderson starts out his brochure mailed to voters with "Dick Anderson . . . A Man Who Cares About Your Needs. Did you know that the county commissioner is responsible for spending an annual budget of \$20 million of your tax money?" And he lists 12 "responsibilities" starting with the convention center and ending with salary administration.

Mr. Henderson, from his platform, indicates his key interest is building and maintaining county roads in his precinct, composed largely of an area inside Fort Worth city limits, and keeping taxes at a minimum.

This he has accomplished. And he has stayed within his annual budget, although one year he spent his surplus on a much-criticized precinct garage with such frills as an imported lava fireplace and walnut paneling.

Mr. Anderson's theory is that a commissioner should not even

be a "road commissioner." He thinks all the road building and maintenance should be handled by a central public works department and commissioners should concern themselves primarily with affairs that affect all the county's citizens, not just those who live in Precinct 1. By the same token, Mr. Anderson is for eliminating the commissioner's budget altogether.

Mr. Anderson says he is against a system whereby all the governmental agencies in the county would be combined as one. However, he is for setting up a "county manager government" similar to Fort Worth's "city manager government."

The commissioners would appoint the manager and the manager would appoint all other office-holders who are now elected by the people. While the county now operates under Texas general law, Mr. Anderson wants the county to be able to adopt a charter with ordinances set up to meet this county's particular needs.

Both candidates agree the county is approaching a financial crisis. Needs of the county are growing faster than the revenue under which it operates. Basically, the candidates seem to agree on the solution: Mr. Anderson: "We should get more return for the tax dollar. We should cut out waste. If all the office-holders would sit down and pull up a notch, we could get more out of the tax dollar." He did not list specific ways the county could eliminate wasteful spending. Mr. Anderson did.

Mr. Anderson: "The answer is sound management and elimination of waste. We should have better management of the money we have. We could cut down with new purchasing procedures, by providing a central public works department, elimination of featherbedding—an example, eliminating operators of automatic elevators—contracting out of janitorial services."

Mr. Henderson has made stabs at trying to cut out frills and improve efficiency, but has met with little success. He has tried repeatedly to get commissioners to eliminate a county-owned gas pump where

county employees gas up their autos for use on both county and personal business.

Once he tried to get commissioners to hire a planner to co-ordinate activities of the county and other governmental agencies and to advise Commissioners Court.

Mr. Anderson was influenced to get into the race by County Judge Howard Green, former legislator with progressive ideas considered radical at the courthouse. Judge Green has bucked commissioners in general and Mr. Henderson in particular since he went into office Jan. 1, 1966.

Now Judge Green is one of Mr. Anderson's chief advisers. Another is Larry Meeker, oilman who led the successful campaign for a county juvenile detention center. Henderson forces are charging that Mr. Anderson is "Howard Green's Boy."

Says Mr. Anderson: "I am my own man. I admire Howard Green and what he is trying to do. But all he asked me to do is to be fair-minded and give fair consideration to progressive ideas."

Mr. Anderson has a lot of support from political organizations. Mr. Henderson has none. Among groups endorsing Mr. Anderson are the Central Labor Council, a labor coalition of the United Auto Workers—Teamsters—Steelworkers, Future Fort Worth (business and professional people), PASO, Spanish-speaking people.

Even though Mr. Henderson hasn't got the support of the labor delegates who make endorsements—he's never had it—he's trying to get the support of union members who don't go to union meetings. He has the union "bug" on all his cards, sample ballots, even emery boards.

Mr. Anderson claims Mr. Henderson is old-fashioned, but Mr. Anderson is campaigning like Mr. Henderson in the old-fashioned person-to-person way. You'll see them at civic clubs making speeches, at a shopping center handing out cards to housewives headed for sales, staking yard signs and posters and accusing each other of tearing them down.

Here's what they tell the voters:

Mr. Henderson: "I feel my knowledge of county government is needed under the trying times we have now. I believe I can do a better service to my county than ever before."

Mr. Anderson: "The county's problem is a lack of leadership and understanding. The commissioners should approach problems on a county-wide basis and not a precinct basis."

## Anderson Pays Filing Fee in Precinct 1 Race

R. T. (Dick) Anderson paid his \$4,036 filing fee today to run in the Democratic primary election against County Commissioner Bryan Henderson.

Anderson, 39, made the payment shortly after 11 a.m. at the party headquarters.

Just before filing, Anderson told reporters that he believes "the time has come for Precinct 1 to receive fair and adequate representation."

"I think we should have someone represent us who cares, who cares about how our taxes are spent and who cares about our children," he said.

Anderson, of 2201 Windsor Place, announced as an opponent to Henderson, who has held the job for 19 years, earlier this month.

## Group Will Finance Oust-Henderson Drive

A group of Fort Worth business and professional men has been formed to try to oust Precinct 1 County Commissioner Bryan Henderson at the polls this year, The Press learned Saturday.

Reliable sources said the group will largely finance the campaign of Dick Anderson, a 39-year-old businessman.

Mr. Anderson, 2201 Windsor Pl., said Saturday night that he definitely will run against Mr. Henderson for the \$14,400-a-year job.

Mr. Anderson said he will file Monday for a place on the ballot in the May Democratic primary. Monday midnight is the deadline for filing.

The group of businessmen

reportedly is trying to raise \$20,000 to finance the campaign.

Commissioner Henderson has held the Pct. 1 post for almost 20 years. He has already filed for another four year term.

"I will try to overcome the results of 20 years of neglect

in county government," Mr. Anderson said. "I want to put a positive attitude in county government. I will run on a platform of progress, management and economy."

Mr. Anderson is a TCU graduate. He has a wife and two sons. Mr. Anderson was an unsuccessful candidate for the State Legislature in 1966. The candidate likely will have the backing of County Judge Howard Green and Larry H. Meeker, head of a committee advocating a juvenile detention center.

Judge Green and Commissioner Henderson have been in numerous bitter clashes over proposed changes in Tarrant County government.

### Steam Trains

SILVER DOLLAR CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Regularly scheduled steam trains passenger service survives in the Ozark Mountains.

Five ancient locomotives are in operation from early spring through late autumn, chugging in and out of Silver Dollar City on tourist excursions.

1968 VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 1, 1968 TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS 153877 ORIGINAL PREC. NO. 95 VOTER NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS ANDERSEN, RICHARD T 2201 WINDSOR PLACE FORT WORTH TX 76110 AGE 39 SEX M YEAR BECAME RESIDENT 45 STATE COUNTY CITY 45 66 CITIZENSHIP NATIVE BORN BIRTHPLACE ILL PARTY AFFILIATION Date issued 01-30-68 not entitled to vote before Birth Date Signature Richard T. Anderson Voter Registrar TARRANT COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 1968 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1969

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Mr. Dick Anderson Campaign Headquarters 5401 Camp Bowie Boulevard Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Dick:

I am writing to tell you how pleased I am that you are seeking the post of County Commissioner in Precinct No. 1. The rapid development of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County area, and the expected future growth, requires a more modern, more vigorous county administration in the years ahead.

You have my wholehearted support in your quest for a more efficient local government and I wish you success in the May 4th primary.

Sincerely yours,

H. Carter Burdette

HCB/mnr

## Candidates' Battle Lines Firmly Drawn

The candidates in the hotly contested Pct. 1 county commissioner race have drawn their battle lines on how they believe Tarrant County should be run.

Incumbent Commissioner Bryan Henderson is opposed to a county manager, the hiring of experts to advise county officials and the merger of separate precinct road districts and staffs into a single county-wide public works department.

Businessmen Dick Anderson is for all these things and says county manager form or government "is our only salvation."

The two spelled out their stands yesterday before the Fort Worth Junior Bar Assn.

**MR. ANDERSON** called for buying up highway right-of-way before land prices go up any more. "Some land for Loop 820 could have been bought for \$300 an acre years ago. But today, it will cost \$6000 per acre."

Mr. Henderson stated that the Texas Hwy. Dept. has assured him and other county officials that Tarrant County will have ample funds available to buy all required right-of-way—about \$8.5 million—for the new road network around the regional airport.

He said this will be done without added taxes on county property owners because of sound operation of the special county right-of-way fund in recent years.

Mr. Henderson also told the audience of attorneys that his precinct is the only one in Texas with every road paved. "There may be some merit to the idea of merging precinct garages, but it can't be done now because we are widening, improving and repairing the roads we now have. In my precinct alone, there are more than 400 square miles to cover."

**MR. HENDERSON** also stated that he has never been opposed to a county juvenile detention center, but added that he felt there should be a sound program of rehabilitation to go along with a new building.

Mr. Anderson said he had talked with medical leaders here and been told that they had never been consulted about setting up a good program for delinquents by anyone from the courthouse.

Mr. Henderson replied that the commissioners do not control the juveniles, saying that power rests with the district judges.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT, PCT. 1—DICK ANDERSON . . .



Dick Anderson is a progressive young man, dedicated to his community. He graduated from TCU in 1951 in business administration, and did graduate work in marketing, management and sales. He served two terms as Everman City Councilman and was president of the Everman C. of C. As County Commissioner he would work for elimination of the fantastic waste of financial and manpower resources in our County by a sound administration of public funds. He is concerned about saving the taxpayers' money, and feels that centralized purchasing, a county-wide public works department, and stopping the comedy of errors in public works projects would lead to lowering county taxes. He promises special attention to crime prevention, medical services, air pollution control and library services.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT, PCT. 3—R. F. (Dick) LEWIS . . .



R. F. (Dick) Lewis who has served with sincerity and responsibility since 1961 is asking for re-election to this important office. He pledges to continue to work for improved efficiency in the county and to stretch the taxpayer's dollar prudently and wisely. He is concerned that the \$20 million dollar budget be spent to the best advantage of all the citizens. Tarrant County has been the home of Dick Lewis all of his life. He and Mrs. Lewis, the former Mattie Belle Quayle, are both natives of Smithfield and have reared their four children there. Dick Lewis spent 12 years working in the Sheriff's department, five of these in the Central Jury room. In 1961 he was elected County Commissioner, Precinct 3, and is now asking to be returned to that office.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE on SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1968 Every Vote is Important!

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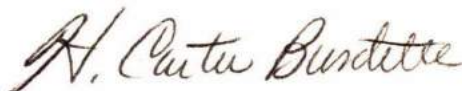
Mr. Dick Andersen  
Campaign Headquarters  
5401 Camp Bowie Boulevard  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

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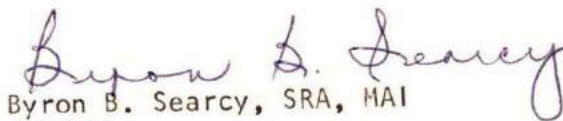
The voters of Tarrant County have an opportunity in the weeks ahead to bring about a needed change in the Commissioner's Court Precinct No. 1.

Dick Andersen, a candidate for County Commissioner in this precinct, is a young, dynamic man with proven years of business experience that can best represent you in the management of your County. We all are aware of the type of representation that we have had in the past years, and as a result, I hope you will join with me in a dedicated effort to do something about our County leadership.

Dick Andersen deserves your strong consideration and I personally recommend him to you.

Sincerely,

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To the Voters of Precinct 150

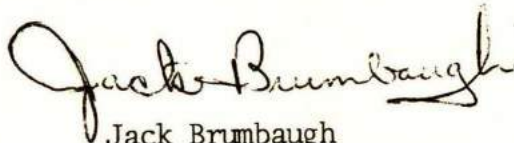
I would like to introduce to you the qualified candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct I - Richard (Dick) Andersen.

Dick is a young aggressive man and is by no means afraid to take a stand for the better interest of Precinct I.

Dick is an independent business owner; an active church member and a fine family man.

If I can answer any questions for you about Dick, please feel free to call me.

I urge you to join with me in supporting our next Precinct I Commissioner, Dick Andersen.



Jack Brumbaugh  
Vice President

Home Phone - AX 3-0425

NEWS RELEASE

April 11, 1968

City Editor

The Fort Worth Press

" Extravagance of the rankest, rawest type is practiced at the Courthouse whjch is the last remaining citadel of the political spoils system." Dick Andersen, candidate for County Commissioner, precinct one, charged today at a coffee held in the home of Mrs, Joe Dillard, 3516 Plymouth.

" We have operators on self-service elevators," he declared. " We have seen the present commissioner add three people to his political patronage payroll in the last month. Taxpayers are over burdened by the normal cost of government and should not be further burdened to perpetuate a political machine. My 78 year old opponent has been in office for 20 years."

May 5, 1968

Dear Dick and Ava, etc

Congratulations! We  
are so happy and thrilled  
for you!

It is fun to know famous  
and outstanding friends -  
you deserve the honor,  
and let me know if I  
can be of any help later  
on! I'd love it -

Sincerely,

Claudia Pelland

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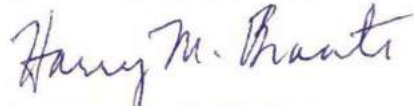
Commissioner Bryan Henderson  
5017 Calmont  
Fort Worth, Texas

Mr. Dick Anderson  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Commissioner Henderson and Mr. Anderson:

I want to thank both of you for speaking to the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Junior Bar Association yesterday. The above average attendance indicated that our membership was very interested in what both of you had to say, and I felt that your comments were informative and enlightening. Once again, I sincerely thank you for accepting our invitation.

Sincerely yours,



Harry M. Brants

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March 26, 1968

Mr. Dick Andersen  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick:

Please let me again formally thank you for speaking with us today. We very much appreciate your courtesy and graciousness in coming.

Yours truly,

  
James B. Barlow

JBB:jr

April 30, 1968  
Fort Worth, Texas

Qualified Voters  
Precinct 107

We want you to know that we are concerned with one particular election race, and that is County Commissioner precinct #1 for Tarrant County, for the upcoming primary election May 4, 1968.

We, Jake Cardenas and Dick E. Salinas, are giving our full support to Dick Andersen for the following reasons:

1. The incumbent, Bryan Henderson, has never hired a Latin American in his 20 years as County Commissioner.
2. He voted against poverty funds.
3. He voted against funds for the library.
4. He refused to raise child care standards and etc...

Remember to vote for our friend Dick Andersen on Saturday, May 4, 1968.

He will help you!

Dick E. Salinas

Jake Cardenas

  
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April 20, 1968

Dear Friend:

I am interested in two big races this year. As you may know, I have been named County Chairman for Don Gladden, who will be our next Lieutenant Governor, and who is a man worthy of our support.

I am also most interested in the important race of County Commissioner, Precinct 1, and I am supporting, and asking you to help and vote for Dick Andersen. Dick Andersen is dedicated to progress and a better break for all of us.

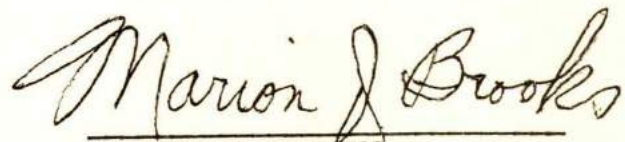
We know that Don Gladden has earned our support by his great record as a law maker, and we know also that we should work for Dick Andersen because of the bad record of his opponent, and because of his dedication to our people.

We must be especially on guard this year against "false profits", and "high-pocket politicians" who would try to divide us and destroy our only weapon, that is, our unity of purpose and our unified votes at the polls.

So, I hope you will join me in working hard and voting for Don Gladden for Lieutenant Governor and Dick Andersen for County Commissioner, Precinct 1. Let's stay true to ourselves, our children and our community.

I will see you at the polls.

Very truly yours,

  
MARION J. BROOKS

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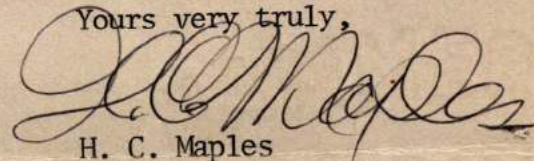
Mr. Richard T. Andersen  
Continental National Bank Building  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick:

I was out of town for one week following Election Day, and it has taken me most of this week to catch up at the office. Therefore, I am late in sending my congratulations.

I am sure that you were as pleased as we in the results of your race, and we wish you the best of everything during your tenure.

Yours very truly,



H. C. Maples

HCM/em

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*member american institute of architects*

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You will recall the very hard fight we endured all last year trying to convince the County Commissioners of the need for a Juvenile Detention Center for the children who find themselves in trouble in this county.

Even after a young boy hung himself, in the county jail, Commissioner Henderson refused to recognize the need, much less do anything about it. He refused to second a motion to engage an architect, or investigate the free offer of a school building. It was only after the tremendous public outcry over such indifference that he was reminded that this is an election year and that perhaps some show of action should be made.

It is my opinion that 20 years of ~~callous~~ neglect should not be rewarded with another term in office. I am enclosing some information concerning the candidacy of Mr. Dick Andersen for County Commissioner, Precinct 1. His election is the only way I know to insure intelligent and active response to our community's needs.

I ask you to join with me and thousands of others in supporting Dick Andersen. I hope you will not only vote for Dick but urge your friends to do likewise. All of us have a stake in local self-government. This is an opportunity for us to work for our beliefs.

Sincerely,

Larry Meeker

Senator Don Kennard  
Summit Building

For Immediate Release  
9:30 a.m., May 2, 1968

With justifiable cause, county government in America has often been called "The dark continent of American politics."

Alarmed because many of the duties and responsibilities of local government were being usurped by more resourceful federal forces, groups of businessmen throughout the country have assumed the mantle of leadership in revitalizing and modernizing local county government. Texas is no exception. At the suggestion of Governor Connally, the Texas Research League, a conservative business oriented research organization, conducted a year long survey designed to update county government which operates under an 1876 format. Several practical suggestions were offered in bills submitted to the recent legislature by Governor Connally and sponsored by your senator. But a small group of long time county judges and commissioners desecnded on Austin and demanded that county government's basic structure remain as it has been for almost 100 years. One of the opponents to Governor Connally's effort to make county government more effective was our own commissioner from Fort Worth, Bryan Henderson. I do not quarrel with Commissioner Henderson's sincerity. I'm sure he believes that horse and buggy solutions can solve jet-age problems.

I disagree, however. I firmly believe that county government, in order to diagnose conditions and make a vigorous response to current problems, must keep pace with the times. County government in order to serve the best interests of the public cannot be a center of resistance to needed and effective change. We must judge a public official by his record and Commissioner Henderson's record is one of opposition and obstruction.

Tarrant County is a county of dynamic growth and it is entitled to dynamic public officials. Because I am concerned about the future of Tarrant County, I am announcing my support for Dick Andersen for county commissioner, precinct one.

I am involving myself in this race because I am not only the state senator from this district, but more important, I am a concerned citizen, concerned about the very survival of local self-government. I could not idly stand on the sidelines when a contest of such significance to the future of local government is taking place in my home county and senatorial district.

## Two Runoffs For Tarrant

By JOHN MOULDER

Backers of liberal Houston attorney Don Yarborough, who led a 10-candidate field in the governor's race in Tarrant County, were faced today with getting their forces to return to the polls in the June 1 Democratic primary runoff.

The governor's runoff between Yarborough and conservative Preston Smith and a runoff for county Democratic chairman are the only contests on the second Democratic primary ballot.

Therefore, interest in the election will likely be at a minimum.

Yarborough, who swept liberal precincts here, also drew considerable strength in conservative precincts here.

J. W. SIFFORD, district vice president of the Texas AFL-CIO, which is one of Yarborough's key backers, said the group's Committee on Political Education's advisory committee will meet at Wimberley near Austin Wednesday to assess labor's victories and defeats in Saturday's primary and discuss the runoff campaign.

Labor lost in its two greatest legislative efforts here—to get voters to elect Charles Yarborough over Place 1 Rep. Jack McLaughlin and to get Hugh Farmer elected over Place 7 Rep. David T. Finney. McLaughlin, by a hair, apparently won nomination without a runoff.

The county chairman runoff will be between liberal former Dist. Atty. Doug Crouch and Robert L. (Bob) Wright, an attorney asked to enter the race by members of the party's conservative establishment here.

IN AN APPARENT upset, Crouch, a proven vote-getter, trailed Wright, a political newcomer, by 10,000 votes.

The most significant primary result was the nomination of R. T. (Dick) Andersen as commissioner to succeed Precinct 1 incumbent Bryan Henderson.

This will strengthen County Judge Howard Green's efforts to be the leader of Commissioners Court. Green and Henderson have constantly been at odds and Green was Andersen's key adviser during the campaign.

## Am I Right?

Editor, The Press:

Your editorial in a March issue of The Press on how the voters and taxpayers were shortchanged by the county commissioners on a state constitutional amendment adopted last fall was very enlightening and should be read by every voter and taxpayer in Tarrant County.

You stated, "The amendment was set out as one that would put more sense into county finances by permitting commissioners court to combine all tax revenues into one fund, instead of four separate funds as previously specified by the Constitution."

After the amendment was passed, the voters thought the funds including building, jury, general funds and road and bridge funds would be pooled and put to use where needed the most.

However, the Tarrant County commissioners decided not to change their way of handling the tax dollar. They hung onto their road and bridge funds and divided it up among themselves for use in their separate precincts.

Am I right in assuming the voters voted for one thing and the Tarrant County commissioners found a loophole and decided to stick to their way of handling the funds, the way they have handled them for the past 20 years? Is their idea to tax us again and again and leave the road and bridge fund lying idle? Isn't the road and bridge fund a nice big portion of our tax dollar?

Is this what you mean by saying, "The Tarrant County voters were shortchanged by the county commissioners?" In other words, what we voted for we did not get. Right?

—MARGUERITE WRIGHT  
329 Afton Rd.

4-26-68

## Center 'Sabotage' Henderson's Goal, Judge Green Says

By BILL HENDRICKS

County Judge Howard Green told reporters Monday that Commissioner Brian Henderson has tried to "sabotage" efforts to build a juvenile detention center here.

The judge's remarks followed a commissioners court meeting during which Henderson asked commissioners to set a bond election to get funds to build the center.

Green said Henderson was attempting to rush the bond election in hopes of defeating the plan.

"We've spent \$40,000 towards architects' fees for the center, but there's been no further action on it," Henderson told the court.

He referred to the county payment to architect Morris Parker, who designed a detention center at the court's instruction. Officials earlier this year made plans for a \$2.2 million bond program to build the facility but never scheduled the election.

Juveniles are now held in a special section of county jail.

GREEN TOLD commissioners that the county juvenile board likely will discuss the matter this week.

He said the board has not dropped its plans for a center but has been waiting until after the elections before going ahead with discussions.

Green said he foresees an election sometime early next year. Plans for an election were postponed earlier in the year, Green has said in the past, because officials be-

lieved the center as planned was too expensive and the bonds would not have won approval.

The judge told reporters in his office, "He (Henderson) has caused inordinate delays; if it hadn't been for Henderson we would probably already have a juvenile center."

In the meeting, he told commissioners that the board wanted to wait until after the elections bring two new members to the court. He said the court might then be more "friendly" to the center project.

**HENDERSON, DEFEATED** by Dick Andersen in the Democratic primary, is leaving the court.

In other action, the court heard Green read a letter from the State Welfare Department in which the state agency said it planned to ask the legislature to provide funds to operate a child welfare unit here next year.

"We will be requesting sufficient funds in our budget in the next session of the legislature to put this proposal into effect on Sept. 1, 1969," said the agency commissioner, Burton G. Hackney.

Commissioners were asked to name a committee to work with the state agency in drafting a contract between the agency and the county for operation of the welfare program.

The program will be for care of juveniles declared by Tarrant County courts to be dependent and neglected.

## Henderson To Support GOP Bid

Commissioner Bryan Henderson, a Democrat, said Wednesday he is supporting Republican Art Hoera in the race for the commissioner's court seat Henderson now holds.

Hoera and Democrat Richard T. Andersen are contesting for the Precinct 1 job.

Andersen defeated Henderson in the May primary. Henderson held the job for 20 years.

Henderson said he checked Hoera's background and found him "an outstanding young man."

## 20 Years of Service

County Commissioner Bryan Henderson has faithfully served the people of Precinct No. 1 and Tarrant County for 20 years.

Saturday, the veteran county official was defeated at the polls.

Although Henderson will leave public office in January, his many contributions should not be forgotten.

Never in his 20 years of service was he accused of dishonesty. Never did he ask for a pay raise for himself.

Henderson became the first commissioner in Texas to pave 100 per cent of the county roads in his district.

He made major contributions to the youth of the county, sponsoring Little League activities and building recreation areas for young people. He employed young boys each summer for more than 15 years to help them pay for additional education.

Henderson generally reflected the political thinking of the people who supported him for a generation. He spoke out for economy in government, holding down county taxes.

He was a friend of the working newsman and repeatedly defended the public's right to know what was happening in county government, sometimes personally refusing to attend closed or secret meetings.

We did not always agree with Henderson. But we knew where he stood. He spoke out on the issues and stood his ground.

Bryan Henderson contributed to the growth and progress of Tarrant County. This should be remembered.

GRAM WEDNESDAY MORNING  
MAY 8, 1968

## Official Demo Vote Tally Listed

County Democratic party officials Tuesday completed canvassing the results of Saturday's elections and came up with few differences in final vote counts.

Final official results are: U.S. Representative, District 6: Olin Teague, 12,376.

U.S. Representative, District 12: Jim Wright, 40,300.

Governor: Dolph Briscoe, 6,910; Edward Whittenburg, 984; Johnnie Mae Hackworth, 812; Don Yarborough, 17,468; Preston Smith, 15,576; John Hill, 11,780; Alfonso Veloz, 347; Eugene Locke, 13,345; Pat O'Daniel, 1,604; and Waggoner Carr, 15,995.

C. "Bud" Sherman, 48,099. State Representative, Place 4: George "Skeet" Richardson, 46,118; Ed Parker, 23,252. State Representative, Place 5: Tommy Shannon, 59,943. State Representative, Place 6: Doyle Willis, 40,689; Albert White, 32,745. State Representative, Place 7: Dave Finney, 39,156; Hugh Farmer, 32,251. State Representative, Place 8: Cordell Hull, 44,605; O. L. Watson, 14,048; Robert Ramirez, 11,700. Associate Justice, Court of

Civil Appeals, Second Supreme Judicial District: Jack M. Langdon, 60,512. District Judges: Charles Murray, 17th District, 57,832; Walter Jordan, 48th District, 59,224; Harris Brewster, 67th District, 60,125; Joe Spurlock, 96th District, 60,109; Harold Craik, 153rd District, 59,652. Criminal District Judge: J. E. "Dutch" Winters, 61,382. Domestic Relations Court No. 3 Judge: Joe Eidson Jr., 58,517. County Criminal Court No. 3 Judge: Marvin B. Simpson

Jr., 60,258. Sheriff: Lon Evans, 65,315. Tax-Assessor Collector: Reed Stewart, 64,232.

County Commissioners: Precinct 1: Bryan Henderson, 42,908; Dick Anderson, 16,907. Precinct 3: R. F. "Dick" Lewis, 12,452. Justice of Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1: W. W. Matthews, 35,602. Precinct 5, Lee Pope, 1,389. Constable: Precinct 1, J. W. Owens, 35,112; Precinct 2, J. B. Bell, 7,223; Precinct 3, Lloyd Tillery, 4,876; Precinct

4, Bruce Lee, 513; Precinct 5, B. G. Barton, 853; Precinct 6, Herman Daniel, 5,623; Precinct 7, W. G. Woodriddle, 2,701; Precinct 8, Joe Johnston, 697.

County Democratic Chairman: Theodore H. W. Kaemper, 8,714; Robert Wright, 31,283; Doug Cro

20,315; G. Ray Worley, 12

CAPITAL SITE

Annapolis has been the capital of Maryland since the state house was built

1772.

ELECT DICK ANDERSEN

# VOTE

## for these men May 4

**DICK ANDERSEN**

County Commissioner Precinct 1

**DR. CLYDE BROADUS**

School Board Election Place 4  
Run-off

**DOUG CROUCH**

Democratic County Chairman

**DAVE FINNEY**

State Representative Place 7

**CHARLES GRAYS**

State Representative Place 3

**ROBERT RAMERIZ**

State Representative Place 8



*Pat Schieffer*

### COUPLE'S SECRECY A LOST CAUSE

Leftover political intelligence: A Rivercrest businessman made a large contribution to one of the candidates for governor and didn't tell his wife. She did the same and didn't tell him. Now they both know and are enjoying it less.

The party scene took second place to politics over the weekend. Two of the biggest bashes were the victory celebrations for Ben Barnes and political newcomer Dick Andersen. Andersen's most often heard comment Saturday night: "Boy oh Boy oh Boy."

THE REMODELING is almost done at Kay and Ben Fortson's Westover Hills swankienda. Kay, Ben and the four children have been camping out in a rented home for the past year



MRS. CHARLES WILLIAMS



NONA WISE



ERNEST ALLEN

and a half while the decorators and carpenters have been at work.

The Fortsons went to Europe to buy dining room furnishings and fell in love with an entire dining room. It was shipped here and carefully reassembled in their home.

They'll move in next week.

A BOY, John Thomas, for Martha and John McMackin. Ditto for Jack and Rinda Costello, whose new arrival is Wade Buchanan.

The Charles B. Williamses are home after a trip to San Antonio for a meeting of the Tampiqueno Club. The Tampiquenos are a group of Texans who lived in Tampico, Mex., during the oil boom days.

One of the hosts for the meeting was Strauder Nelson of San Antonio, who has many Fort Worth friends.

### County Officials Fight Plan

Texas county officials will meet next month to map campaign strategy against a state constitutional amendment to be decided in the Nov. 5 general election.

The amendment, No. 11 among 14 propositions, would allow local option votes to combine or abolish some county departments.

County Commissioner Bryan Henderson, chief opponent of the amendment, said the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Assn. will meet in Austin Oct. 9-11 to reaffirm its stand against the proposal.

He said that officials of associations of sheriffs, tax assessor-collectors, treasurers, constables and justices of the peace will meet with the commissioners to unite against the amendment.

"This would be a beginning to destroying our system of county government," Henderson said. "It would give the opponents of county government a foot in the door."

County Judge Howard Green and State Rep. David Finney are proponents of the county government legislation.

The amendment is also supported by Dick Andersen, who defeated Henderson in the May 5 Democratic primary.

**Funeral Homes 2-25-69**  
ROBERTSON-MUELLER-HARPER  
FUNERALS SINCE 1881  
1509 8TH AVE. WA 4-4233

SHANNON'S  
815 MERIDIAN - SOUTH - WA 4-9744  
311 1/2 - NORTHDALE DR. - WA 4-3191

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### FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM SERVICEMEN'S NEWSLETTER

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The Association of Classroom Teachers of the National Education Association has named the Fort Worth Board of Education the best of any large school system in the nation. The honor carries with it a \$2,500 prize to be used within the school system.

To rebel or not to rebel is the question before the University of Texas at Arlington Rebels. Last week, the Rebel nickname and other Rebel symbols were overturned by a 12-member student council, and there have been demonstrations and a great deal of talk on the UTA campus. More than 4,000 students signed a petition asking that the entire student body vote on the issue.

While John Tackett, assistant city editor of the Morning Star-Telegram, discussed student demonstrations at the mandatory weekly assembly at TWC, there was a demonstration protesting the attendance requirement. Many of the students who milled around demanded the student center be left unlocked during the assemblies because only 700 of the 2,000 students can be seated.

Five Eastern Hills High School students—four 17-year-olds and one 18—were charged Tuesday with unlawful possession of marijuana after being arrested Saturday while having a "pot party" in a car.

In the runoff election Saturday for the Fort Worth School Board, Green B. Trimble defeated Dr. Clyde Broadus by a 59-vote margin, 13,112 to 13,053; and Bobby L. Bruner defeated Dr. Jack Morris, 13,175 to 12,693. In other elections Saturday, Dick Andersen defeated veteran County Commissioner Bryan Henderson in the Democratic primary, and Robert Wright and former Dist. Atty. Doug Crouch gained runoff spots in their battle for the county's Democratic party chairmanship.

Thirty-five men recently graduated from the Fort Worth police academy, raising the number of city officers to 564, highest in recent years. . . . Two TCU students, a senior and a freshman, were arrested last week



BOBBY BRUNER



PAM BOSWELL



GREEN B. TRIMBLE

MAY 12, 1968

## Anti-Amendment, Write-in Drives Being Planned

By JOHN MOULDER

Elected courthouse officials today began planning a campaign against a constitutional amendment backed by County Judge Howard Green as supporters of defeated Commissioner Bryan Henderson talked about a write-in campaign.

County Clerk W. C. (Red) Cowen said he is conducting research to determine the legality of a write-in campaign in the general election.

He said he was told of the plans by some conservative members of the Democratic Party who are launching a write-in campaign.

Henderson was defeated by R. T. (Dick) Andersen—a candidate backed by County Judge Howard Green—in Saturday's Democratic primary.

ANDERSEN'S name will be on the ballot along with Republican Art Hoera Jr., a Jaycee leader, in the November general election.

"I'm not sure what would happen if there was a close vote with a write-in candidate," Cowen said. "If none of the candidates receives a clear majority, I don't know of any provision for a general election runoff."

County Treasurer Bill Gurley and Precinct 1 Constable Jim Owens said they will oppose a

constitutional amendment which would allow local option votes, after enabling legislation, to consolidate some county offices.

Andersen, during his campaign, announced support of the amendment. Asked specifically what he had in mind, Andersen said he thinks the constable posts could be combined with the Sheriff's Dept. and that he would seriously consider abolition of the county treasurer's office.

Gurley predicted that the State county treasurers association of elected county and district officials would vigorously oppose the amendment.

"I'm not for it," Gurley said. "I'm not speaking as an official, but as a citizen."

GURLEY SAID the amendment, even though it is written to affect only Tarrant and El Paso Counties, "would open the door to metro government throughout the state."

"I know what metro government would do in a county," said Gurley. "It would cause taxes to go up. And the people would have no voice in county government."

He said the system would lead to hiring a county manager "who is paid more money than the governor of the state."

Constable Owens said his office, which serves legal papers—a function also of the Sheriff's Dept.—is vitally needed.

"Without it," he said "who would serve legal papers on the Sheriff's Dept? A sheriff's deputy can't do it." He said papers are served against the sheriff almost daily in writ hearings and lawsuits.





**Officials Say Suicide Won't Cause Change**  
MORN JAN 27 1968

**Rail Kitchen Flooded**  
MORN MAY 11 1968

**Londoners Laugh at Courts Building Here**  
EVE JUL 18 1965

**Theater Mirrors Disappear - into Commissioner's Garage**

**Controversy Dies, Henderson Yields to Bid Requirements**

**County Budget In the Red**  
EVE JUL 18 1965

**Juvenile Suicide Buried as Pauper**  
EVE JAN 27 1968

**County Purchasing Confusing**

**People Expected Pool of All Funds**  
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**THE HOME TOWNER**  
W.R.H.

**But Few Surprises**

Well, we will have a minimum of runoff elections to worry with June 1, and maybe that isn't good. It'll be tough to get out a big vote.

And a small vote never is satisfactory, for it does not reflect a substantial bloc of people.

The election held a few surprises, but not many. Partisans of Eugene Locke and John Hill were both surprised and disappointed that their men didn't run any faster.

The same was true with Waggoner Carr's camp, for his well-known name didn't come close to getting him in the runoff. And with Dolph Briscoe's fans, who were encouraged by his early strength which was dissipated in the late returns.

In the end, the best known names on the ballot prevailed, as is so often the case. The Smith and Yarborough names have been on the ballot so often that the very familiarity with them meant votes.

Of course, it is unfortunate that topflight people like Carr, Briscoe, Locke and Hill weren't made available to the state in some capacity. If, for example, one of them had run in the lieutenant governor's race, Ben Barnes wouldn't have made a runaway of his race, although Ben seemed destined to win against any opponent.

There is no doubt that Ben Barnes is an attractive political figure, that he has a great future in politics.

In the county races, the only possible surprise or upset was the victory of Dick Andersen over his long-time county commissioner opponent, Bryan Henderson.

Here was a case of a brand new, fresh name breaking the ice and upsetting tradition. Dick Andersen ran to victory in a spirited race. Maybe, do you suppose, he had a good luck charm to carry him through... the charm being The Big House where we so long lived and which the Andersens bought just a year ago? Could be.

**You Need A Conservative Business Man In The Court House**

**ELECT DICK ANDERSEN**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER Pct. 1**



Fort Worth Press, Tues.  
**CAROLE COFFEY**

**John Hill Won't**

If you think politics is wild now, just wait about 15 years.

That's when most of the youngsters in my neighborhood will be getting to voting age. If they have half as much fun campaigning then as they do now, they won't have time for anything else.

Nearly all the grade school and pre-school children on our block have taken a very active interest in campaigning. Some have supported the candidates their parents chose, but others are more influenced by their friends plus signs and commercials.

Our youngest finally agreed to support his father's choice if he could vote for three people. But the other two had their own candidates.

Yesterday, some of the campaign posters were up—but with a difference. Eugene Locke's sign had a pencilled addition, "Too bad, Eugene," and John Hill's sign was changed to read "John Hill Won't."

Before the campaign, a sign for Dick Andersen disappeared from one yard, only to be replaced by a Bob Wright poster. The Andersen sign turned up behind the bushes.

Oh, well, politics makes strange playmates.

**COLLEGE CAROUSEL** — It looks as if Sharon Beard will have a busy summer getting ready for fall rush.

At University of Oklahoma, she has been named editor of the Panhellenic Rush Book as well as being elected rush chairman of her sorority, Delta Delta Delta. A junior majoring in advertising design, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beard, 4313 Tamworth.

Fort Worth Press, Friday, May 3, 1968 3

**Political Fever Sweeps County**

By JACK MOSELEY

Political fever—affecting everything from the school house to the White House—swept through Tarrant County today on the eve of one of the most confused and controversial election days in local history.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. for both Republican and Democratic primary elections. A runoff election in two hotly contested school board races also will be held tomorrow in Fort Worth.

And precinct conventions, running from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at selected locations throughout the county, will be held to obtain signatures on petitions to get former Alabama Gov. George Wallace on the ballot for President in November.

Tomorrow night, both Democrats and Republicans are expected to fight at precinct conventions at 7:30 p.m.

**ADDING TO THE** confusion are thousands of undecided voters on the 10-man race for Democratic candidate for governor. Almost everyone predicts a runoff race between the two top men. For listing of Democratic candidates in contested races, see Page 9.

In addition to the governor's race, possible close votes may come in three state representative races: Place 1 between Jack McLaughlin, Charles Yarborough and Bob Strickland; Place 6 between Doyle Willis and Albert White; Place 7 between David Finney and Hugh Farmer.

Further confusing election day activities will be the fact that all school board voting places in Fort Worth will not be the same as major party voting locations, which will force some voters to travel to two voting stations to participate in both party and school elections. See Pages 8 and 9.

Additional confusion is anticipated because election officials don't know how many voters to expect.

**REPUBLICANS**, originally expecting only a few thousand party faithful among the 244,000 registered voters in the county, Thursday ordered 10,000 additional ballots because of the party's "Operation Locate."

That was a sampling of new voters in 35 to 40 selected precincts, which indicated more than expected may vote with the GOP.

Democrats have estimated as few as 65,000 and as high as 95,000, or even more than 100,000 turnout.

Tomorrow's election will be conducted under Texas' new liquor regulations that permit open taverns and package stores during polling hours.

Ironically, one of the issues on which voters in both parties will express themselves will be whether they favor the sale of liquor by the drink on a local option basis.

Other referendum issues will be on legalized horse race betting on a local option basis and price control on milk.

**POLITICAL** campaigns this year have been unique, with many elected office holders committing the political sin of endorsing candidates in other races.

Rep. Jim Wright made a pitch for gubernatorial candidate John Hill. County Judge Howard Green worked hard in behalf of Dick Andersen, seeking to unseat incumbent Bryan Henderson.

State Sen. Don Kennard attended a Hill dinner and sat at the head table, then later endorsed Dolph Briscoe for governor and Andersen for commissioner. Rep. Cordell Hull helped sponsor a reception for Preston Smith.

Other incumbents—some up for re-election themselves—have privately worked behind the scenes for the election or defeat of certain candidates in other races. Even district judges, who usually steer clear of political involvement, have signed political endorsements and otherwise openly campaigned or asserted contenders for public office.

**Andersen Is Top Spender**

Dick Andersen outspent commissioner Bryan Henderson in their Democratic primary contests, sworn statements filed in the county clerk's office showed today.

The statements showed Andersen, who defeated Henderson in the precinct 1 race, spent \$10,003 and received \$6510 in gifts and loans. This included a \$3600 gift from Future Fort Worth.

Henderson spent \$6153 and received \$4212 in gifts.

**Green to Push for Consolidation Rule**

County Judge Howard Green said today he will campaign this summer for the passage of a constitutional amendment which could mean political death for numerous Tarrant County officeholders.

The amendment, to be voted on in the November general election, would allow local option votes on the consolidation of county offices—thus putting elected officials out of a job—and would allow cities and counties to enter into service contracts.

Judge Green said, "The amendment gets us out of our constitutional straitjacket." But the judge refused to comment on which county offices he would abolish.

However, Dick Andersen, Democratic nominee for commissioner that Green says was "a stand-in for me and my policies," said he thinks the eight constable posts should be abolished.

Andersen said he would seriously consider seeking abolition of County Treasurer Bill Gurley's office.

Andersen, like Green, will be campaigning for passage of the amendment.

Judge Green pointed out that enabling legislation would be needed before the constitutional amendment would go into effect. The legislature would determine how the local option elections would be called and what offices could be consolidated.

Some opponents of county government as it now exists have questioned the need for the constable posts, saying their functions should be placed under the Sheriff's Dept. County government critics have also said the county treasurer's duties could be handled by the county auditor.

Backers of the amendment also believe that the tax offices of the county and the city could be combined. And Andersen said during his campaign that all the police agencies of the county—including the Sheriff's Dept. and Fort Worth Police Dept.—could be combined.

County Commissioner Bryan Henderson, defeated by Andersen, opposes the amendment.

**For Taxpayers**

Editor, The Press:

Apparently some of our county officials are afraid of grass roots democracy. They don't want to allow the people to have a chance to pass judgment on their officials. These county officials are releasing misleading information about Amendment 11.

I have read this amendment and conclude it is written for the taxpayers.

ANN MAREK,  
2324 Edwin.

# ELECT DICK ANDERSEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER Precinct 1



Progress, Economy and Experience

## Here Are The Goals Which Dick Andersen Pledges To Work Toward If He Is Elected County Commissioner, Precinct 1,

- Dick Andersen will eliminate the fantastic waste of financial and manpower resources by sound administration of public funds.
- Dick Andersen will help build the finest library system in the nation.
- Dick Andersen will build a detention center and develop a sound juvenile program.
- Dick Andersen will provide for additional police protection for your family.
- Dick Andersen will consolidate the road and bridge fund to reduce taxes or increase services.
- Dick Andersen will develop child welfare standards.
- Dick Andersen will stop political patronage and featherbedding.
- Dick Andersen will set up a job classification study for county employees and follow recommendations.
- Dick Andersen will support legislation to allow county employees to vote on civil service.
- Dick Andersen will develop long-range plans for county-wide services.

(pd. pol. adv.)

# Andersen: 10 Vows Made County Kept



DICK ANDERSEN

Dick Andersen, incumbent county commissioner from Precinct 1, is touting a record of "conservative management" in his bid for re-election this year.

Andersen, 44, was president of a real estate firm before winning election to the post four years ago.

He said Tarrant was an "antiquated county" then and "I made 10 promises. I've kept every one of them."

He said the campaign promises included personnel management for county employees, improved health services, operation of the convention center at a profit, doubled funds for law enforcement, city-county cooperation, improved library services to outlying areas and construction of a juvenile detention center.

"We've doubled service to the taxpayers and reduced taxes," said Andersen.

"We've been responsive to the needs of a growing, booming county."

Andersen pointed out that when he took office, the county was operating with such things as elevator operators on the automatic elevators in the court buildings.

He also noted that Tarrant County is one of the few in the nation "operating in the black."

Andersen said he was particularly proud of the construction projects which were bringing modernization to Peter Smith Hospital and the bookmobile service to rural areas of the county.

On specific issues such as revenue sharing and metro government, the commissioner said he feared the federal money might be cut off and that overall government is something the county must expect.

He also said he was opposed to the countywide ambulance plan proposed by the fire marshal's office.

"That doesn't make sense. It would be like us going into the newspaper business and going into competition with you," he said.

Andersen said he doesn't like the idea of governmental agencies competing with private industry.

He said federal revenue sharing monies, which are proposed to fund the ambulance plan, should be used instead to reduce taxes and build roads.

Andersen explained that while he was against revenue sharing, the county

should not ignore an offer of \$1.7 million under any circumstances.

On county civil service, the commissioner said although he wants job security or county employes, he opposed the original civil service proposal as premature and needing more study.

"It's in court now and probably will get thrown out," he said.

"The commissioners court rushed into it. It was steamrolled."

Andersen called the controversy over Lena Pope Home a tug of war between "two dynamic forces in the community who are fighting over how the children will be raised."

He said he had talked to many of the home's board members and satisfied himself that charges leveled against the facility by Mrs. Lena Pope and several former employes were unfounded.

"This thing is an emotional problem," said Andersen.

The commissioner, who has been charged with devoting his energy to his real estate business, said his firm was now a "shell corporation"

## Commissioner Results

Here are precinct results of the county commissioners race won by Dick Andersen over incumbent Bryan Henderson:

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234	6 310 W. Cannon ... 40 38	95 2298 Forest Pk. ... 169 381
7	7 1015 S. Jennings ... 54 34	96 1108 Carlock ... 69 111
39	8 950 W. Magnolia ... 49 41	97 3300 S. Hendrens ... 184 202
54	13 3415 E. Horton ... 390 303	103 3801 W. 7th ... 175 265
39	14 1333 W. Spurgeon ... 407 448	104 2601 Tmbrline ... 406 487
54	15 3900 Valentine ... 298 345	107 Town Hl., Sem. S. ... 129 194
37	16 1200 Clover Lane ... 272 250	108 3001 Forest Pk. ... 197 331
13	20 715 Sandell St. ... 544 284	111 Whltnd School ... 24 18
103	21 Benbrook Fire Sta. 485 561	113 Prov. Bap. Ch., Rt. 8 ... 71 64
141	22 3900 Wilkie Way ... 356 884	115 Westov. H. Tn. Hl. ... 100 123
181	23 Crowley City Hall ... 205 96	117 3201 S. Hills ... 286 507
14	24 Oak Grove Baptist ... 80 130	118 3020 Bigham ... 473 910
111	25 Everman Jr. Hl. ... 359 310	120 4000 Horne ... 281 328
167	34 Rendon Fire Sta. ... 150 88	124 8316 Clifford ... 278 171
342	53 912 W. Bdway ... 34 36	129 6817 Cumberland ... 345 561
260	54 1524 Pennsylvania ... 50 96	130 3066 Ovra Pk. W. ... 567 1101
348	60 1425 8th Ave. ... 63 99	133 3009 Biglade ... 510 761
194	62 958 Page ... 81 118	134 4300 Clay ... 300 490
163	69 9620 Santa Monica ... 51 47	135 3200 Romana ... 321 386
114	70 1263 W. Rosedale ... 58 74	136 4920 Dilworth ... 225 354
92	71 1601 Lipscomb ... 44 68	137 ... 300 490
224	78 2000 Pk. Place ... 109 151	142 ... 410 795
192	79 2904 Lipscomb ... 147 189	144 519 Burton H. Rd. ... 236 217
192	77 2951 Evans Ave. ... 63 47	149 3601 Pecos ... 181 234
192	81 3320 W. Cantey ... 217 484	150 7309 Sheridan Rd. ... 294 427
192	83 3220 Hardeman ... 97 93	153 West. Cvc Ctr. ... 61 40
192	84 1701 Hemphill ... 46 57	154 1605 Grady Lee ... 257 298
192	85 1501 W. Seminary ... 764 181	155 4041 Ryan Ave. ... 408 520
192	86 1908 Carleton ... 238 288	
192	94 5100 El Campo ... 423 549	



PARTY POOPER-OUTER—Stan Nelson, a campaign worker for County Commissioner Dick Andersen, apparently decided the excitement of last night's close race was too much. So he opted for the arms of Morpheus while waiting out election results at Andersen's home. Nelson's log-sawing routine was mimicked all over town as the long election night wore on.

# Voters Face Big Issues Tomorrow

One of the hottest local races is that for the party's choice to be county commissioner of precinct 1.

**Officials Say Suicide Won't Cause Change**  
MORN JAN 27 1968

**Roof Flunks Test At Courts Building**  
MORN MAY 1 1968

**Londoners Laugh at Courts Building Here**  
EVE JUN 1 1968

**Theater Mirrors Disappear into Commissioner's Garage**  
MORN JAN 27 1968

**Controversy Dies, Henderson Yields to Bid Requirements**  
EVE JUN 1 1968

**County Budget Is \$450,607 In the Red**  
MORN JAN 27 1968

**Juvenile Suicide Buried as Pauper**  
EVE JAN 27 1968

**IT'S HERE SOMEWHERE**  
**Roof Guarantee Missing on Court**  
EVE JUN 1 1968

**Taxpayers May Foot Big Bill for Courts Building**  
EVE JUN 1 1968

**Henderson Purchases Set Aside**  
EVE JUN 1 1968

**County Awards Contracts**  
MORN AUG 15 1967

**Road Repairs Laxity Charged**  
MORN AUG 15 1967

**Confusion Reigns Over Parking Lot Property**  
MORN FEB 12 1968

**County Flips Coin on Bids For Asphalt; Winner Loses**  
MORN FEB 12 1968

**Courts Building Walls Like Humpty Dumpty?**  
EVE AUG 9 1968

**Asphalt, Table Legs Cause Controversy**  
MORN FEB 12 1968

**Brick Only One Of Complaints**  
MORN FEB 12 1968

**Costs Hit \$100,000 On Courts**  
MORN MAR 1 5 1968

**Henderson Against One Pot for Funds**  
MORN FEB 9 1968

**County Expected Pool of All Funds**  
EVE MAR 11 1968

**After Henderson Upcror Court Test Considered Possible For County Bid Purchase Law**  
MORN NOV 20 1966

**Falling Glass Added To Building Problems**  
MORN FEB 12 1968

You Need A Conservative Business Man In The Court House

# ELECT DICK ANDERSEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER Pct. 1

Paid Pol. Adv.









THE PEOPLE OF TARRANT COUNTY  
NEED THIS "Outstanding Young Man"  
FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1  
ART HOERA MAKES THINGS HAPPEN!  
ART HOERA GETS THE JOB DONE!

**VOTE SMART**  
Elect **ART**



VOTE SMART

**Spending Race Led by GOP**

Republicans Monday seemed to be leading in the county political spending race. Judging from campaign expense statements filed with County Clerk W. C. "Red" Cowen, John Elstrand, candidate for Place 7 state representative, may spend more seeking the office than any other office hopeful. Elstrand, running against incumbent David Finney, said he has spent \$17,748 to date. In the same statement, he said he has received gifts of \$2,152. Johnny Burnett, Cowen's chief assistant, said he cannot recall a candidate spending more than that in a Tarrant County election. All candidates were to have reported their preliminary spending by midnight Monday, although any received Tuesday but postmarked before that time will be accepted. Finney's statement was not on file when Cowen's office closed for the day.

FINNEY WAS one of the spending leaders in the Democratic primary. He said his expenditures in that race totaled more than \$13,000. In another contested state representative's race, Republican Norman Darwin listed expenditures at \$6,605. He said he has been given \$9,823 in campaign contributions. Burnett said Darwin's gifts are the highest he can recall a Republican ever receiving here. Darwin's opponent in the Place 6 race, Doyle Willis, said his expenditures have amounted to \$1,527 since the Democratic primary. In that spring contest, he said he spent more than \$8,550 to defeat Albert White. Willis listed revenue \$1,527. In the third contested state representative's race, Robt M. Burnett said he has spent \$1,289 in seeking the Place post. His contributions total \$895, he said. Burnett's Republican opponent, Cliff Baker, had not filed a statement with the office before it closed.

IN OTHER statements recorded: —Joe Spurlock, seeking the post as judge of 96th District Court, said he has spent \$5,669. His Republican opponent Odell McBrayer did not have a statement on file. —Republican Virgel Daniel said he has spent \$600 in his race for county commissioner of Precinct 3. Daniels said he has received \$434 in contributions. —R. F. "Dick" Lewis, incumbent Precinct 3 commissioner, said he's spent \$5,000 and received \$4,100. —George "Skeet" Richardson, running for commissioner of Precinct 4, said he has spent \$1,230 with contributions of \$1,800. —I. N. Becker Jr., seeking the Precinct 4 commissioner post as an independent candidate, said he's spent \$887 with gifts of \$355. The Republican candidate for Precinct 4, C. C. Makarwich, had not filed. —Richard T. "Dick" Andersen, Democratic candidate for

commissioner of Precinct 1, said he has spent \$746 and had gifts of \$822 since the May primary. Andersen's Republican opponent, Art Hoera Jr., had not filed a statement before closing.

SAVE HOME RULE  
VOTE NO  
AMENDMENT II  
Political Adv. No. 95 Paid By  
COMMITTEE OF HOME RULE



BOB LILLY  
Dallas Cowboys All Pro Tackle

I'M RUNNING INTERFERENCE FOR ART HOERA. He's the man Tarrant County needs for Commissioner, Pct. 1

I'm proud to recommend my friend Art Hoera as your next Commissioner, Precinct 1. I know him personally to be "first string" all the way... As a TCU graduate and ex letterman like myself, Art can get the job done in Tarrant County. I will personally appreciate your support of Art Hoera, November 5th.

Bob Lilly  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1  
(Pronounced HAIR-A)

**Investment Man to Oppose Henderson**

Dick Andersen, who is in the investment business, told The Press today he will run for county commissioner in Precinct 1 on a "progress platform." Mr. Andersen will face veteran Commissioner Bryan Henderson in the May Democratic primary. Reliable sources said Mr. Andersen has the backing of County Judge Howard Green, who has been feuding with all commissioners for the past year. Several other persons, including former football star Bruce Alford, have been rumored as candidates in the Precinct 1 race. And County Republican Chairman Roger Hunsaker said the GOP will definitely have a candidate in this race in the GOP primary. One other commissioner, Dick Lewis, also seeks re-election this year. He may be opposed by Hurst contractor Walter Vincent. Mr. Andersen said he is now raising money for the expensive campaign. He says he has it 65 per cent financed.

**Don Gladden Will Address Machinist Unit**

Don Gladden, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, will head a list of speakers addressing the International Association of Machinists Local 776-B at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The meeting will be at the local's headquarters, 555 Grants Lane. Others on the program will be Charles Yarborough, Charles Gray, Skeet Richardson, Doyle Willis, Hugh Parmar and Robert Ramirez, all seeking state legislature seats; Doug Crouch, a candidate for Democratic county chairman; and Dick Andersen, candidate for county commissioner, Precinct 1.

**'ANY TIME' No Fear Of Debate ---Hoera**

Republican candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 1 Art Hoera Jr. today said he is not afraid to debate his Democratic opponent. "I will meet him any time, any place," said Hoera. Hoera did not attend a political debate at the Press Club of Fort Worth last night. Hoera said he did not attend because he misunderstood the time of the debate. He said he understood the debate was scheduled for Monday night, the night before the general election. Dick Andersen, Hoera's opponent, who showed up for the debate, said he believes "it is a shame when a candidate for public office won't state his position for all to hear... I think Hoera is afraid to debate me and I don't blame him." Hoera said today he does not believe the Press Club would have been the proper place to have discussed what he said is mudslinging on Andersen's part.

**FORTH STAR-TELEGRAM** EVENING  
A FORT WORTH-OWNED NEWSPAPER 88TH YEAR, NO. 231 - 10 CENTS 80 PAGES IN 6 SECTIONS

**LABOR OKAYS FIRST COUNTY REPUBLICAN**

**Labor Approves Republican Here**

For the first time in history, the Tarrant County Central Labor Council has endorsed a Republican in an area political race. He is John G. Elstrand, who opposes Democratic State Rep. David Finney in the Place 7 state representative race. The labor council heard recommendations on candidates from its Committee on Political Education. Other candidates endorsed, all Democrats, were: Robert M. Burnett, state representative, Place 4; Doyle Willis, state representative, Place 6; Dick Andersen, county commissioner, Precinct 1; incumbent County Commissioner Dick Lewis, Precinct 3; George "Skeet" Richardson, county commissioner, Precinct 4; and Joe Spurlock, candidate for the 96th District Court judgeship. Finney, who failed to gain labor's endorsement, reportedly has cast some legislative votes that were not favored by the labor council. The council does not make endorsements in statewide or national races. In other council action, James E. Richards was elected to a two-year term as

**Union Endorses Republican**

The Machinists Non-Partisan Political League—political arm of the union representing thousands of General Dynamics workers—has endorsed a Republican. The league announced today it will campaign for the election of John Elstrand who is running against Democratic incumbent David Finney for state representative, Place 7. The league will also support the Humphrey-Muskie presidential ticket. Other league-endorsed candidates, all Democrats, include Bob Burnett for representative, Place 4; Doyle Willis, Place 6; Dick Andersen for county commissioner, Pct. 1; Dick Lewis for commissioner, Pct. 3; George Richardson for commissioner, Pct. 4; and Joe Spurlock, judge, 96th Dist.

**PRESS CLUB SESSION**

**Candidates Won't Debate, But Their Spokesmen Will**

Call it a debate by proxy. The national candidates for president won't get together before newsmen and television cameras. So spokesmen for Hubert H. Humphrey, George C. Wallace and Richard M. Nixon will. They'll do so at the Press Club of Fort Worth at 5 p.m. Saturday. THE PUBLIC is invited to hear the issues debated by Sterling Steves, local lawyer and head of the Tarrant County Humphrey-Muskie campaign; R. J. Muscardini, state committeeman for the American Independent Party; and Sproesser Wynn, lawyer and Republican candidate for attorney general. The debate is an added feature of the "Politics '68" series begun during the Democratic primary this spring. The presidential debate will be conducted like the others, which dealt with state and local offices. EACH DEBATOR will be allotted a brief amount of time for making a general statement. Then each will be questioned by newsmen on specific topics. At the end of that questioning, members of the audience will be permitted to seek answers from the spokesmen. The last in the regularly scheduled politics sessions will be held at 8 p.m. tonight. It will feature candidates for Precinct 1 county commissioner. They are Republican Art Hoera Jr. and Democrat Richard T. (Dick) Anderson. This session, also to be held in the Press Club, is open to the public.

**Candidate Explains Absence**

Art Hoera Jr., Republican candidate for Precinct 1 county commissioner, said in a written statement yesterday he didn't show up for a scheduled Press Club debate because of a misunderstanding. Hoera's Democratic opponent, Dick Andersen, showed up for the announced meeting. Hoera's statement read: "I have tried to run a clean campaign, but it is becoming very difficult, especially after the fiasco at the Press Club Thursday night. "I received a call from the program chairman... who informed me that my opponent Richard Andersen wanted to go 'trick or treating' and would like to change the date of the debate. "It was my understanding that the date was changed and I then scheduled Thursday night for campaigning. "Then my opponent shows up at the Press Club and accuses me of being afraid to debate." Hoera said it would be "my pleasure to discuss Mr. Andersen's background and motives for office." He added, "I am proud of my record of service to Tarrant County and want to continue to contribute toward its progress and growth, and that is my only motive..."

WILL THE REAL HOERA PLEASE STAND UP!

**TRICK OR TREAT**

**Absence at Meeting Explained by Hoera**

Art Hoera Jr., Republican candidate for county commissioner, Precinct 1, said Friday that his failure to show for a scheduled Press Club debate was due to a misunderstanding. Hoera's opponent, Dick Andersen, showed up for the announced meeting Thursday night, but Hoera was not present. In a written statement Friday, Hoera said: "I have tried to run a clean campaign based on a positive approach, but it is becoming very difficult, especially after the fiasco at the Press Club Thursday night. "I received a call from the program chairman... who informed me that my opponent Richard Andersen wanted to go 'trick or treating' and would like to change the date of the debate. "It was my understanding that the date was changed and I then scheduled Thursday night for campaigning. "Then my opponent shows up at the Press Club and accuses me of being afraid to debate." He added, "It would be my pleasure to discuss Mr. Andersen's background and motives of office." Hoera added, "I am proud of my record of service to Tarrant County and want to continue to contribute toward its progress and growth, and that is my only motive..."

SENT BY BOB PHILLIPS



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*Elect* **ART**



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# ACHIEVEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF!

## ART HOERA HAS SERVED TARRANT COUNTY . . . A CITIZEN THAT HAS DARED TO GET INVOLVED IN PLACES OF RESPONSIBILITY

*Art has served or is presently serving as:*

- Past State President Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Past President Fort Worth Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Selected "Outstanding Jaycee President In Texas"
- Texas Youth Council On Crime
- Southwestern Diabetic Foundation
- Texas Committee For Public Education
- Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation
- Tarrant County Mental Health Association
- Tarrant County Convention Committee
- Junior Achievement Of Tarrant County
- Speakers Bureau For Tarrant County Junior College Bond Election
- Casa Manana Musicals
- Board Of Directors Chamber of Commerce
- Miss Texas Pageant Corporation
- Fort Worth Society For Crippled Children and Adults
- Boys Work Chairman Tarrant County Children's Home
- Ambassador To Hemisfair
- T.C.U. Ex Letterman
- Nominated For "Outstanding Young Man Of Fort Worth" 1967
- Listed "Outstanding Young Men of America" 1967 Edition

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH ART:

. . . . Art Hoera is a most unusual person . . . . totally dedicated and committed to making this area a better place to live. Art is a devoted family man . . . . a tireless worker and civic leader. Don't let his name throw you . . . it's pronounced (HAIR-A). Get used to it . . . he is going to serve you for a long time.

## EDUCATION:

Entered first grade North Hi Mount Elementary in Fort Worth. Moved to farm near Handley and attended John T. White Elementary School, Meadowbrook Jr. High School, Paschal High School and graduated from T.C.U. with BS Degree.

## PERSONAL:

Born Tarrant County Texas 1931. Has been a lifelong resident of Tarrant County.

**Military:** Served 2 years Active Duty as Lieutenant In United States Air Force

**Church:** Christened at First Methodist Church Of Fort Worth. Presently serving on Official Board Of Wedgwood Methodist Church.

**Business:** Owner, Art Hoera Office Supply, 1304 Throckmorton, Fort Worth, Texas.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Nominated for "Outstanding Young Man Of Fort Worth" 1967 . . . . Listed "Outstanding Young Men Of America" 1967 . . . . Past State President Texas Junior Chamber Of Commerce . . . . Past President Fort Worth Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . . Selected Outstanding Jaycee President In Texas.



**ART HOERA DOES GET THE JOB DONE!**

# ELECT DICK ANDERSEN

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**DICK ANDERSEN**

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

**THE ONLY CANDIDATE WITH A POSITIVE PROGRAM TO SAVE YOU TAXES**

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES OF COMMISSIONER PCT. 1 HEARTILY ENDORSE:

**DICK ANDERSEN**

Vic Hall	Harvy Goff	J. L. Monasco
Ruben Reece	Elton Pitts	Jack Davis
Earl Jones	D. A. Foster	Laurence Hill
Lester Matlock	Ray Reid	W. F. Howard
Ransom Kennedy	Grady Drennon	Aho Medford
O. M. Tomplin	E. A. Barrett	Robert Lee Gibson
Howard Pulliam	M. C. Vallance	Jess Reynolds
Edna L. McDaniel	C. A. Roberts	A. F. Sellers
H. D. Johns	Loyd Burns	Henry Doss
Wm. Martin	J. P. Daniel	R. T. Haggard
Lee Barnes	Weldon M. Hardin	Curtis Johnson
Wm. Hampton	James L. Parker	Luther Rhine
Jerry Worsham	Mike Gilley	Forest Stoker
	G. L. Smith	

COMPLETE THE JOB WE STARTED IN MAY

Pd. Pol. Adv.

## With the Candidates In Fort Worth

**CANDIDATES RUNNING** — Three gubernatorial candidates — Preston Smith, John Hill and Don Yarborough — were here this afternoon to meet with campaign backers. Mr. Smith was to formally open his headquarters at 326 S. Henderson at 5 p.m. Mr. Hill was hosting a free dinner for supporters in Arlington Cibola Inn. Mr. Yarborough was speaking to precinct level workers in Lake Como and other sections of town.

**LOCAL CANDIDATES** — Dick Andersen, candidate for Pct. 1 county commissioner was to open his headquarters tonight at 8 p.m. at 5401 Camp Bowie Blvd. at 8 p.m. Friday. The public is invited.

## First of 3 YWCA Programs on Candidates Set

The first of three programs offered by the YWCA on political candidates will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the downtown YWCA building at 512 W. Fourth.

Local and state candidates of the Democratic Party will

speak tomorrow. Republican candidates will be presented on Oct. 15. Mrs. Chris Miller, neighborhood and community health coordinator for Greater Fort Worth and a member of the League of Women Voters, will moderate both programs.

On Oct. 29, Mrs. M. C. Martin of the Fort Worth Public Library will be moderator for a "National Campaign Debate," with representatives from the Democratic, Republican and American parties present.

Democratic candidates who

will speak tomorrow include Place 4 State Rep. candidates Robert M. Burnett; David Finney, Place 7 and Doyle Willis, Place 6.

Candidates for commissioner include Dick Andersen, Precinct 1; George Richardson, Precinct 4; and Dick

Lewis, Precinct 3. Joe Spurlock, candidate for 96th District Court Judge, also will speak.

The three programs are offered through the Young Adults Committee of the YWCA.

Monday, March 25, 1968

## LOCAL FRONT

**LIEUTENANT WOUNDED** — Word was received in Fort Worth over the weekend that Army 1st Lt. Andy Carlegis was wounded slightly in Vietnam. The lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carlegis Sr. of 6956 Hovenkamp, received a minor wound in the right arm and neck, but was back on combat duty this week. He has won two Bronze Stars and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry since going on combat duty.

**POLITICAL DEBATE** — Incumbent Precinct 1 County Commissioner Bryan Henderson and his opponent, Dick Andersen, will debate county problems at tomorrow's noon meeting of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Junior Bar Assn. The meeting will be in the Fort Worth Club.

## VOTE FOR THE MAN... NOT THE PARTY!

ART HOERA is the man for County Commissioner Precinct 1

Paid Political Adv. No. 69

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### ANDERSEN H. Q.

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Fort Worth Press, Friday, March 15, 1968

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## Henderson Defeat Aim of Law Report?

County Commissioner Bryan Henderson said today he believes a report issued yesterday to the Urban Policy Conference may be an effort to get him defeated at the polls.

The report, written by Atty. Tom Law, criticized many facets of Tarrant County government and called for a county manager system.

"It could definitely have political overtones," said Commissioner Henderson.

Mr. Henderson is being opposed by businessman Dick Anderson in the May Democratic Primary.

"I know that our form of county government has some enemies," said Mr. Henderson.

"But it is the government nearest to the people that we have today."

Attorney Law proposed to business and civic leaders a program including many proposals made earlier by County

Judge Howard Green. Judge Green complimented the Law report. "This county cannot operate efficiently under ground rules laid down a century ago," said Judge Green.

The county is operated under general laws adopted in 1876.

**Open 5:20**

## Object of Jokes

Too many times in the past decade has Tarrant County been the subject of jokes and laughter. Every time the Commissioner's Court is the object of a television story or a newspaper article, the laughter can be heard to the borders of the adjoining counties. I would like to see responsible men on the court, men who can command respect and admiration. For that reason I am supporting and campaigning for Dick Andersen.

DAVID A. BRIDGES  
300 W. Barron, Everman

## An Indication 3-30-68

If Commissioner Henderson does not even know the amount of his own salary, surely his knowledge of county business is a total blank. It was almost unbelievable he could not give members of the Junior Bar the correct amount of his own salary.

No wonder that Commissioner's Court is a comedy of error. Henderson has to play the lead in this comedy.

EDWARD L. KEMBLE  
1800 First National Bank Bldg.

Fort Worth Press, Wednesday, March 20, 1968

# Central Labor Council Picks Political Slate

Organized labor ploughed into local politics today, endorsing a slate of candidates and announcing a fund-raising political banquet March 30.

The Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, recommended a slate of candidates "who, in our opinion, would furnish the leadership to provide a progressive spirit in Fort Worth and Tarrant County."

The CLC has about 23,000 affiliated members.

A coalition of the United Auto Workers' County Citizenship Council, the Steelworkers Union and the independent Teamsters Union was expected to announce endorsement of a similar slate of candidates later today. These three groups represent a combined membership of more than 15,000 working people.

Jim Richards, central council president, said the vote by delegates last night on the endorsements was "overwhelming."

The labor group endorsed businessman Dick Andersen

over incumbent Bryan Henderson in the race for county commissioner of Pct. 1 (South Side).

Former Dist. Atty. Doug Crouch got labor's nod in the five-man race for county Democratic chairman. The other

candidates are Robert Wright, G. Ray Worley, Dean Butler and Theodore Wischkaemper.

The labor council made these endorsements in races for state representative:

Place 1: Charles Yarborough

Place 2: No endorsement. Incumbent is Joe Shannon Jr.

Place 3: Charles Grays, a Negro and member of Communication Workers of America Local 6201, over incumbent W. C. (Bud) Sherman.

Place 4: Incumbent George (Skeet) Richardson over Ed Parker.

Place 5: No endorsement. Incumbent is Tommy Shannon.

Place 6: Doyle Willis over Albert L. White.

Place 7: Hugh Parmer over incumbent David Finney.

Place 8: Robert Ramirez over incumbent Cordell Hull and O. L. Watson.

Mr. Richards said the labor council will also support Don Yarborough for governor and Don Gladden for lieutenant governor. The two candidates were backed recently by the Committee on Political Education of the Texas AFL-CIO.

FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 1, 1968 Fort Worth STAR-TELEGRAM

I Support  
**DICK ANDERSEN**  
For County Commissioner  
Precinct 1  
Pd. Pol. Adv. by R. H. Owens

## LACK OF PLANNING CHARGED

# Candidate Raps Commissioners Court

Dick Andersen, who's hoping to wrest the Democratic nomination for county commissioner from incumbent Bryan Henderson, yesterday charged commissioners' court with not planning ahead.

"For one example, take the matter of right-of-way buying for Loop 820," he told members of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Junior Bar Association in a Fort Worth Club luncheon.

"If all the land had been bought several years ago — three, in fact — it could have been bought for as little as \$300 per acre. Now land needed to finish the freeway system will cost from \$3,000 to \$11,000 per acre."

Henderson answered the charge saying he doubted the figures used and said:

"Tarrant County now has one of the finest road systems in the state, perhaps even in the entire nation."

The two candidates, who are on the May 4 Democratic primary ballot in the Commissioners Precinct 1 race, were principal speakers on the program.

Andersen, who said he supported Henderson in his last race for a 4-year term, challenged Henderson's use of precinct workers campaigning for him during working hours.

Henderson denied the accusation, saying anyone on the county payroll who is working for him does campaigning on his own time.

Andersen, a real estate investor, said he favors a county manager form of government, something Henderson has long fought.

3-27-68  
EVE. STAR TELE.

## County Hopefuls Face Interviews

The two candidates for the Democratic nomination for Precinct 1 county commissioner will be interviewed on the "Voter's Digest" program on KTVT-TV Channel 11 at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Bob Barry of the KFJZ

news staff will question the incumbent, Bryan Henderson, and his opponent, Dick Andersen.

Mrs. Chris Miller will be hostess on the telecast arranged for by the League of Women Voters of Tarrant County.

## Andersen Gets \$3000 From Group

Future Fort Worth, an organization of business and professional men here, has contributed \$3000 to Dick Andersen's campaign for county commissioner against Commissioner Bryan Henderson.

This is what a pre-primary expense account filed with County Clerk W. C. (Red) Cowen showed today.

Commissioner Henderson's expense account must be filed by the end of the day.

In all, Mr. Andersen reported receiving \$3940 in gifts and spending \$6561 in the campaign. The spending included his \$4032 filing fee for a place on the May 4 Democratic primary ballot.

The candidate reported \$100 contributions from W. Spitzer, Carol J. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Locke, J. Bailey and P. McPartlan.

His salary on the job would be \$14,500 a year.

**Elect Dick Andersen**

County Commissioner Pct. 1  
A young man —  
—For A Change  
Bring Responsibility To The Courthouse

Paid Political Adv.

## \$100 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons destroying the campaign signs of DICK ANDERSEN, candidate for County Commissioner, Pct. 1. These signs are personal property located on private property, put up by working people donating their time and effort to rid this county of political parasites. —Paid for by DICK ANDERSEN







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of

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S RACE PRECINCT 1

Second Poll

April, 1968

Poll Director:

J. Richard Cookerly, M.S.  
Psychologist

Assistant Director:

James E. Johnson, M.S.  
Psychologist

**Andersen Says Act; Henderson, Stay Put**

By JON McCONAL

Dick Andersen, county commissioner Precinct 1 candidate, said the county needs someone to divert it from a rapid approach to financial disaster. Incumbent Bryan Henderson, retorted: "We have a great county government . . . nothing is wrong. We need people with sound judgment . . . who can't be stampeded."

The two men traded political punches Thursday night during a Politics '68 forum at the Press Club of Fort Worth, attended by about 75 persons.

Andersen, 39, who is seeking to unseat Henderson, 71, who has held the office 20 years, charged that Henderson has failed to recognize the needs of a growing community.

"The entire management of money in this county should be handled more diligently," said the challenger. "They (commissioners) brag on two projects. The Criminal Courts Building . . . the answer to this is obvious. The Convention Center . . . it's \$5 million over its budget. We're faced with problems . . . it takes good know-how and sound business management to solve these."

Henderson countered these charges saying the county is not on the brink of financial disaster.

"We owe \$15 million on a convention center. It can be paid off with the right kind of management and frugal operation. I'm not ashamed of our county government. I admit the challenge is great. But, nobody in the state has gotten any more for the tax dollar than they have here."

Henderson defended the convention center which officials estimate will cost \$5 million more than anticipated. He blamed inflation and rising costs for the increase.

"We had the finest advice and counsel on the convention center," said the incumbent. "We had the advice of architects and engineers. We are in a position to hire expert advice when we need it. But, what we need more than anything is good old common horse sense."

Andersen charged that the tax base in the county hasn't grown as it should have. As a result, he said the county faces some awesome problems.

"We must eliminate waste

and duplication in the county government," he said. "I would work to develop and modernize our purchasing department . . . if other counties can do it, why can't we do it in Tarrant County?"

Andersen suggested that doing away with operators of automatic elevators in the courthouse and criminal courts building and contracting janitorial services could save the county \$200,000.

"I don't know if we can solve every problem, but by golly if we don't try . . . we are going to sink in the mud" Henderson said he feels Reed Stewart is the best tax assessor in the state.

"Whatever he advocates, I'm behind it," he said.

He said the purchasing department is not under the jurisdiction of commissioners court but is accountable to the judges.

Henderson said as for the automatic elevator operators, he felt it was a wise investment in some ways.

"I think due to the crowds and elderly people, it is a needed service," he said.

Henderson, questioned about the proposed county juvenile detention center, said

commissioners are ready to try to raise money at the earliest possible time when plans and specifications are ready.

Andersen, who favors a detention center, said that he had heard Henderson had first heard about a proposal for a detention center in 1948.

"He had 20 years to do something about it . . . his action has only been lip service," said Andersen.

Henderson said the commissioners had never received a formal request for a detention center from the juvenile board during his administration.

Both men agreed that the salaries of officers in the sheriff's department need raising.

"It's my understanding that the budget and salary in the sheriff's departments are way below par. This goes back to management," said Andersen.

Henderson said he hopes in some manner to adjust the officers' pay. But, he said Sher-

iff Lon Evans was reasonably happy about the salaries.

Henderson admitted that some of his employees had contributed time and money to his campaign.

Andersen said if he were commissioner, under no circumstances would he accept contributions from an employee.

Henderson, asked about his precinct garage, defended its construction and said it had increased production as much as 25 per cent.

"Twenty-five per cent of what?" asked Andersen.

He told of being run off the road on a rainy day last January by four truckloads of county employees. He said they were reading magazines and books.

"I don't know about that," said Henderson. "But, they were trying to work . . . despite the rain. They weren't hiding."

**Commissioner Results**

Here are precinct results of the county commissioners race won by Dick Andersen over incumbent Bryan Henderson:

	Hen. And.		Hen. And.
6 310 W. Cannon	40 38	95 2209 Forest Pk.	169 381
7 1915 S. Jennings	54 34	96 1108 Carlock	69 111
8 950 W. Magnolia	49 41	97 3300 S. Hendrson	164 202
13 3415 E. Horton	390 303	103 3801 W. 7th	175 265
14 1333 W. Spurgeon	407 448	104 2601 Tmbrline	406 487
15 3800 Valentine	298 345	107 Town Hl., Sem. S.	129 194
16 1200 Clover Lane	272 250	108 3001 Forest Pk.	197 331
20 715 Sandell St.	544 264	111 Whitlnd School	24 18
21 Benbrook Fire Sta.	486 561	113 Prov. Bap. Ch.	
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83 3220 Hardeman	97 93	149 3601 Pecos	181 234
84 1701 Hemphill	46 57	150 7309 Sheridan Rd.	294 427
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86 1908 Carleton	238 268	154 1605 Grady Lee	237 298
94 5100 El Campo	423 549	155 4041 Ryan Ave.	408 520

**ATTENTION VOTERS**

OF  
**PRECINCT NO. 1**  
OVER 90% OF THE EMPLOYEES  
OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT  
NO. 1 HEARTILY ENDORSE

**DICK  
ANDERSEN**

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE  
FOR  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. NO. 1**

Paid Pol. Adv. No. 214 By Employees of Commissioners of Precinct No. 1

**Endorsement**

This is a different day and a different age. Dick Andersen should be commissioner of Precinct 1. His presence is required on the court if the citizens of Tarrant County are to get a fair return for their tax money. He will think of the needs of all the people, not just himself.  
MRS. MARVIN REINHARDT JR.  
1201 Wade Hampton

4-3-68

**Kennard Endorses Andersen**

State Sen. Don Kennard Thursday endorsed Dick Andersen for Precinct 1 county commissioner after charging that the incumbent, Bryan Henderson, lobbied in Austin against updating county government.

Kennard, who made his announcement at a press conference, said he does not quarrel with Henderson's sincerity.

"I am sure he believes that horse-and-buggy solutions that we operate under now can solve jet age problems," he said.

But, Kennard said he disagrees with the longtime county commissioner and said his record is one "of opposition and obstruction."

Kennard said Henderson lobbied against changes to update county government which were proposed after a year-long study by the Texas Research League.

Henderson said in response

"I am concerned about local self government," he said.

Kennard said several practical suggestions were offered in bills submitted by Gov. John Connally at the last session of the legislature.

"But a small group of long-time county judges and commissioners descended on Austin and demanded that county government's basic structure remain as it has been for almost 100 years.

"One of the opponents to Gov. Connally's effort to make county government more effective was our own commissioner from Fort Worth, Bryan Henderson," said Kennard.

**Stand Supported**

Your two recent editorials regarding modernization of county government deserves the support of this entire community. It is only through such enlightened appreciation of the problems that action will be taken. The consolidation and modernization of county government must come about before our problems are too enormous to cope with. This is the reason I am a candidate for county commissioner, Pct. 1.

DICK ANDERSEN  
2201 Windsor Place

ST. 4-10-68

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You ARE going  
to WIN

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BALLOT POLL

of

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S RACE PRECINCT 1

Second Poll

April, 1968

Poll Director:

J. Richard Cookerly, M.S.  
Psychologist

Assistant Director:

James E. Johnson, M.S.  
Psychologist



COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1  
TARRANT COUNTY

I. BASIC FACTORS

	1st	2nd	3rd
Number Polled:	174	176	200
Number Males:	86	92	110
Number Females:	88	84	90
Number White Anglo:	159	151	175
Number Negro:	15	25	25

Method of Polling: Door to door interviews

Dates Conducted: Feb. 24 April 15 April 22

Polling Director: J. Richard Cookerly, M.S.  
Psychologist

Assistant Polling Director: James E. Johnson, M.S.  
Psychologist

Sample:

This poll report is the result of a selection of Tarrant County residents stating that they are certified eligible voters planning to vote in the May 4 Democratic Primary. Those polled consist of a representative sample based on geography, age, sex, and race.

II. TOTAL RESPONSES ACCORDING TO PRESENT VOTER DRAWING POWER

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Projection</u>
Henderson	23.5	38.7	39.7	(50.8)
Anderson	11.7	18.3	24.5	(49.2)
Undecided	61.2	43.3	35.8	0.0
	(Deaton 3.5)			

Comment:

If everything continues to change at its present rate, Henderson will win by a small majority. However, there is much evidence that Henderson may be reaching an early peak or perhaps even a ceiling. This gives Anderson an excellent opportunity to alter the rate of change in his favor.

One big problem is that about half of the undecideds may not vote in this race due to their pronounced lack of familiarity with the candidates, the office, and the issues involved. If these voters can be motivated, Anderson's chances would be much better. To accomplish this, some fairly dramatic moves are necessary. Perhaps challenging Henderson to a debate and widely publicizing the challenge. The ensuing rejection or debate would be helpful.

The basic issue which could turn the tide seems to be economics. If the concept, "Voting for my opposition will cost you more money than voting for Dick Anderson," could really be put over, success might be much more likely.

### III. ANALYSIS BY SEX

<u>Males</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Anderson	7.1	13.7	16.0
Henderson	5.9	19.4	19.9
Undecided	34.1	19.4	16.9

<u>Females</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Anderson	4.7	4.6	8.5
Henderson	18.8	19.3	19.8
Undecided	23.4	23.9	18.9

#### Comment:

It is quite obvious that Anderson may very easily lose because of the female vote. It is very easy for wives to vote against their husband's wishes in a few races, and this may be one of them. There are two basic ways to counter a female vote trend: One is to appeal to males in such a way as they make sure their wives will vote as they do. The second is to threaten the female's safety and security. Arguments such as, "Dick Anderson is the only candidate in this race who will fight juvenile delinquency;" a publicized endorsement by Larry Meeker, Chairman of the Committee for a County Detention Center; also, mentioning working closely with county police agencies to make sure women and children are safe in their homes, streets, etc. It is very important that there be no doubt in the minds of the electorate that a vote for Henderson is a vote for crime, delinquency, robbery, dope addiction, and also waste. A last minute door to door flier implying all this, could be very helpful.

Another approach might be to ask questions designed to undermine the opposition. An example might be, "Do you want just a road commissioner, or do you want a county commissioner?" Then play up what the county commissioner can do.

#### IV. OTHER FACTORS

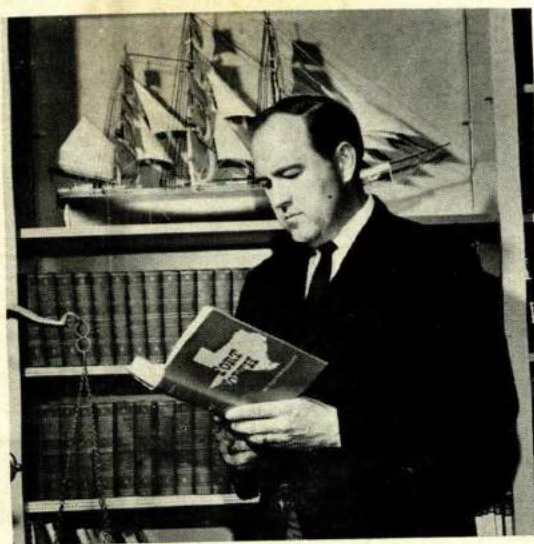
No area, age, or pronounced race trends are evident as being significantly different than the total results. The greatest weakness lies with those in the older sections of the Southside and out in the rural county.

The most significant sectional strength is found among those who are the most politically knowledgeable, and here Anderson is chosen 4 to 1 over Henderson. Advertising this fact might be of some help.

Negroes tend to indicate that they have to check their endorsement cards, etc. before they can say in this race.

The greatest support lies among males in the western edge of the Southside (T.C.U., Tanglewood, Westcliff, etc.) although a majority of females in these areas are either undecided or for Henderson.

# DICK ANDERSEN... A Man Who Cares About Your Needs



Did you know that the county commissioner is responsible for spending an annual budget of \$20 million of your tax money?

A county commissioner's responsibilities include:

- |                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. The Convention Center  | 7. Public Health                  |
| 2. Juvenile Programs      | 8. Peter Smith Hospital           |
| 3. Child Care Standards   | 9. Vital Statistics               |
| 4. County Policies        | 10. Budgets for Police Protection |
| 5. Library and Museum Aid | 11. Public Works                  |
| 6. Children's Museum Aid  | 12. Salary Administration         |

This demanding and important job requires a man who has an intense background in business management and planning. It also takes a vigorous and enthusiastic man — a man who has unlimited faith in the potential of Fort Worth area. Such a man is Dick Andersen. Make him your choice. He is a man who cares and who will do something about your needs.

## Here Are The Goals Which Dick Andersen Pledges To Work Toward If He Is Elected County Commissioner, Precinct 1,

- Dick Andersen will eliminate the fantastic waste of financial and manpower resources by sound administration of public funds.
- Dick Andersen will help build the finest library system in the nation.
- Dick Andersen will build a detention center and develop a sound juvenile program.
- Dick Andersen will provide for additional police protection for your family.
- Dick Andersen will consolidate the road and bridge fund to reduce taxes or increase services.
- Dick Andersen will develop child welfare standards.
- Dick Andersen will stop political patronage and featherbedding.
- Dick Andersen will set up a job classification study for county employees and follow recommendations.
- Dick Andersen will support legislation to allow county employees to vote on civil service.
- Dick Andersen will develop long-range plans for county-wide services.

### Dick Andersen will save the taxpayers' money by:

- 1) Planning centralized purchasing
- 2) Creating a county-wide public works department
- 3) Stopping the comedy of errors in public works projects

### Dick Andersen will meet public needs in:

- 1) Crime prevention
- 2) Medical services
- 3) Air pollution
- 4) Library services

## Civic Interests And Activities



Dick Andersen's devotion to public service can be noted in such volunteer services as participating in the Junior College bond election program. Governor Connally says hello to Dick and Ava during the All America City celebration. He has also donated his time as a member of the Metropolitan Highway Committee and the Fort Worth Council of Governments.



To support the Trinity River Project, Dick Andersen (shown with Congressman Olin Teague and Jim Wright) joined a lobbying group that visited Washington, D.C. during the hearings in 1965. Dick Andersen is an active worker in supporting the Convention Center campaign and the Regional Airport.



Dick Andersen's political experience was strengthened by serving two terms on the Everman City Council. He is a former president of the Everman Chamber of Commerce. Dick Andersen is well acquainted with the county's problems and how to solve them.

# GOP Has Hope of Electing Commissioner in Tarrant

By CARL FREUND  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News  
FORT WORTH — Republicans here are hopeful geography and a heavy vote for Richard Nixon will help them break the grip Democrats have kept on courthouse offices here.

Although they recognize the faces formidable opposition, GOP leaders believe Art Hoera has a good chance of winning his race for Precinct 1 commissioner. This would result in Hoera becoming the first Republican to hold a courthouse office in Tarrant County history.

Hoera, 37-year-old owner of an office supply company, faces Dick Andersen, the Democratic nominee, in the Nov. 3 general election.

Andersen won the nomination by defeating Bryan Henderson, a veteran commissioner, in the Democratic primary.

NOW HENDERSON is campaigning for Hoera. Andersen has the support of County Judge Howard Green and State Sen. Don Kennard.

GOP leaders estimate about half the county's Republican voters live in Precinct 1.

The precinct consists of the west and southwest parts of Tarrant County. It includes such Republican strongholds as Overton Park, Wedgwood and Ridglea.

GOP leaders believe Republicans will turn out in record numbers in these areas to vote for Nixon and also will mark their ballots for Hoera. This would give the red-haired candidate a solid bloc of votes.

Many voters in the precinct, however, are conservatives who generally vote Democratic although they do not feel a strong sense of party loyalty.

Polls indicate most of these conservatives will split their tickets.

If he is to win, Hoera must convince a substantial number they should vote for him. Andersen can count on a heavy vote in Negro areas and in neighborhoods where Democratic party ties remain strong.

The backing of Judge Green and Kennard will help him get votes of moderates and liberals.

Andersen, a Fort Worth businessman and developer, lashed at Henderson's record and called for reforms in county government during his Democratic primary campaign. Andersen also advocated a county juvenile detention center and accused Henderson of blocking it.

Both precincts have large

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC. Chairman Robert L. (Bob) Wright is planning a campaign to urge Tarrant County residents to "vote Democratic." This will help Andersen and other party nominees.

Republican candidates are also campaigning for two other commissioner posts, but observers give them far less chance than Hoera.

Virgil M. Daniels, a machine accountant who served as Haltom City mayor, is running as a Republican against Precinct 3 Commissioner Dick Lewis.

C. C. (Corky) Makarwich, a River Oaks contractor and former highway patrolman, is the Republican nominee for the unexpired term of the late Commissioner Roscoe Minton in Precinct 4. Makarwich's Democratic opponent is State Rep. George (Skeet) Richardson.

# County ignores union request in TCCC bid

By STEVE BLOW

County commissioners today contracted with the low bidder for repairs on the Convention Center roof, despite requests that by labor union representatives that they approve another bidder.

Commissioners approved the \$72,626 bid by

the Robinson Roofing Co.

Labor union representatives met with commissioners Friday, trying to urge them to approve one of the three other bidders because Robinson has no union crews.

MARSHALL ROBINSON, president of the roofing company, told commissioners today he has a "standing request for qualified union roofing repair crews."

Robinson said if the labor union can provide workers qualified to do roofing repair work he will be glad to hire them.

His bid was \$742 less than the next lowest bid.

In other action, commissioners referred bids on the remodeling on the third floor of the Criminal Courts Bldg. to an architect for a recommendation Monday. The bids on the job range from approximately \$86,000 to \$120,000.

The remodeling involves creating a new court room for the new district court which will begin here Jan. 1.

COMMISSIONERS today gave the go-ahead for condemnation of land for the Echo Lake Park project.

County Commissioner Dick Andersen said he has been trying to get clear title to the land for a year, but the governor's office has refused to act.

Andersen said hunting and fishing rights were granted to some persons around the turn of the century, and the state has refused to grant clear title until those persons were located.

The project has been budgeted for \$150,000 — half of that from the county and half from the federal government.

Commissioners agreed today to a three-way beautification agreement for Lancaster St. between Lamar and Commerce Sts.

The State Hwy. Dept. agreed to provide right-of-way and planters. The City of Fort Worth will provide some plants and maintenance, and the county will provide up to \$10,000 in plants.

Frank Graham was approved by commissioners for a appointment to the Tarrant County Human Relations Commission. He was appointed by Dick Andersen.

## WE URGE YOU TO ELECT DICK ANDERSEN

COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
PCT. 1



Tarrant Co. needs young, intelligent, aggressive representation in Commissioners Court. We can elect such a man in Dick Andersen. Mr. Andersen is a staunch supporter of all sports and will work for improved athletic facilities while adding dignity and responsibility to the court.

Bruce Allford  
Lindy Berry  
Butler Brannon  
Marvin Clark  
Vincent De Vaney  
Jim Eagle  
Max Eubank  
Dr. Bill Frick

Dale Glasscock  
Joe Hardgrave  
John Harville  
Ezz Kemble  
Dick Love  
Dr. Mason Mayne  
L. D. Meyer  
Bobby Melone

REPLACE INDIFFERENCE!

Pol. Adv. No. 50 Paid by Dick Andersen

niles, especially after the picture on the front page of this paper of the boy hanging himself in a jail cell.

We had a meeting at our church on a Sunday evening, when we invited Larry Meeker and County Judge Howard Green to speak to our large group about the problems of getting the detention home. We asked them what we could do to make it a reality. We were informed that Dick Anderson, a Democratic candidate for county commissioner, was 100 per cent for the home and that he would work to make it a reality at the least possible cost to the taxpayers.

We worked for personable, capable Dick Anderson and he won the Democratic nomination. Art Hoera, Anderson's opponent in November, never came forward with any support for a detention home.

Even though Art Hoera is from our church, and may be capable, we have to finish our job. We have to elect Dick Anderson. Let's vote for the man who without question favors the detention home.

### Support Given

Back in the spring we at the Wedgwood Methodist Church became concerned about a detention home for juve-

SHERLEY ROTHFELDER  
6228 Whitman  
ROBERT HAAS  
VERA HAAS  
6224 Whitman

# ELECT DICK ANDERSEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER Precinct 1

Progress, Economy and Experience



## A Devoted Family Man And Tireless Civic Volunteer

Dick Andersen's youth, 39, his progressive ideas and his proven dedication to the community would make him a valuable member of the Court of County Commissioners.

His enthusiasm and the unselfish sacrifice of time has been instrumental in boosting such major civic programs as the Trinity River project and the Regional Airport plan.

An independent businessman, Dick Andersen was grad-

uated from Texas Christian University in 1951 with a degree in business administration and marketing. He attended the Harvard School of Business as a graduate student in marketing, management and sales. He is a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps.

The Andersens — wife, Ava, and sons, Curt, 8, and Ky, 6, live at 2201 Windsor Place in Fort Worth. The family attends the First Methodist Church.



Congratulations To You



Congratulations To You



Hi.

Good luck in Nov -

but I understood  
you're in - that's  
great!!!

We were so happy  
when your mom  
called & told us the  
good news. (They both  
seem to be just fine)

Love

Don.

Dear Dick & Ava -

Best wishes are in order  
And are most sincerely sent  
With warm congratulations  
On this notable event -  
And since you so deserve it  
Here's a wish that you will find  
Continuing good fortune  
Of the most rewarding kind.

Love

Bill, Dorothy  
& girls

# Andersen Overtakes Henderson for Commissioner

COLUMN 5 BELOW

## FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

SUNDAY

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### SUNNY WINNERS

Saturday's election winners will have sunny skies Sunday with 80 degree temps for post poll celebrations. High Saturday 80; low 61.

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1968

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EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR, NO. 95

# Yarborough, Smith Face Runoff



### George Dolan

THIS IS WEST TEXAS

Ellis Hiatt saw Ralph Rountt in front of the post office and paused to chat with him. Both men live on the East Side. They've known one another for a long time.

Then Mrs. Helen Bernard walked up. Hiatt has known her and her husband, George, for a long time, too. Hiatt got acquainted with them in a bowling league.

Hiatt told Mrs. Bernard: "Ralph is a good friend of mine. I'd like you to meet him."

"We've met," said Mrs. Bernard. "He's my father."

### HAIRY COMBINATION STIFF

The Bruce Neal family overslept one recent morning. Everyone rushed around in a state of panic.

The Neals' second-grade daughter was having trouble with her hair. She was sure it wouldn't stay combed.

Her father, trying to be helpful, squirted it with what he thought was hair spray. It was starch.

Neal showered while his wife tried to brush the starch out of their daughter's hair.

He stepped out of the shower and sprayed under his arms. It was hair spray.

After he dressed, he decided his hair needed something, too. Neal is a WBAP-TV newsman. He knew he'd be broadcasting, on camera, out of doors. And it was a windy day.

He squirted what he thought was hair spray on his head. It was deodorant.

### PLANE SITUATION PLAIN

Don McDowell has been spending his leisure time — and some of the grocery money — on glider pilot lessons.

One recent day, his sailplane was caught in a downdraft. It had to land some 600 yards short of the runway. The glider came to rest in a pasture, near a road.

The pilot walked to the airport to pick up his car and trailer. McDowell slipped under a wing to begin disassembling the craft.

All that could be seen of him from the road was a pair of feet sticking out from under a wing.

Each car that approached screamed to a stop. Each time, McDowell had to crawl out from under the wing and holler to the driver, explaining that he was okay.

The pilot couldn't walk to Waxahachie and back and McDowell still wouldn't have had that sailplane ready for loading.

### AD HOCK NOT POLICY

Charlie Woodson published the Brownwood Bulletin for more than two decades. Now his son, Craig, is publisher.

One day last week, Dad Woodson went into Son Woodson's advertising office to place an ad on behalf of a gubernatorial candidate.

He left red-faced, muttering to himself. They wouldn't run it unless he paid in advance.

George Dolan's column appears daily in the Morning Star-Telegram.

### INSIDE THE S-T

## F111 Overflies All But Ruckus

The Fort Worth-built F111 can fly higher and faster than almost anything except the spiraling controversy over its costs and its performance. On Page 12A Associated Press writer Dick Barnes disentangles the fact and the fancy about the plane, and U.S. Rep. Jim Wright defends the plane against its severest critics, calling it "the greatest advance in the state of the art ever put together in a single package."

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HAPPY WINNER—Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Dick) Andersen struck a happy pose Saturday night after long-time Precinct 1 Commissioner Bryan Henderson conceded.

## Backers of McCarthy Buck Connally Sweep

By JOHN TACKETT

Gov. John Connally captured commitments at most precinct conventions in Tarrant County Saturday night, but a sleeping support for Sen. Eugene McCarthy was awakened.

Outcome of the county's 159 precinct conventions indicated the Connally forces may be in for a storm at next Saturday's two senatorial district conventions.

There seemed little doubt, however, that the well-organized Connally forces will weather any tempest. Elsewhere in Texas, the governor's backers were sweeping most precinct conventions.

If the Connally move is as successful across the state, Texas' 104 delegates will go to the national convention bound as a unit to vote for Connally as a "favorite son" presidential nominee on the first ballot.

David Lambert and Winfred Hooper, who staged an eleven-hour "stop Connally" drive, were unsuccessful in their own precincts.

Lambert attempted to control his convention by being elected chairman, but was defeated by R. L. Rogers. The precinct, No. 13 in Forest Hill, also passed the unit rule and favorite son resolutions.

In Precinct 118, where Hooper is a voter, the convention re-elected Ed Sampson, a Connally man, precinct chairman and passed the two resolutions favored by Connally.

Rump conventions, however, were reported at half a dozen precincts in opposition to the Connally resolution combination, and a number of conventions voted the resolutions down.

Precinct 138 in Sansom Park and Precinct 120 in Como adopted a unit rule resolution, but they committed themselves to support for Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Support for McCarthy led to a number of rump conventions, including 104 in Glen Garden and 142 in Wedgwood.

The rump delegates in 142 also were miffed over a "locked door" policy carried out by the regular convention. The splinter delegation voted to instruct the chairman at the next election to bring a portable radio and lock the doors at exactly 7:30 p.m.

Precinct 108 in Forest Park bound its 15 delegates to support McCarthy in next Saturday's district conventions. The McCarthy coup was engineered by two TCU students, Bill Schlansker and Hull Delmore, who said Saturday was their first time to vote and attend a convention.

In the Precinct 81 convention at Alice Carlson Elementary, 3320 W. Canteley, anti-

Connally forces made an unsuccessful try to turn down the resolutions.

Dr. Gus Ferre, a philosophy professor at TCU, asked that his name be removed from the list of delegates to the district convention. He asked this, he said, to protest the unit rule resolution.

"Democracy begins at the grass roots level," he said. "A closed convention is no way to enact this."

Precincts 20 and 128, in White Settlement, reportedly were expected to go against Connally, but he was successful in both.

Shag Floore, a Connally team fixture, said, "That's the first time anything conservative has passed in those two precincts."

## School Leadership Settled As Trimble, Bruner Elected

By KATHI CLOUGH

The re-election of Loyd Turner as Board of Education president seems assured as a result of a victory by Green B. Trimble who, with Bobby L.

Bruner, won seats in Saturday's run-off.

Trimble, winner by a 59-vote margin, said he will vote to re-elect Turner. He becomes the fourth board member committed to Turner, providing the vote necessary to make a majority.

## Andersen Defeats Henderson

By Z. JOE THORNTON

Political newcomer Dick Andersen Saturday defeated veteran County Commissioner Bryan Henderson in the Democratic primary.

Andersen, making his second major political race, led all the way in unseating the incumbent and insuring himself a place on the party's general election ballot in November.

Andersen will be opposed by Republican Art Hoera, 36-year old former Jaycee leader who also is new to the political field.

Final but unofficial returns show Andersen defeated Henderson 16,904 to 12,903.

In the other county commissioner race, Precinct 3 incumbent

Turn to Andersen on Page 2



GREEN B. TRIMBLE



BOBBY L. BRUNER

Turn to Trimble on Page 2

## Liquor Issue Leads; Race Bets Defeated

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DEMOCRATIC

Totals from 251 counties of the state's 254, 181 complete:  
Governor: Dolph Briscoe 199,037, Waggoner Carr 224,943, Johnnie Mae Hackworth 5,092, John Hill 128,678, Eugene Locke 188,067, Pat O'Daniel 41,885, Preston Smith 319,965, Al Veloz 8,712, Edward Whittenburg 18,295, Don Yarborough 343,811.

Lieutenant governor: Ben Barnes 1,078,247, Don Gladden 192,004, Gene Smith 143,882.  
Comptroller: Robert S. Calvert 880,643, Dallas Blankenship 348,678.

Supreme Court: Place 1: Matt Davis 508,190, Sears McGee 677,105, Place 2: James Denton 523,533, Tom Reavley 627,647.

Liquor: For 636,549, against 625,882.  
Race betting: For 578,937, against 627,647.  
Milk controls: For 367,104, against 822,128.

REPUBLICAN

Totals from 164 counties of 254, 118 complete.  
Governor: Paul Eggers 56,356, Wallace Sisk 8,674, John Trice 23,848.

Liquor: For 49,177, against 32,469.  
Race betting: For 37,810, against 43,643.  
Milk controls: For 17,361, against 61,664.

BY SAM KINCH

Liberal Don Yarborough and conservative Preston Smith will go into the June 1 runoff for Democratic nomination as governor.

They pulled away from a field of 10 in returns from Saturday's primary, and left several other strong contenders in their wake.

Winner of the runoff will face Paul Eggers, Wichita Falls attorney, who appeared to have a majority over two opponents in the Republican balloting.

A referendum question on liquor by the drink, after trailing through early hours of tabulation, won a narrow margin of approval early Sunday.

One to authorize horse race betting was defeated, and one to permit milk price fixing was smothered.

Republicans approved the liquor question from the beginning of canvassing returns, but Democrats were rejecting it until 2 a.m. reports.

In the only other multi-candidate race, Ben Barnes, 30-year-old speaker of the House of Representatives, won Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

Barnes had a three-to-one margin over State Rep. Don Gladden and former State Rep. Gene Smith, both of Fort Worth.

Barnes will meet Douglas DeCluit, Waco investments broker, in the general election. DeCluit was unopposed in the Republican primary.

Close races developed for two places on the Supreme Court, with District Judges Sears McGee of Houston and Tom Reavley of Austin holding leads early Sunday over Civil Appeals Justices Matt Davis of Gilmer and James Denton of Amarillo.

State Comptroller Robert Calvert coasted to a 10th-term victory over Dallas Blankenship of Paris.

The Democratic voting for governor started out with six

of the 10 aspirants making good early showings. Later the front runners dwindled to Yarborough, Smith, former state Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr and former state Rep. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde.

Eugene Locke of Dallas, who resigned as deputy ambassador to South Vietnam to make the race—reportedly with backing of Gov. John Connally's organization—dropped to fifth in later tabulations.

John Hill, Connally's secretary of state until he entered the race, was sixth.

Yarborough was the only liberal in the contest, and had the backing and financial support of the Texas AFL-CIO. Gladden had the "recommendation" of the labor organization.

Smith, who is rounding out his third term as presiding officer of the Senate, had help from many of the business organizations that also maintain observers in Austin.

He is expected to attract in the runoff many of the voters who backed others Saturday.

The referendum questions were advisory, and carried no legal weight.

However, sponsors of legislation on the subjects hoped to get voter approval.

A liquor by the drink bill was introduced in the house last year but never came to a vote. A milk price fixing bill passed the Senate but died in the House.

The horse race betting question and that on liquor were put on ballots by direction of the legislature.

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NANCY AND JACK BRUMBAUGH  
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4-A Fort Worth Press, Sunday, December 29, 1968

## Balance of Power May Shift as Henderson Exits

# Is This Commissioners Court '69?



Andersen Wright Green

### Set to Out Vote



Richardson Lewis

### For Control Of County

The balance of power on the embattled County Commissioners Court teeters like a seesaw as the year closes.

Now the court is obviously divided into two factions — with Judge Green and Commissioner C. H. (Punch) Wright on one side and Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson, Commissioner Dick Lewis and Commissioner Bryan Henderson on the other.

The arrangement has placed Judge Green on the defensive in recent weeks and he has urged that votes on major issues — including the \$17.4 million 1969 operating budget for the county — be put off until after Jan. 1.

That's when the power structure will likely shift again. Pct. 1 Commissioner Henderson will go out of office and Commissioner-elect Dick Andersen will take over. Andersen is expected to give support to Green, who campaigned for the candidate in the Democratic Primary and general election.

COMMISSIONER Richardson is obviously enjoying his influence — achieved after only a few weeks in the office formerly held by the late Rosco Minton. Richardson has not hesitated to snipe at Green, at one point calling him "a silly ass" to his face.

The obvious alignment between Judge Green and Commissioner Wright was one that courthouse observers would not have predicted when Green entered the office two years ago. Shortly after going into office, Green made many statements criticizing the commissioners in general, although Commissioner Henderson was Green's main target.

Since then, Green has developed a friendly relationship with Wright and his chief supporter and adviser, Arlington Mayor Tom Vandergriff.

Richardson, selected as Minton's successor by North Side Democratic precinct chairman

and confirmed in the general election, hit the courthouse in November like a tidal wave.

He immediately began questioning things going on at the courthouse — everything from the need for the veterans service office and court reporters to the salaries paid clerks and secretaries.

THEN RICHARDSON began questioning operations and salaries at the \$20.5 million convention center. Richardson's questions raised the dander of county officials and private citizens connected with the center.

Richardson insists that his

questions are being made in good faith. He said commissioners have voted on many issues for many years without knowing the facts behind the proposals. Richardson said he will not vote on an issue without first understanding it and justifying it.

The man in the middle of the Commissioners Court battleground is County Auditor J. M. (Star) Williams, who has long been the most influential man in the courthouse. Williams was a close friend and supporter of Marvin Simpson, whom Green defeated. After Green went into office, he and Williams were far from working together.

When Richardson went into office, he began challenging budget methods of Williams and Lewis sided with the new commissioner.

While Williams has been the principal budget planner in past years, the auditor this year remained silent at budget-planning sessions. And Richardson came up with proposals to classify jobs, raise salaries of many county employees and 10 per cent and elected officials 5 per cent. It was after this proposal that Green and Wright successfully urged that the budget-making be put off until after Jan. 1.

only Northwest Hospital has a outside.

### HOERA DIDN'T SHOW

## GOP Debate Policy Extends to County

Republicans and debates — a combination that hasn't clicked in the presidential election race — didn't work in Fort Worth either Thursday night on a lesser level. Democratic nominee Richard B. "Dick" Andersen was scheduled to meet his Republican opponent Art Hoera in a one-of-a-series of debates at the Press Club of Fort Worth

pitching county Commissioners Court candidates. But Hoera notified program chairman Z. Joe Thornton Thursday afternoon that he wouldn't be able to make it, because he hadn't marked the date on his calendar.

Hoera reportedly said he had to make a Thursday night round to meet with his "loyal supporters" and couldn't cancel them out to fight it out with Andersen.

The pair meet Nov. 5 in the Precinct 1 commissioners race.

Andersen showed up and was asked to say a few words to the people who were there for the debate.

"I'm going to needle my opponent a little bit," Andersen said. "I've had this meeting marked on my calendar six or seven weeks."

"I think it is a shame when a candidate for public office won't state his position for all to hear," Andersen said.

Andersen, who defeated incumbent Commissioner Bryan Henderson in a bitterly fought Democratic primary race, said he thought Hoera "is afraid to debate me, and I don't blame him."

### LOOK OUT, DOLPH, STOVALL HAS A BRAND NEW DECK

City officials were thinking Thursday they might have a big chip in future bargaining sessions with Tarrant County officials — the Tarrant County courthouse.

Mayor R. M. Stovall won the courthouse from Commissioner Dick Andersen in a recent gin rummy game.

The deed's on file at city hall to prove it. The document, signed by Andersen and witnessed by "Ace High," says the courthouse was conveyed to Stovall "in full consideration for all debts, liens and incumbrances, specified or implied, owed to Stovall by virtue of losses incurred in games of chance (gin rummy) between Andersen and Stovall."

The going price was "300 gin rummy points and other valuable consideration."

The card game coup makes Stovall owner of two of the largest pieces of government property in downtown Fort Worth.

City officials say Stovall recently won the federal center from General Services Administration officials in another game.

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### Andersen Gets Court Sit-In Bid

County Commissioner-elect Dick Andersen today was invited to attend December sessions of Commissioners Court when the 1969 county budget will be prepared.

The Press reported yesterday that Andersen wanted to sit in on the budget sessions, would not do so without an invitation.

County Judge Howard Green said today he conferred with Commissioner C. H. (Punch) Wright, who agreed that Andersen should take part in the budget preparations.

Andersen defeated Pct. 1 Commissioner Bryan Henderson in the Democratic Primary. Henderson leaves the office Dec. 31.

### COMMISSIONER CAN'T FIGURE D.C.-STYLE POLITICAL INTRIGUE

The national Republican Club is no place for a Tarrant County Democrat, County Commissioner Dick Andersen learned recently.

Andersen, visiting Washington last week with another commissioner, George Richardson, went to the posh club for lunch.

He said as he entered he asked the girl at the front desk to look after his briefcase and she did, promising it would be safe.

Richardson, said the commissioner, even told the girl they were "representing the dairy industry."

Somebody apparently didn't appreciate the joke, however, and when Andersen returned his briefcase was missing and the girl failed to recall either it or him.

Andersen demanded to speak to the manager.

"I told them I had a lot of important stuff in there," he said, "like my underwear and a salami sandwich and things like that."

When he returned to his hotel room that night he found the briefcase had been returned, although its contents were rifled.

Andersen said he still doesn't know what the searchers could have been looking for.

Maybe the sandwich.

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THAT CONFRONTED YOU. BUT DICK YOU WON-FAIRLY AND HONESTLY YOU  
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CONGRATULATIONS COMMISSIONER. THE VOTERS DISPLAYED THEIR USUAL  
GOOD JUDGMENT AND ELECTED THE BEST MAN. I'M DELIGHTED  
MORRIS B PARKER

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L. H. MEEKER

6100 CAMP BOWIE BOULEVARD  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76116

Fellow Parents of Commissioner Precinct #1:

You will recall the very hard fight we endured all last year trying to convince the County Commissioners of the need for a Juvenile Detention Center for the children who find themselves in trouble in this county.

According to a recent survey by the United States Department of Health Education and Welfare, TARRANT COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF JAIL DETENTION OF CHILDREN OF ANY ONE COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES. Even after a young boy hung himself, in the county jail, the incumbent County Commissioner of Precinct 1 refused to recognize the need, much less do anything about it. He refused to second a motion to engage an architect, or investigate the free offer of a school building. It was only after the tremendous public outcry over such indifference that he was reminded this is an election year and that perhaps some show of action should be made.

Should 20 years of neglect be rewarded with another term in office? PUTTING 9 AND 10 YEAR OLD BOYS AND GIRLS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IS NOT ONLY INHUMAN BUT MEDIEVAL. The election of DICK ANDERSEN is the only way I know to insure intelligent and active response to our community's needs.

I ask you to join with me and thousands of others in supporting DICK ANDERSEN for County Commissioner Precinct 1. I hope you will not only vote for DICK but urge your friends to do likewise. All of us have a stake in local self-government. This is an opportunity for us to work for our beliefs.

Sincerely,

Larry Meeker,  
Chairman, Tarrant County  
Juvenile Detention Study  
Committee

niles, especially after the picture on the front page of this paper of the boy hanging himself in a jail cell.

We had a meeting at our church on a Sunday evening, when we invited Larry Meeker and County Judge Howard Green to speak to our large group about the problems of getting the detention home. We asked them what we could do to make it a reality. We were informed that Dick Anderson, a Democratic candidate for county commissioner, was 100 per cent for the home and that he would work to make it a reality at the least possible cost to the taxpayers.

We worked for personable, capable Dick Anderson and he won the Democratic nomination. Art Hoera, Anderson's opponent in November, never came forward with any support for a detention home.

Even though Art Hoera is from our church, and may be capable, we have to finish our job. We have to elect Dick Anderson. Let's vote for the man who without question favors the detention home.

SHIRLEY ROTHFELDER  
6228 Whitman

ROBERT HAAS  
VERA HAAS

6224 Whitman

## Support Given

Back in the spring we at the Wedgwood Methodist Church became concerned about a detention home for juve-

## Unofficial Returns For County Listed

Unofficial Tarrant County returns in contested races compiled by the Tarrant County Election Bureau and the Star-Telegram, 146 of 159 precincts reporting.

### PRESIDENT

Hubert Humphrey, 75,245.  
Richard Nixon, 76,213.  
George Wallace, 26,805.

### GOVERNOR

Preston Smith, 85,038.  
Paul Eggers, 84,383.

### LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Ben Barnes, 114,684.  
Doug DeCluitt, 56,560.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Crawford Martin, 99,479.  
Sproesser Wynn, 63,732.

### COMP. OF PUBLIC ACCTS.

Robert S. Calvert, 102,078.  
John M. Bennett, 59,656.

### STATE TREASURER

Jesse James, 106,541.  
Manuel Sanchez, 56,684.

### COM. OF GEN. LAND

Jerry Sadler, 105,663.  
Millard K. Neptune, 55,927.

### COM. OF AGRICULTURE

John C. White, 106,396.  
E. G. Schuhart II, 57,993.

### RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Jim C. Langdon, 104,126.  
Jim Segrest, 56,194.

### ST. REP. PL. 4

Robert M. "Bob" Burnett,  
99,583.

### ST. REP. PL. 6

Doyle Willis, 99,164.  
Norman Darwin, 63,235.

### ST. REP. PL. 7

David Finney, 96,562.  
John G. Elstrand, 62,764.

### DIST. JUDGE, 96TH DIST.

Joe Spurlock, 101,065.  
Odell McBrayer, 57,344.

### CO. COM. PCT. 1

Dick Anderson, 32,756.  
Art Hoera Jr., 26,710.

### CO. COM., PCT. 3

R. F. "Dick" Lewis, 20,882.  
Virgel Daniels, 12,727.

### CO. COM., PCT. 4

George Richardson, 12,145.  
C. C. Makarwich, 8,035.

I. N. Becker Jr., 799.

### AMENDMENTS

No. 1 For, 72,209.  
Against, 48,717.

No. 2 For, 57,749.  
Against, 64,117.

No. 3 For, 74,179.  
Against, 46,520.

No. 4 For, 62,928.  
Against, 64,117.

No. 5 For, 61,681.  
Against, 60,498.

No. 6 For, 64,790.  
Against, 54,004.

No. 7 For, 73,482.  
Against, 43,737.

No. 8 For, 61,457.  
Against, 55,934.

No. 9, For, 90,651.  
Against, 35,487.

No. 10 For, 40,858.  
Against, 77,216.

No. 11 For, 61,156.  
Against, 59,192.

No. 12 For, 62,434.  
Against, 56,840.

No. 13 For, 56,787.  
Against, 62,172.

No. 14 For, 77,303.  
Against, 44,228.

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AND PROBABLY PAT YOU ON THE BACK  
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AND SO WITH ALL OUR TRUST IN YOU

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AND ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE TO DO

LIKE STRUGGLING WITH THIS COUNTY'S DEBENTURE

WE WISH YOU LUCK IN YOUR NEW VENTURE

MARGUERITE WRIGHT AND FAMILY

TARRANT TODAY

Retiring G. Prairie School Superintendent Praised

By JIM W. JONES

H. H. Chambers, who is retiring after 18 years as superintendent of Grand Prairie Public Schools, received a total of 23 plaques and awards at a recent meeting honoring him.



DICK ANDERSEN

praised Chambers for his sound judgment and "humaneness."

"On behalf of the State of Texas, I wish to express appreciation for your outstanding contribution to the state through your successful career in public schools," Dr. Edgar said.

In honor of the retiring superintendent, the high school auditorium, one of the finest in the area, was renamed the "H. H. Chambers Auditorium."

Mayor C. P. Waggoner, speaking of both Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, said that it is "inherent in Americans that they benefit not only themselves but others... and those traits are inherent in this couple. They are not ordinary people."

CHAMPAGNE - BY-the-drink: Paul Harmon Jr., who classifies himself as a duffer, will be master of ceremonies at 7:30 tonight for the awards dinner of the Diamond Oaks Country Club golf tournament. A champagne hour will precede the dinner. More than 100 golfers are expected to take part in the tourney at Haltom City.

OLDTIMERS returned to Everman over the weekend for the annual homecoming in

the South Tarrant County suburb.

A former Everman city councilman, Dick Andersen, was there. He is the newly named Democratic nominee for Precinct 1 county commissioner.

Named as officers of the homecoming were Donnie Pittman, president; Billy Owens, vice president; Mrs. Minnie Cole, secretary-treasurer, and Charles Chambers, kitchen committee.

MOSHE SHANI of Atlanta, Ga., director of the Israeli Tourist Office for the southern United States, will be at 1209 Redbud in Hurst tonight.

Shani, a native of Jerusalem, will talk to a group going to the Holy Land in July.

The tour group is led by Dave Meier, minister of education at the Richland Hills Baptist Church. Also speaking will be the Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Anderson of Haltom City who recently returned from Israel. Anderson is superin-

District of the Assemblies of God.

\*\*\*\*\* RITES OF spring: A "Maytime Masquerade" costume ball will be held at the St. Maria Goretti school auditorium in Arlington at 9 p.m. Saturday, Mrs. David Faecke said.

The Home and School Association is sponsoring the dance and awards will be given for costumes judge "Most Humorous," "Most Beautiful," "Most Original" and "Most Grotesque."

\*\*\*\*\* "REFLECTIONS in a Pawn Shop Window," a painting by Stephen T. Rascoe, UT Arlington art faculty member, won the \$100 Charlotte Moore Memorial Award in the Fort Worth and Tarrant County Art competition.

His painting along with other award winners in an exhibition arranged by the Fort Worth Art Center will be on display through May 24 at "Gallery '68" in the UT Arlington art building on Yates St.

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MR AND MRS RICHARD T ANDERSEN

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WATCHING YOU AND AVA THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT CAMPAIGN HAS RESTORED MY FAITH IN OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. A THOUSAND TIMES YOU BOTH WOULD HAVE LIKED TO QUIT-YET TEN THOUSAND TIMES YOU BOTH MADE UP YOUR MINDS TO FIGHT HARDER TO WIN. HAVING SHARED YOUR TRUST AND CONFIDENCE I KNOW OF THE MANY DARK AND DISMAL CONDITIONS THAT CONFRONTED YOU. BUT DICK YOU WON-FAIRLY AND HONESTLY YOU MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN THE INTEGRITY FOR WHICH YOU STAND. CONGRATULATIONS DICK AND AVA ON A JOB WELL DONE

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GOOD JUDGMENT AND ELECTED THE BEST MAN. I'M DELIGHTED

MORRIS B PARKER

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RICHARD T ANDERSON. .75 DLY

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DICK. CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW VENTURE

DALE SCOTT ACME BRICK CO

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WE HAVE NEVER seen anything like the turnout for voting here in Everman on election day. The record number of voters to vote previously was 800 voters, but this time, we hit the jackpot with 1561 voters. This was indicative of the tremendous sense of responsibility that our people feel out here about their privilege of voting. We were mighty proud of the crowd that jammed the Everman Fire Hall to express their opinions. It is also indicative that a lot of folks have moved into this area in the past few years.

Leading in the presidential race here in Everman was Richard Nixon with 613 votes. Hubert Humphrey came in second with 570 votes, with Wallace trailing with 370 votes. This pretty much paralleled the county's record in voting: Nixon polled 81, 786 votes in Tarrant County, while Hubert Humphrey brought in 79, 704, and George Wallace polled 29, 256.

The same was true with Lt. Gov. Preston Smith's lead. He polled 783 votes here in Everman and 91, 637 in Tarrant County, while Eggers, his opponent polled 684 here in Everman and 90, 978 in Tarrant County.

In the Lt. Governor's race, Ben Barnes outdistanced his Republican opponent here with 995 votes to Doug DeCluitt's 445. In Tarrant County the vote ran 118, 439 for Ben Barnes and 60, 018 for DeCluitt.

DICK ANDERSEN, a former city councilman here in Everman, won County Commissioner's job for Precinct 1 over Art Hoera with a vote of 809 to 607 in the Everman box and a total precinct wide vote of 35, 836 to Hoera's 29, 027. Dick's wife, Ava, is a native of Everman and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thomas of Everman. The Dick Andersen's now reside in south Ft. Worth.

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# Green Gains, Loses

By JOHN MOULDER

County Judge Howard Green gained one supporter, but lost another, in yesterday's general election balloting in county commissioner races.

The friend he gained is Dick Andersen, a businessman who defeated Republican Art Hoera Jr. in Pct. 1 (South Side). Judge Green once described Andersen as "a stand-in for me in Pct. 1."

The friend he lost was Commissioner Gordon Gray, appointed five months ago by Judge Green to succeed the late Rosco Minton in Pct. 4. Gray was turned down in his bid to get the Democratic nomination for the post.

The Democratic nominee, George (Skeet) Richardson, defeated two opponents—Republican C. C. (Corky) Makarwich and Independent I. N. Becker—to win the commissioner post. He will take office after the general election vote is certified.

DICK LEWIS, Democratic incumbent, defeated Republican Virgel Daniels to win reelection as commissioner of Pct. 3 (North-east Tarrant County).

The results put the courthouse guessers to work in sizing up the factions that will develop on Commissioners Court.

Judge Green, when he went into office Jan. 1, 1967, came out with a series of proposals that he said would "reform county government."

things like a job salary classification study and contracting out of janitorial services. Another Green proposal, a county juvenile detention center, got off the ground and then bogged down in controversy.

Judge Green launched a campaign to defeat Pct. 1 Commissioner Bryan Henderson at the polls in the May Democratic primary. Andersen, who received campaign advice from Judge Green, won the election.

Andersen mostly supports the ideas of Judge Green, while Richardson differs with the judge on several points.

**GREEN WAS A** key advocate of Constitutional Amendment 11, which would allow consolidation of county government services. Andersen supported the amendment, while Richardson and Lewis opposed it. The amendment, in state-wide balloting, was trailing even though it was passing in Tarrant County.

Judge Green is an advocate of abolishing the commissioners' road and bridge fund, which every year has a big surplus. Andersen supported Judge Green's thinking, while Richardson opposed it.

Andersen is in favor of removal of a county commissioner's responsibilities in the field of county road repair, while Richardson wants it retained.

Lewis and Pct. 2 Commissioner C. H. (Punch) Wright are members of the "old Commissioners Court" which was generally unfriendly to the judge's ideas. However, Commissioner Lewis went along with some of the judge's ideas, including the proposal to combine the road and bridge fund with the other county funds.

County Commissioner Dick Andersen doesn't mind personal competition, but he wished John Lamond and Duke Lamond would leave him out of their friendly contests.

It started last year when Duke downed a 131-pound, eight-point buck on a lease near Meridian. Andersen got hooked into helping carry the big deer off a mountain.

Then this year brother John got in the lead with an eight pointer that tipped the scales at 133 pounds, and once more Andersen was roped into helping with the long hard carry.

Also in on the lease is Frank Peterman, Ken Cosper, and Jim Phillips, all of Fort Worth.

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COMMISSIONER DICK ANDERSON, DONT FONE

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

BOOD-GET TIME

FRANK AND JANE COFFEY

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MR AND MRS DICK ANDERSEN

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JOYCE AND I WISH TO EXTEND OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU  
FOR YOUR HARD FOUGHT AND WELL DESERVED VICTORY I CONSIDER THIS  
A VICTORY FOR FOREST HILL AND TARRANT COUNTY

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DICK ANDERSON

2201 WINDSOR PLS FTW

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY FOR DEMOCRAT NOMINEE FOR COUNTY

COMMISSIONER FOR PRECEINCT ONE FROM MYSELF AND THE CITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR AN OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT SINCERELY

CITY OF FOREST HILL TED WHITLEY MAYOR.

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DICK ANDERSON

2201 WINDSOR PL FTW

CONGRATULATIONS OUR BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TENURE. MUMPS

PREVENT OUR BEING WITH YOU LAST EVENING

CHESTER AND CHOLIE



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# County Judge May Get Takeover Any

By Z. JOE THORNTON

Star-Telegram Staff Writer

The nomination of Dick Andersen for county commissioner in Saturday's Democratic primary supplies a potential major weapon in the power struggle that is going on between County Judge Howard Green and County Auditor J. M. (Star) Williams.

Williams is a powerful voice in operation of the county government, and not alone in matters involving money.

Green wants to take charge and Andersen, whom he strongly endorsed, probably will help to escalate the takeover effort.

Commissioner Bryan Henderson, whom Andersen defeated, has long been a thorn in Green's tender political side.

Henderson has been labeled by Green as being "the epitome of the tired old politician."

This accusation and others of similar tone came after repeated verbal clashes between the two during Commissioners Court sessions. The clashes, which were frequent when Green first came into office Jan. 1, 1967, have all but stopped now.

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But the undercurrent of friction between the two is still readily obvious.

Andersen campaigned on a platform of modernizing county government, something which Green has also spoken loudly for.

This bond could be one of the major links in the chain Green wants to use in breaking Williams' hold.

Green does not normally vote on issues except to break a tie.

By being relatively sure, on some questions at least, of having Andersen's vote, Green can repeat suggestions for changes here that have fallen on the uninterested ears of commissioners.

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Andersen's victory in the primary does not assure that he will be the next county commissioner of Precinct 1. Before he can claim the office, he must defeat Art Hoera Jr. in the general election this fall.

Tarrant County, however, has never had a Republican commissioner.

Green also may be able to draw help from another quarter in the not too far distant future. It will depend on whether Commissioner Rosco Minton returns to work.

Should Minton, who was operated on in early January, be unable to return, it will be up to Green to appoint a successor. Certainly, Green will name someone to the post who shares, for the most part, Green's political beliefs.

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If that occurs, Green will have the votes, even without Commissioners Dick Lewis, who sometimes sees eye to eye with Green, and C. H. (Punch) Wright, who is generally opposed to his suggested changes.

Andersen is coming into office calling for many changes. Green made the same big entrance.

Several times the county judge has asked—for example—that a county job and wage classification study be made,

that janitor service be let on a contract basis, that purchasing procedures be revised and that a general revaluation of property on the tax rolls be made.

Each was passed over by commissioners, sometimes with little comment, at other times with considerable controversy.

Some of the proposals have been around the Commissioners Court table several times.

Green has had some successes. A principal one was in getting the commissioners to agree to construction of a juvenile detention center.

If the political cards fall as it now seems they might, Green may look forward after next Jan. 1 to getting favorable action on more of his proposals.

County government holds answer for area development in 20 years

By ANITA BAKER
County government will play a major part in area development in the next 20 years when changes in its role are completed, Dick Anderson, newest Tarrant County commissioner, predicts.

changes in its structure for the betterment of the governmental body.
"The study league will bring back a lot of open doors for opportunity to serve the community," Anderson predicted.

Andersen Suggests County Eye Change

By BILL HENDRICKS
County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Friday he is attempting to win agreement among commissioners court members on a proposal to change county government.

But Andersen said this has been discussed and no agreement was made.
If this is done, it would place some commissioners in the position of naming members to a committee to implement an amendment they opposed.

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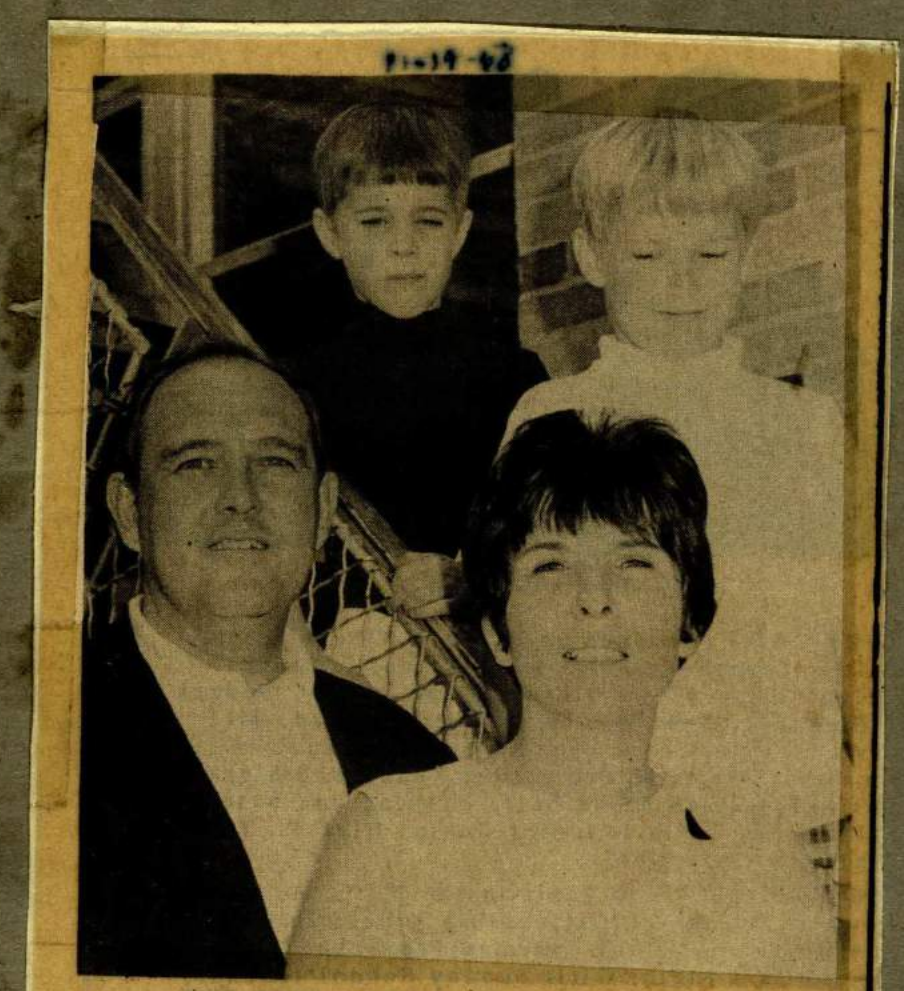
By GLENN DROMGOOLE
County Judge Howard Green and County Commissioner Dick Andersen today said they favor calling a \$7 million to \$8 million bond election early next year.

BOTH OFFICIALS said the bonds could be financed without a tax increase.
Andersen said he hopes the election can be called for no later than March 15.



Newest commissioner

Dick Anderson, county commissioner for Pct. 1, has already been inaugurated into the problems and conflicts which his fellow office holders must face.



THE DICK ANDERSON FAMILY

TAKING over as County Commissioner for Precinct One which includes Everman and the Southern Part of Tarrant County, is Dick Anderson, shown here with his family.

Town Hall goes to the garage

County Commissioner Dick Andersen is taking the Town Hall movement to his Precinct 1 Garage.

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Andersen Defeats Henderson

By Z. JOE THORNTON
Political newcomer Dick Andersen Saturday defeated veteran County Commissioner Bryan Henderson in the Democratic primary.

Andersen Again Asks Architect, Engineer for County Staff

County Commissioner Dick Andersen Friday renewed his crusade to get a "proper professional staff" to manage the county's building and remodeling programs.

announced that he plans to retire in 1971.
A few weeks ago, Andersen suggested that the county hire an architect but failed to gain any support for the move because other commissioners feared it would make Champeaux's position relatively meaningless.

Then they can take over the duties of that office," he said.
Since before his election, Andersen has complained that the county has no personnel qualified to do basic engineering for road projects and preliminary planning for county building and remodeling projects.

He said the two proposed employees can save the county the \$9.5 million by "doing research and supervision that presently is costing the taxpayers millions."

In his letter, Andersen listed projects which he said would keep an engineer and architect busy for three years.

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Three cheers for the three commissioners who voted no on the hospital tax raise. We need more men like them. ROBERT STANDLEY 1312 7th Ave.

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## Commissioners vs. auditor . . .

# Questions unanswered in feud

**By ANITA BAKER**  
A smoldering feud between county commissioners and the county auditor erupted in full force in a disagreement Monday which cleared the air to some degree but left questions still unanswered.

Auditor Jack Benson refuted remarks directed to his department calling his department a "country store" and "mickey mouse" from Commissioners George "Skeet" Richardson and Dick Andersen, respectively, and assured the court that all portions of budget and

county's accounts would be fully outlined for their inspection in the future.

He was forced to defend the county's accounting system which Legal Advisor Jim Morgan in a prepared brief stated was legal as long as the system remained constant.

Feuds broke out between commissioners and the county auditor shortly after Benson took office in October over a special trust fund which contained taxes collected in the months of October through December. The money collected

during that time was held over for inclusion in the next year's budget.

Commissioner Andersen especially was critical of the method of accounting and told Benson that he felt tax collection should be included in the budget on a January to December basis.

At the present time the budget is set up on a 12-month basis from January to December and the revenue is on a 12-month basis from October to September.

"I would prefer leaving it (the budget) conservative and spending 12 months for

12 months of collection," Benson told the court.

He stressed that to change the system now would cause more problems since more than 12 months of collection would need to be included in the 1970 budget.

An outside auditing firm, Dahlin and Fitch, who were asked to review the budget by commissioners, were called to comment at the meeting after Morgan presented his brief which interpreted the law covering the budget.

They questioned the county's definition of the word "revenue and pointed out to

commissioners that despite the system which was supposed to be set up, that the county had not been consistent in its bookkeeping during the past three years.

Differing amounts were withdrawn from funds collected during the three-month period at the end of the year for distribution into the general fund for that year, Merlyn Dahlin told the court.

"I feel that if you went back 28 years you would find that it is the only inconsistency in the bookkeeping," Benson said. He blamed the changes the past

three years on the construction of the convention center which cost the county more than had been anticipated.

Both the outside auditors stressed that they had seen nothing illegal or wrong in the handling of funds, that all amounts withdrawn could be accounted for, but that they felt some consistency should evolve during the three years.

Dahlin said following the meeting that he still had questions unanswered which might deter his firm from presenting their final report to commissioners.



# Fort Worth Press Home edition

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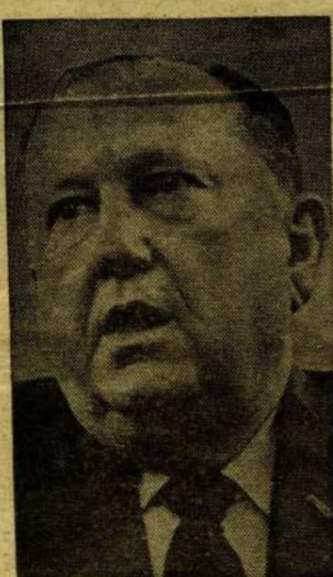
# County rejects hospital tax hike, loses \$3 million

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Wage raise promise?

Willis attacks group

## Commissioners deny double-cross on pay



Doyle Willis  
... accused commissioners



Commissioners Skeet Richardson and Punch Wright  
... clashed on salary raises to county employees.



Dick Andersen  
... denied meeting



Judge Green  
... gavelled a halt

### Wage hike may boost construction costs here

—Story on page 3

### Astro date with destiny nearing

—Story on page 2

State Rep. Doyle Willis charged publicly today that county commissioners broke their word by refusing to grant a cost-of-living increase to the county's 800 county employees.

It was the third consecutive tumultuous session in which the pay raise issue was discussed.

The fireworks were ignited after commissioners delayed for one week a vote on a proposal to provide free lunches for 2500 underprivileged children.

Commissioner Dick Lewis moved that a 6 per cent across-the-board pay raise be given the employees. Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson seconded it. As before, the motion was voted down by County Judge Howard Green and Commissioners C. H. (Punch) Wright and Dick Andersen.

Andersen and Green explained again that they will not vote for pay raises until a job and salary classification study is completed.

Green said the study will show that some employees are underpaid and some are overpaid. Lewis replied, "I don't believe it will find that anybody in the county is overpaid."

WILLIS SAID commissioners met with legislators at the Headliners Club in Austin during the 61st session of the Legislature. He said at that time the officials reached

"a gentleman's agreement" that if the Legislature granted \$4000 annual raises for elected officials, commissioners would grant a cost-of-living pay hike for all employees.

Wright, who says he was against the pay raise for elected officials, asked Willis which commissioners were at the meeting.

Willis at first said he would not name them, then mentioned Andersen by name. Andersen hotly denied that he met with Willis in the Headliners Club.

"I don't remember talking to you any place," Andersen snapped.

Willis told Andersen, "If you'd be a little more considerate of the people starving on the county payroll, you'd get along better up here."

County Auditor J. M. (Star) Williams has agreed to certify a 6 per cent pay hike, which would cost the county \$266,000 per year.

Green said that after the study is completed, he would vote to distribute the \$266,000 among the underpaid employees Sept. 1.

LEWIS ASKED HIM: "What are they going to do between now and Sept. 1—live on bread and water?"

As the words became hotter, Judge Green banged his gavel and declared the discussion closed.

# Commissioners Ready to Okay Bond Plan

By LINDA DAVIS

County commissioners indicated today they are ready to act on an \$8 million revenue bond proposal from the Tarrant County Hospital district board as soon as it is presented to them.

And the hospital board will submit the proposal "as soon as we can prepare the necessary data," Sterling W. Steves, chairman of the building and grounds committee, said yesterday.

COMMISSIONERS were asked if they would be willing to act on the proposal at their meeting Tuesday.

A majority said yes. "I think it's a great idea," Commissioner Dick Andersen said. "I have been encouraging them (board members) to do it because we won't have to raise taxes.

"Natural growth will take care of paying off the bonds. In addition, all the work (construction now underway on the district's building program) can be done at one time and will result in savings over what would have to

be spent if it were done piece by piece over the next four years."

COMMISSIONER George (Skeet) Richardson said he will vote for the proposal "if they can show the need for more money."

County Judge Howard Green, who votes only in case of a tie, said he favors the bond sale.

Commissioner Dick Lewis said he has not studied the sale closely.

Commissioner C. H. (Punch) Wright said he knows nothing about the law that would allow commissioners to sell revenue bonds without approval of taxpayers. Wright was the only commissioner to vote for the 11-cent tax hike for the hospital district last month and is expected to favor the bond sale.

THE LAW permitting hospital districts to sell revenue bonds went into effect in April. It provides that any hospital district in a county of 500,000 population which is as-

sociated with a state medical school may sell revenue bonds only with approval of commissioners court.

Steves said the board wanted a definite proposal to give the commissioners and "we like the proposal" of Stern Brothers & Co. of Kansas City.

The company has \$8 million available to the hospital district at no more than 6 per cent interest. The bonds would be for a 30-year period, and would be sold as needed.

ANDERSEN, Richardson and Green met with board members Tuesday and indicated they favor the bond plan, Steves said. "We assume Wright will go along since he voted for the tax rate increase," he said.

Steves said revenue to retire the bonds would come from patients, Medicare, Medicaid and other hospital revenue. "We will gain revenue by being able to serve more patients by having more and better facilities," he said. Tax revenue will be used

for operating John Peter Smith Hospital, he said. The bond issue will accomplish essentially the same thing as a tax increase, except we could build faster under the bond plan, Steves said.

THE BOARD has requested \$3 million in federal funds under the Hill-Burton act.

The request will have to be withdrawn if the district cannot show it has funds available to complete construction on its multimillion dollar building expansion program. The bond issue was proposed to raise the local funds because county commission-

ers last month refused to raise the district's taxes from 64 cents per \$100 valuation to 75 cents per \$100 valuation.

ESTIMATES for the hospital district's construction and expansion program for 1971-1973 were based on the 75-cent rate, Steves said at the board meeting Tuesday.

He explained yesterday that the revenue could come from several sources, including raising the tax to the 75-cent maximum, increasing county property valuations or receiving more payment from patients using the proposed new facilities.



PROVIDING SUPPORT to the 1969 Everman Miss Flame Contest held at the Everman High School on Sept. 20th, were these judges and Miss Flame Committee members. In the top photo, left to right are Mrs. Malcolm (Darla) Tallmon, Director; Jerry Gibson, Jim Brown, President of Everman Volunteer Fire Dept., and Mrs. Jim (Ouida) Brown, member of the Miss Flame Committee. In the center photo are the judges shown with Mrs. Si (Ann) Floyd, standing, left, a member of the Committee and Everman Mayor Eugene Buie, at left, who served as tabulator for the judges. Standing at back is Bob Phillips, Jr., while seated are County Commissioner Dick Andersen in the center and Mrs. Mildred Carey, Publisher of the EVERMAN TIMES. In the lower photo are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kish. Joe served as chairman of the Miss Flame contest.



DRESSING ROOM—County Commissioners, touring the Tarrant County Convention Center this morning, paused in one of the dressing rooms. Left to right are John Cadenhead of Cadenhead-Childs Construc-

tion Co., who accompanied them, and commissioners Dick Andersen, George (Skeet) Richardson and C. H. (Punch) Wright.

# Commissioners Examine Convention Center Facility

By PAUL ROWAN

Tarrant County Convention Center manager Lou Owen gave the commissioner's court a guided tour of the facility this morning.

The court's objective was to give informal approval of the center.

They passed through the arena, through the display area and into the carpeted area around the theater. There, standing in plush carpet, commissioners eyed Roman-style couches against the wall.

"IS THAT WHERE the custodians sleep?" someone asked Owen, an allusion to a discussion the commissioners had several weeks ago about courthouse janitors sleeping on the job.

That remark set the jovial pace for the tour. Technically, the architects approve the building.

Architects already have asked commissioners to pay

the final \$10,000 installment on the \$20 million facility.

That amount was held out to insure correction of some small items still to be done by Cadenhead-Childs, the general contractor.

COMMISSIONER Dick Andersen, however, did ask about a number of electrical outlets without covers. Owens assured him that the covers are forthcoming.

Commissioner C. H. (Punch) Wright seemed impressed with the size of the display area in the middle of the center.

"Boy, you could sure store a lot of hay in here," said Wright.

County Judge Howard Green and commissioners George (Skeet) Richardson,

Dick Lewis, Wright and Andersen were joined on the tour by about 20 persons.

Green said he is glad the facility was complete, on nearly so, and said it is worth the mixed criticism and praise the building and court have received.

"The greater the hardship, the greater the triumph," he said of the criticism.

## Chinese Fuel Up

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# Dump the dump biz-- Andersen

County Commissioner Dick Andersen today said the county should get out of the waste disposal business.

He and Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson called for a complete overhaul of waste disposal policies in the County Health Dept. Their proposals came after county sanitary engineer Fred Smith was suspended for his dealings with private dump ground operators.

Smith admitted carrying out policies he thought were wrong, but explained that he was sent by commissioners years ago to "make deals" with dump ground operators.

The deals included supplying county employees and equipment to help maintain the dump grounds which made profit from the public.

Andersen, who has been a commissioner only seven months, said the county should end all maintenance of dump grounds. He said that if the dump grounds could no longer maintain legal health standards they should be closed.

As an alternative, the commissioner said, the county should provide public dump grounds if private dumps could not exist.

He said the Chamber of Commerce is doing research to determine available sites for sanitary land fill operations to serve all the county.

# Hulen Hills Apts. open to tenants

Fort Worthers are invited to inspect the new Hulen Hills Apartments now open for leasing at Hulen and Wellesley on the West Side. The apartment complex,

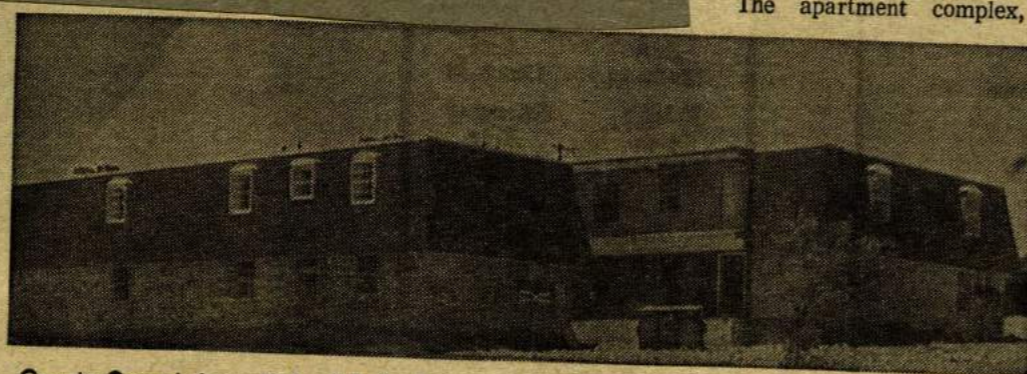
developed by Richard T. Andersen, consists of six Spanish Modern brick garden-type apartment buildings.

There are 48 one and two bedroom furnished units, each with year-around air-conditioning, wall-to-wall carpeting, Luxor tile baths and General Electric kitchens.

The apartments have a central patio and swimming pool for residents and parking for 62 cars is provided on the 1 1/2 acre site.

Mortgage financing was provided from Brooklyn Savings Bank, N. Y., through Ryan Mortgage Co. here.

Andersen, an investment builder for 10 years here, has offices at 2201 Windsor Place.



County Commissioner Richard T. Andersen is developer of the Hulen Hills Apartments, now open to tenants at Wellesley and Hulen on the West Side.

# Commissioners Hail Tulsa Detention Unit

Commissioners Dick Andersen and George (Skeet) Richardson returned Wednesday night from a trip to Tulsa enthusiastic about modeling Tarrant County's proposed juvenile detention center after the Oklahoma city's facility.

"They've got everything in the world that we need up there," said Andersen. Andersen said Richardson felt the same way.

Andersen Monday revealed to commissioners that Tulsa's facility was built for \$400,000, substantially less than the \$2.95 million estimate of the building architect Morris Parker has designed for Tarrant County.

The Tulsa building was completed in January.

Andersen said he feels the cost of the building has great significance because it was built so recently.

The building construction was sturdy," he said.

Andersen said he and Richardson now want to form a building committee among

commissioners and members of the juvenile board.

The purpose of the committee would be to come up with suggestions for the county's detention center "directly related to the Tulsa plan," Andersen said.



★ PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WEST TEXAS County Judges and Commissioners Association who attended the Annual President's luncheon are pictured above: From left, County Judge Giles Dalby of Garza County (1977-78); Charles Lawrence, former County Judge of Gaines County, (1959-60); County Judge Jack Driskill of Swisher County, (1968-69); County Judge Barbara Culver of Midland County, (1975-76); Commissioner Clyde Anderson of El Paso County, (1972-73); County Judge Rod Shaw of Lubbock County, (1970-71); Commissioner R. T. (Dick) Andersen of Tarrant County, (1976-77); County Judge Raymon Thompson of Young County, (1961-62); Sam Clonts, former County Judge of Knox County, (1973-74); and W. D. Henson, former County Judge of Dallam County, (1964-65). Mr. Clonts is now executive director of the Texas Association of Counties. Mr. Lawrence is County Officials Program Specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service.











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- Helped to institute a Personnel Department to eliminate the "spoils" system and end discrimination in hiring
- Has saved the taxpayers of Tarrant County millions of dollars of their hard-earned tax money through sound administration
- Voted for the area food stamp distribution centers to simplify distribution of stamps
- Worked to keep the zoo free by trying to work out a compromise with the Park Board and the Fort Worth City Council
- Has fought tirelessly for real solutions to area social problems-- NOT just quick answers
- Has worked to guarantee a higher quality of life for all citizens of Tarrant County

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DICK ANDERSEN  
... asked for meeting

SKEET RICHARDSON  
... "tear-jerking tactics"

STERLING STEVES  
... on hospital board

HOWARD GREEN  
... tax hike proponent

**Tax Vote Studied By County**

County commissioners shortly before noon today were considering whether to change their decision on a proposed tax increase for the county's hospital district. Monday, commissioners in a 3-1 vote turned down the 11-cent per \$100 tax increase request, saying they were not convinced it was necessary.

TODAY'S SPECIAL meeting was requested by Commissioner Dick Andersen to get additional information from hospital officials on why the increase was called for. Andersen and Commissioners Dick Lewis and George (Skeet) Richardson voted against the increase. Commissioner C. H. (Punch) Wright voted for the hike which also is supported by County Judge Howard Green.

HOSPITAL BOARD members Sterling W. Steves and Jim Stiff and Peter Smith Hospital Supt. William A. Taylor appeared before commissioners and cited additional statistics which they say show why more tax money is needed.

Higher operating costs, increasing numbers of patients and higher than anticipated construction costs have made the tax increase necessary, they said.

RICHARDSON and Stiff both urged that "the emotion be taken out of the proposed increase and that reason be used instead."

Richardson today accused hospital officials of using "tear-jerking tactics" in describing conditions that they say exist at the county-financed hospital.

**Ex-deputy: Evans is holding up clearance**

A former county deputy sheriff who wants to run for county commissioner today claimed Sheriff Lon Evans indicated he would not clear the ex-deputy's police record if he runs against Commissioner Dick Andersen in the May Democratic primary.

Making the charge was ex-deputy Bill Fink. Evans denied Fink's claim, which Fink said he would publicize at a press conference.

Fink said he was erroneously charged with theft over the value of \$50 in Denton County last year, but was later not-billed by a Denton County grand jury. He produced letters of support from Denton County Court-at-Law Judge P. Ray Martin and 16th Judicial District Judge W. C. Boyd.

EVANS, HE said, is holding up release of records here and with the FBI in Washington. These releases are preventing Fink from getting a further job in law enforcement.

Evans said that even with his recommendation the FBI might not release the records.

Fink said that in a conversation yesterday, Evans told him the sheriff would release Fink's records in four months and asked him to withdraw or publicly announce withdrawal from the commissioners race.

Evans said he never prom-

ised to release the records and that he wants to check with other sources to make sure Fink's record is clear.

"I DON'T have any reason or proof or anything else that what he says is so," Evans said. "I don't even know the outcome of the case. He was arrested for a felony. When we pick up a man on a warrant, we con-

der him guilty. Fink has to come down here and ask that his records be released—that's not done. All I have is his word.

"We talked about the race. I told him that I thought Dick Andersen had done a good job and that he was a good man."

Fink said Evans told him he couldn't win a race against Andersen.

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**Courthouse Parking Lot Plan Is Opposed**

County Commissioner Dick Lewis branded as "false economy" today a proposal to buy a city block to turn into a parking lot for courthouse customers.

Commissioner Dick Andersen proposed that the block just east of the courthouse be purchased out of the surplus in the Road and Bridge Fund. The block would likely cost several hundred thousand dollars, although no estimate of cost has been made.

Andersen said the county should provide parking facilities for persons who go to the courthouse for such things as getting auto license tags and paying taxes. Lewis said he thinks the money could be better spent in other areas. He has been an advocate of combining the Road and Bridge Fund with the county's General Fund, but the other commissioners have objected.

ANDERSEN'S PROPOSAL came at a time when County Auditor J. M. (Star) Williams has declared that the county is facing financial problems. And the county will be faced in coming months with many other spending requests, including a juvenile detention center, a records building, expanding the county jail and providing more courtroom space.

Commissioner C. H. (Punch) Wright spoke against the Andersen proposal. Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson spoke favorably of it.

County Judge Howard Green said later he believes the Andersen proposal has merit and he believes a study should be made to determine whether it is feasible.

Commissioner  
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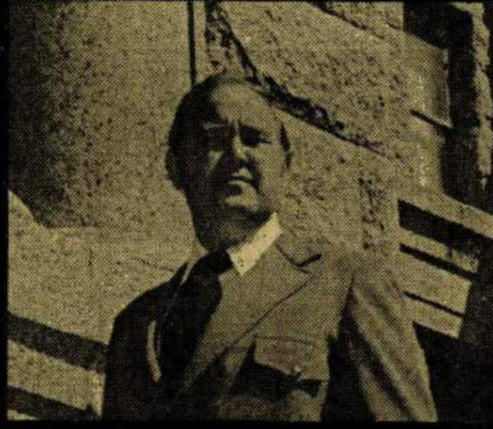
Dick, Ave & boys

We are so happy for you!  
And send our best wishes  
to all of you. Wish you  
would come down for a  
rest now before you take  
office. When will that be?  
We still <sup>don't</sup> know about Cullen's  
wedding - but hope to see  
you soon.

With love,  
Laurie & Ed

Eddie, Melinda & Martha

# YOU CAN COUNT ON COMMISSIONER DICK ANDERSEN TO KEEP HIS PROMISES!



## Abuse of county gas pump ends--Be

By JOHN MOULDER

## Dick Andersen fighting bill

## County solvent, \$772,000 ahead

## Peter Smith Hospital Enters Brighter Era

## \$1.3 Million Leap Takes County Finances Into Black

## County Plan Has Taxpayer Appeal

## Commissioners Balk at Courthouse Spending

# RE-ELECT DICK ANDERSEN

COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
PRECINCT 1

VOTE SATURDAY, MAY 6

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### Respectable Candidate

Dick Andersen is still one of the few politicians in office whom people can respect for his honesty, integrity, education and dedicated interest in the welfare of people from all walks of life.

For 20 years Tarrant County kept sidestepping the issue of the badly needed Juvenile Center. Then came Dick Andersen who saw the critical need for a place to detain the young and troubled delinquents who had previously been placed in the county jail with hardened criminals. Now we have the Tarrant County Juvenile Center where youthful offenders can be dealt with as juveniles should.

Dick Andersen's record shows he has

paved over 320 blocks of unpaved city streets in the older South Side areas, was eight years ahead of schedule in extending Hulen St. from Southwest Loop to Granbury Road, saving the taxpayers \$1 million.

I sincerely hope when people cast their votes on May 6 they will see in this commissioner the loyalty, integrity and brains we so badly need in this day and age where corruption reigns to the highest degree among so many of our politicians.

MARGUERITE WRIGHT

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### Andersen Coffee To Support Green

Tarrant County Commissioner and Mrs. Dick Andersen will host a coffee at their home, 2221 Windsor Place, from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday for County Judge Howard Green, who is seeking reelection.

Andersen said Green, who is opposed by Mike Fisher in the Democratic primary, "is a good, innovative judge and my friend. I'd like to help him."

### No Gripes, No Session For Board

The board of equalization, which met to hear complaints from citizens concerning their tax assessment, adjourned Monday before the meeting was called to order.

No one showed up to complain. The county tax department had sent letters to 13 property owners, who were not satisfied with their property assessment, asking them to appear before the board at 2 p.m.

County Commissioners C. H. "Punch" Wright, Dick Lewis and Dick Andersen waited in the courtroom for someone to appear, but no one came.

"When that long hand gets on the six (indicating 2:30 p.m.) we're going to adjourn," Wright told the other commissioners. They did.

### Lankford Says Pact In Effect

County Fire Marshal Mason Lankford said Tuesday that Commissioner Dick Andersen's threat to require fire departments receiving county money to sign contracts is superfluous because the departments have operated under county contracts for about 20 years.

Lankford said he talked with Andersen after learning the commissioner had asked that contracts be prepared requiring the fire departments to fight fires in rural areas around their cities and that Andersen now understands no new contracts are needed.

Lankford also said the Tarrant County Firefighters Association has unanimously agreed to continue to fight rural fires.

Andersen said Monday he was going to ask for the contracts because he understood the departments were going to boycott fires in unincorporated areas until the commissioners created the post of fulltime county fire marshal.

LOOK AT DICK ANDERSEN'S RECORD—THEN LOOK AT OUR FUTURE, AND VOTE FOR

# DICK ANDERSEN

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1!

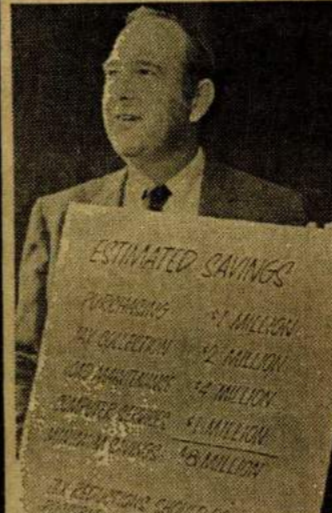
Due largely to DICK ANDERSEN'S efforts, there is now an entirely new and positive outlook on urban government in Tarrant County, keeping pace with gigantic changes in our own community, the nation and the world.

### THE RECORD SHOWS—

DICK ANDERSEN has kept or is actively working on every promise he made four years ago.

DICK ANDERSEN has been the prime mover in bringing about a new, modern, and realistically administered Juvenile Detention Center.

DICK ANDERSEN has worked tirelessly, often against overwhelming odds, to modernize county government, eliminate city-county duplication, and save the taxpayers millions of dollars.



DICK ANDERSEN put in the Hulen Street extension from Southwest Loop to Granbury Road.

DICK ANDERSEN has paved over 320 blocks of unpaved city streets in the older Southside areas.

DICK ANDERSEN, as a hard-working member of the Liaison Committee of Commissioners Court and Fort Worth City Council, has played a key role in developing a joint Health Department and county-wide solid waste system, and has recommended a county-wide library system. He is the only Commissioner to take an active part in seeking a workable solution to the Zoo fee hassle.

DICK ANDERSEN has struggled to keep our community in the mainstream of progress by seeking the counsel and knowledge of other successful public officials at working meetings of national stature, often at his own expense!

DICK ANDERSEN continues to work for practical means to implement more efficient control over county purchasing and personnel policies.

DICK ANDERSEN believes that especially in public business, it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness that breeds doubt, fear and frustration!

DICK ANDERSEN proposes the first, formal, comprehensive plan for Tarrant County intra-governmental cooperation, in October, 1970.

DICK ANDERSEN HAS FOUGHT TO HOLD THE LINE AGAINST INCREASES IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND TAX! WHILE THE NATION, THE STATE, AND THE CITY OF FORT WORTH ARE OPERATING IN THE RED, TARRANT COUNTY IS IN THE BLACK!

DICK ANDERSEN IS WINNING HIS BATTLE FOR BETTER, MORE ECONOMICAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT! BACK A WINNER! RE-ELECT—

DICK ANDERSEN



DICK ANDERSEN got the new Tarrant County Juvenile Center built after a 20-year delay, at a saving of \$1.5 million. Critical needs of troubled young people now are being met through DICK ANDERSEN'S efforts.



DICK ANDERSEN welcomes bankers from Denmark during their recent tour of the United States. Commissioner ANDERSEN works daily to bring new industries and conventions into Tarrant County.



Opening of Hulen Street extension in 1971, built by DICK ANDERSEN at a saving of \$1 million. Project was completed 8 years ahead of schedule! Shown here are Mayor R. M. Stovall, County Judge Howard Green and Commissioner DICK ANDERSEN, at this milestone event in city-county cooperation!

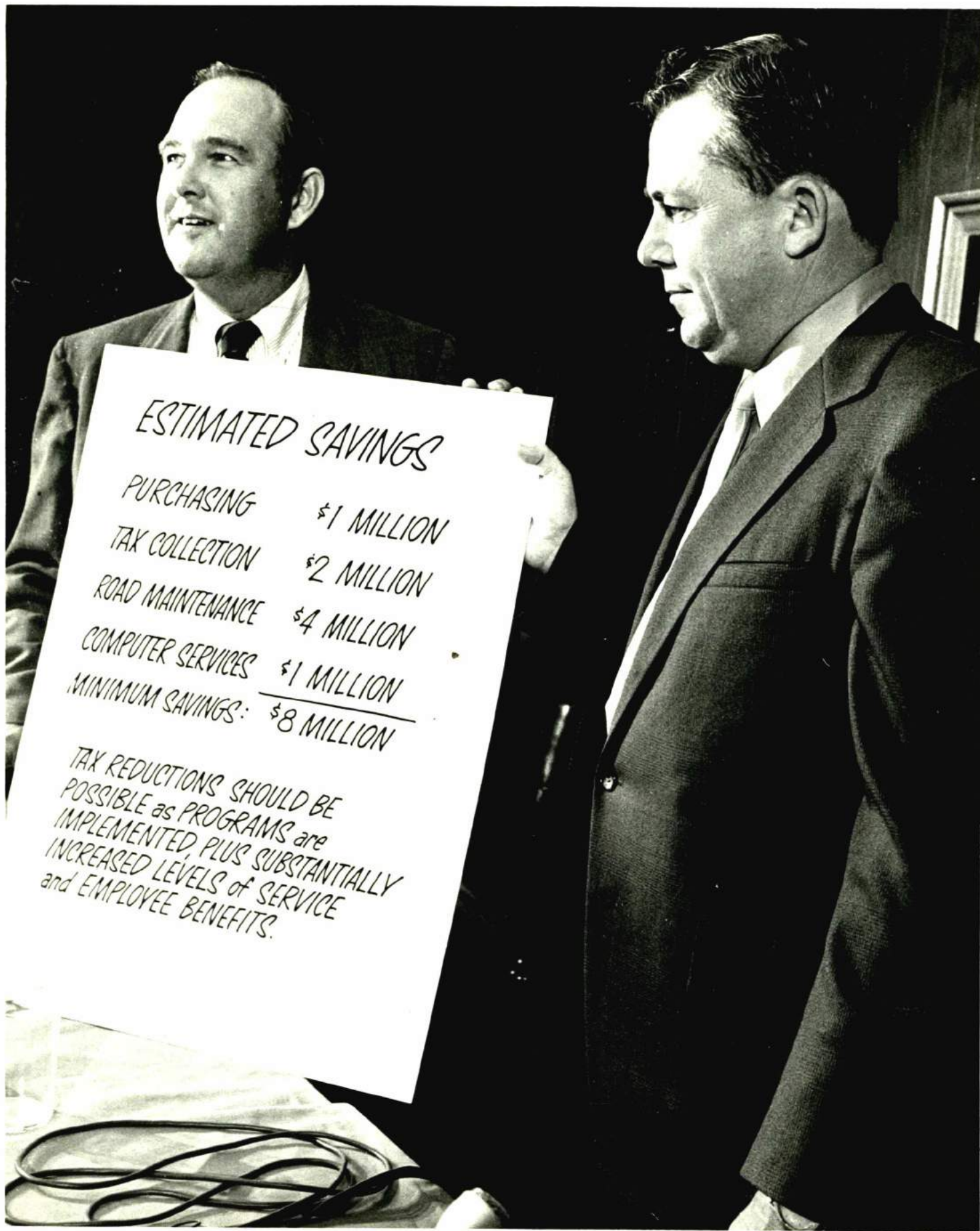
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**ESTIMATED SAVINGS?**

PURCHASING \$1 MILLION  
 TAX COLLECTION \$2 MILLION  
 ROAD MAINTENANCE \$4 MILLION  
 COMPUTER SERVICES \$1 MILLION  
 MINIMUM SAVINGS: \$8 MILLION

TAX REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE as PROGRAMS are IMPLEMENTED, PLUS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED LEVELS of SERVICE and EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.



**Profitable**

It has been my privilege to know County Commissioner Dick Andersen (different spelling and no kin) for over 15 years. During that time, we were first able to share problems and solutions of business together and then later, to share some of the many problems which arise in county government. I believe both Tarrant and El Paso Counties have profited from these sessions.

Dick was elected president of the West Texas Association of County Judges and Commissioners last month in San Angelo. This organization represents 120 counties of Texas and we all expect to see a great year of accomplishment under Dick's leadership.

I know that the voters of Tarrant County will return Commissioner Dick Andersen to office for another term of experienced and effective representation.

COMMISSIONER CLYDE ANDERSON  
 Second Vice President  
 Texas Association of County  
 Judges and Commissioners

**Andersen Says Paving Delayed**

Engineering details and technicalities are delaying the extension of Hulen Street from Loop 820 to Granbury Road, County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Thursday.

Andersen volunteered to pave the two-mile stretch earlier this year after city officials said they did not have the money needed to complete the extension.

The commissioner said his workmen are ready to start as soon as the city completes some engineering studies.

**GREATER Wedgwood SHOPPING NEWS**

★★★ RUBY ARRINGTON/AX 2-2260/AX 2-0873 / 5318 Trail Lake Dr. ★ NUMBER 54 ★ DEC. 3, 1970 ★★

DICK RAYS  
 U. S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 Permit No. 46  
 Ft. Worth, Texas

**We Salute . . .**

County Commissioner Dick Andersen, friend to taxpayers - and to BLUE RAIDERS!



Dick Andersen whose goal is "To give the taxpayer his money's worth."

**HULEN STREET SHOVED THRU**

For years folks in our area have driven miles out of the way to reach Arlington Height and points west - while looking with frustration at the tops of houses "over there just a little ways."

Then, big, broad Hulen Street slashed the pastures and opened up from Loop 820 to Granbury Road - with a mighty shove from Mr. Andersen, commissioner of Precinct I, who volunteered to complete the street paving after he was told the city officials did not have money to finance its construction.

The street extension provided a savings of one million dollars and moved completion ahead eight years.

Thanks, Dick, for adding to the pleasure of living in the Wedgwood area.

BLUE RAIDERS thank you, too, for paving an entrance to their field and graveling around both football fields, baseball diamonds and concession stand.

Dick feels that, "It is more important to build something to keep the kids off the street than to spend a lot on a jail to hold them."



**COUNTY STUDIES CONTRACT IN FIREFIGHTERS DISPUTE**

Commissioner Dick Andersen said Monday that Commissioners Court may require Tarrant County fire departments to sign contracts before they receive a \$2,200-per-department allotment recently voted by the court.

Andersen said the contract would require the departments to fight fires in rural areas surrounding their city limits.

The commissioner said he has asked County Legal Adviser Jim Morgan to prepare the contracts because of rumors that Tarrant County Firefighters Association members are seeking resolutions from city councils refusing to allow their city fire departments to go outside the city limits unless commissioners create the post of a full-time county fire marshal.

Commissioners recently refused such a request by a 3-1 vote.

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MAXI RIBBON SNIPPING—Seven pairs of scissors snipped a red satin ribbon Wednesday to open officially I-35W between Fort Worth and Denton. From left are Denton County Judge Tom Todd, Fort Worth City Councilman W. S. Kemble Jr., Denton Chamber

of Commerce president Ken Shaw, Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen, Texas State Highway Commissioner Garrett Morris of Fort Worth, Texas highway engineer J. C. Dingwall, and Denton Mayor Alex Finley.



BREAKING GROUND—Eugene Urbano, Grand Knight of Bishop Dunne Knights of Columbus Chapter 2813, breaks ground Sunday for chapter's \$90,000 Council Hall on Farm

1054. Assistant ground-breakers are, left to right, County Commissioner Dick Andersen, District 4 Deputy A. L. Maday, Mayor R. M. "Sharky" Stovall and Bishop John J. Cassata.

# Dick Andersen may not run again

By FRANK PATRICK  
County Commissioner Dick Andersen may not run for re-election.

If he doesn't it could make a whole new ballgame in Commissioners Court, where a delicate balance of power now wavers between two factions of the court, one led by Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson, and the other by Judge Howard Green.

A 43-YEAR-OLD super salesman and land developer, Andersen defeated Bryan Henderson in 1968 by pledg-

ing to help modernize county government.

Now, he has confided privately, he has grown dissatisfied with the habitual quarreling and controversy that goes with being on Commissioners Court.

Andersen cited petty hickering on the court as the main reason he was considering stepping out of county government.

On the other hand, he said he would run if it appeared no qualified candidates wanted to replace him.

"This is no knock at anyone," he said. "But we do

need businessmen up there on the court.

"We're dealing with big money, the public's money, and should be doing it in a business like manner."

Pct. 1 commissioner, Andersen comes from a strong Republican area. He is known as a conservative.

IMMEDIATELY after being elected, Andersen sent a letter to other commissioners asking to organize a committee to study abolishment of some county offices.

He and Judge Green both

spoke out repeatedly for county consolidation.

Andersen also was instrumental in getting the county out of the dump ground business and in doing away with beds for janitors in the courthouse.

Recently, Andersen was one of the earliest advocates of a county bond election to add space for the growing courthouse complex.

Personally engaging, Andersen has drawn criticism in some quarters for "going back on campaign promises."

Primarily, critics say he promised to try to get county employees 15 per cent pay raises, and went back on that.

ANDERSEN once insisted that the county be run with dignity, and that commissioners, like city councilmen, should receive only token pay.

Privately, he says he is disillusioned with arguments between commissioners over minor disagreements, and calls the whole thing "Mickey Mouse."



Dick Andersen



# Andersen hit by labor for civil service delay

By FRANK PATRICK

County Commissioner Dick Andersen was called today "the biggest fence straddler in history" by an outraged president of the Tarrant County Labor Union.

The union local president, Garfield Thomp-

son, made the remarks after commissioners decided again to delay a final vote on civil service for county employees.

"He just hems and haws," Thompson said. "We went through the same thing with him last year before getting a cost-of-living pay raise."

It was at Andersen's request that commissioners decided to wait until late January to vote on the controversial issue.

ANDERSEN SAID he first wanted a chance to hear the views of elected officials and department heads at the courthouse.

"There is no sense in rushing into this thing until it is all aired," he stated.

Originally, the vote was set for today and Andersen two weeks ago had indicated publicly he supported civil service but wanted more details sketched in before approving it.

Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson, the main backer, proposed to hold a series of meetings with Andersen to discuss possible problems.

But Andersen, who is up for re-election, balked during a secret meeting Friday and said he was not ready to vote one way or another.

He holds the swing vote, since Richardson and Commissioner Dick Lewis favor the proposal, while County Judge Howard Green and Commissioner Jerry Mebus oppose it.

Richardson agreed to go along with Andersen's desire to wait. "After the 1972 budget is approved, I propose we put it up for vote again on the agenda," he said.

THAT WOULD probably be the third week in January.

Several interested spectators listened to the comments, including former state senator Doyle Willis, who helped draft the first civil service law in Texas in 1947.

He spoke to the court. "To me, it's just a simple matter of job security," he said.

"I've known instance at this courthouse where efficient workers have been released just because a new politician is elected to office."

"The taxpayers deserve to know they are paying the salaries of effective workers, not political cronies."

Also at the regular court meeting today, commissioners gave approval for a "People's Rally" on the courthouse ground Saturday, Dec. 18.

The request was made by James Gaskin, of the United Front. Gaskin, also known as El-Asa, did not appear in person.

# Andersen Proposes Buying Cars To Save on County Allowances

Tarrant County may have to spend \$518,000 to save money on car allowances, County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Tuesday.

Andersen made the statement after releasing figures showing that Harris County (three times larger) than Tarrant County has a third fewer persons receiving car allowances from the county.

Car allowance figures from the state's five largest counties were compiled by Andersen and his assistant, Murphy Kleuser.

In Houston, records show, there are 150 officials and employees who draw car allowances of up to \$150 monthly. In Tarrant County, 221 officials and employees get a car allowance and county-paid-for gas.

THE STATISTICS were compiled after a committee several months ago recommended Tarrant County do away with its long-criticized car allowance and free gasoline.

Of the major counties in Texas, only Dallas has more persons drawing car allowances than Tarrant. In Dallas, there are 274 persons receiving the allowances at an average annual cost to the county of \$1,438, Andersen said. The average annual cost here is \$1,234 per person, he said.

Andersen said one of the alternatives to the car allowance-free gas system is for the county to purchase about 150 automobiles and keep them in a central motor pool.

It would cost the county \$518,000 to purchase the cars, but within five years the operation would have paid for itself, he estimated.

IN SAN ANTONIO (Bexar County), Andersen said, he was told 154 persons receive car allowances and in El Paso there are only 30.

The county spends about \$274,744 per year on its car allowance and gasoline system.

Tarrant is the only major

county which in addition to the car allowance provides free — to the employee — gasoline.

The yearly gasoline cost for privately owned vehicles from the county's pump is \$45,614 (at 17.8 cents per gallon), Andersen said.

Commissioners Court members here get a monthly car allowance of \$300, double that of Houston and Dallas, and \$100 month higher than that paid their counterparts in Bexar County.

# Andersen May Get City Library Seat

County Commissioner Dick Andersen may get a choice to speak for the county as a member of the city library board.

Andersen's name has been suggested as a possible replacement for Robert E. Starr, who reigned from the board to take a job as city director of equal employment opportunity.

SOME COUNTY commissioners have voiced a desire to have a representative on the library board, because of the county's annual contributions to the library's operating fund.

Andersen is the only commissioner who resides in Fort Worth and the only commissioner eligible for a place on the city board.

Though the county has contributed to the library for several years, library officials have complained that the contribution is never enough to

compensate for the number of county residents who use the facility.

Mrs. Mabel Fischer, library director, and Dr. Howard Wible, board president, suggested last week that the county offering for the coming year be set at \$215,202, based on a table which showed that about 20 per cent of the people who use the library are not Fort Worth residents.

COMMISSIONERS countered that some of the non-resident users lived in other incorporated areas within the county.

Commissioner George Richardson has said several times in the past that the commissioners should be represented on the board and has proposed setting up a county-wide library system.

Richardson has not said whether the county representative should be a member of the Commissioners Court or an appointee.

# Andersen quizzes Colvard on county hiring practice

By FRANK PATRICK  
County personnel director Jodie Colvard is the man who screens qualifications of applicants who want to be put on the county payroll.

Today his own qualifications were questioned by County Commissioner Dick Andersen in a forceful verbal attack. At one point Andersen said: "This man gets paid to be a personnel director . . . he's doing an injustice."

But Colvard, who has been criticized in the past for simply rubber-stamping requests from the commissioners who are his bosses, stood his ground.

THE EXCHANGE came when Andersen and Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson questioned the qualifications of men Colvard hired last week under a \$90,000 initial federal grant.

Tuesday Morning, October 12, 1971

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cause of two illnesses in the department and the county had to pay replacements.

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He pointed to a \$13,225 figure spent for postage and asked, "We don't use that much postage."

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"IF I WERE doing what is being intimated here I would have had all those positions filled the first day," Colvard said.

Commissioners decided to go into an executive session later today to iron out the problems.

## 'History' Carries Just Little Weight

Among the weightier issues discussed by County Commissioners today was the location of the Tarrant County archives.

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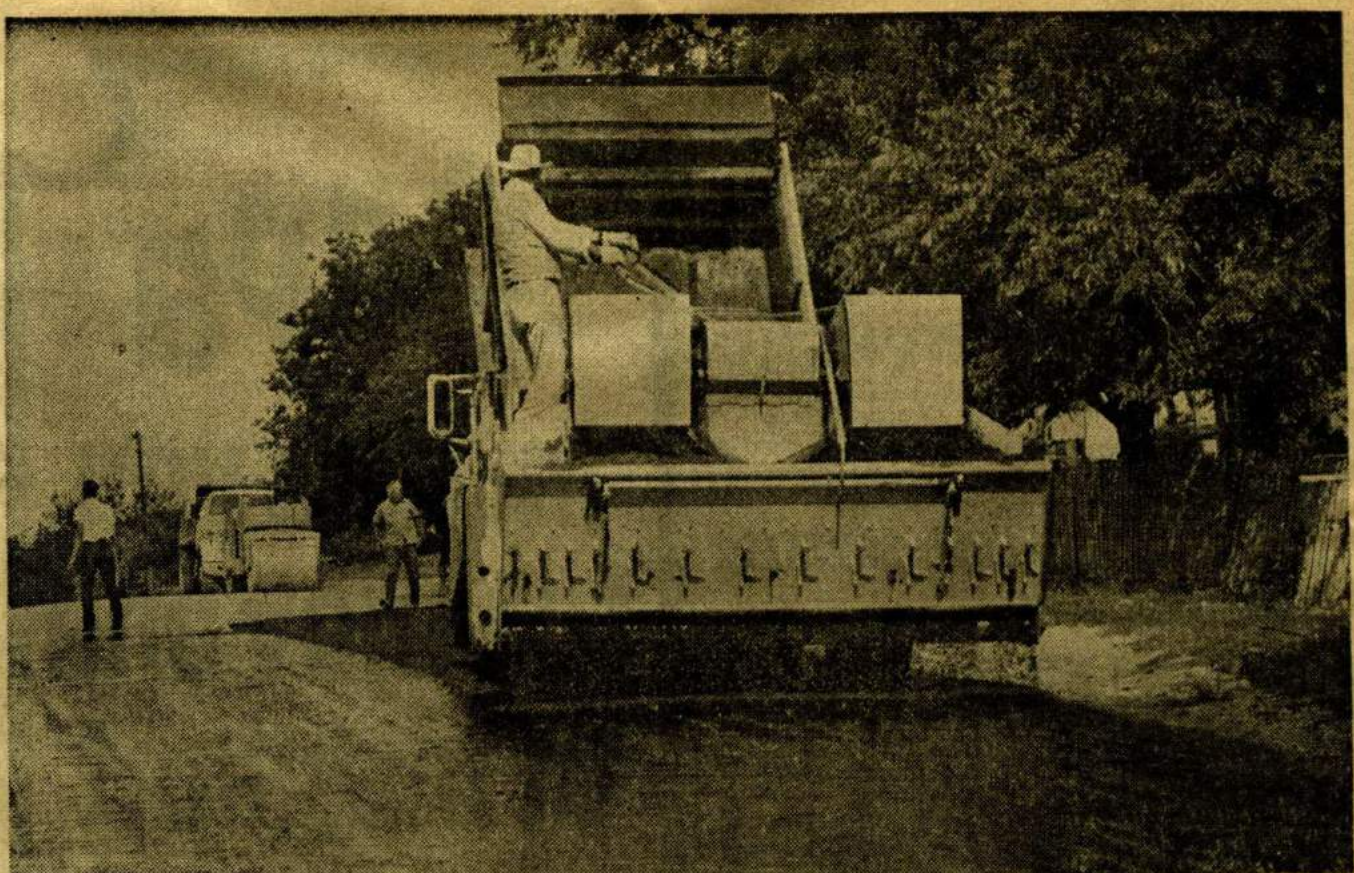
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No Complaints, Andersen Says

County officials have not received any complaints about the gravel streets paved recently by county commissioners...

"Nobody has called me and complained about it or complained to my office," Andersen said.

The streets paved by the county in low-income neighborhoods had never been paved before.

Lewis, Andersen Will Seek Zoning for County

County Commissioner Dick Andersen and State Rep. Gibson Lewis are drafting a bill to allow the county to control zoning in unincorporated areas.

Andersen said commissioners constantly get calls from irate homeowners demanding that the county fulfill the land developer's promise.

Andersen revealed Friday that he was working with Lewis on the project and plans to have the bill introduced in the next legislature.

Home rule legislation has appeared "every year" to allow local zoning control, but has been defeated each time through the efforts of developer-lobbyists.

"I believe we should try to strengthen our hand," he said. "We're still sort of hamstringed by legislation."

Andersen Opposes County Health Plan

County Commissioner Dick Andersen raised the only major objection Friday when Commissioner George Richardson proposed the county take over all public health service within its domain.

Richardson had urged the court to consider combining city and county health programs under the Tarrant County Hospital District with funding to come from the county.

He said the plan has been applied successfully elsewhere in the state. Andersen, however, said he thinks the City of Fort Worth is attempting to "unload" a \$1.5 million health bill of a financially successful county government.

ANDERSEN said some developers have a policy of buying tracts of land in the county and subdividing them into lots which are then sold with the promise that the county will come in and build roads where sometimes only gravel paths exist.

COUNTY PUTS MEETING ON ICE

Tarrant County Commissioners today went through a routine agenda faster than a speeding hockey puck. In fact, the major event of the meeting was the presentation of hockey pucks by Commissioner Dick Andersen.

Commissioner DICK ANDERSEN... has helped keep Tarrant County in the black, without a general fund tax increase. Help keep the spirit of county reform alive that DICK ANDERSEN started 4 years ago!



DICK ANDERSEN KEEPS HIS PROMISES! Re-elect DICK ANDERSEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1. Vote Saturday, June 3. Paid by Dick Andersen Re-election Committee, C. Harold Brown, Chairman.

Lobbyist for county studied

County commissioners are looking into the possibility of hiring a Washington lobbyist to vie for federal grants at the national level.

According to Commissioner Dick Andersen, county officials have discussed retaining a Washington firm which can "hand-carry grant applications through since we have been very unsuccessful ourselves."

A former Fort Worth attorney who now works in Washington, Dan Curlee, has contacted commissioners about representing the county at a cost of \$750 per month, County Judge Howard Green said.

He added, "The cost would be minimal in comparison to the benefits we can get. I think we should look into it."

Andersen said the county doesn't currently employ anyone who can push a grant application in the Capitol and that it isn't getting co-operation from North Central Texas Council of Governments.

"I feel like we're missing out on some federal grants to help us out with some of our programs," he added. "The city has been very successful. They've got grant after grant, and the county hasn't got one."

Fort Worth hired a lobbyist earlier this year. Andersen said that he thought solid waste disposal and open-space park programs are priority areas where a lobbyist could be helpful.

He added that commissioners have tried to get federal funds for a solid waste disposal system, but plans were stymied because "we couldn't get anybody to carry the ball for us."

The commissioners said the lobbying firm could be hired on a register basis and that the proposition will be brought up during budget hearings.

Tarrant Commissioners Andersen, Richardson

Punch-card voting? Two sold on it!

Two Tarrant County commissioners came home sold on punch-card voting after watching elections in Michigan. Richardson favored buying the machines and Andersen would like to rent enough machines to take care of the whole county.

Richardson said, "I think it's the only way to go. It's just a progressive step we're going to have to make." Richardson favors buying the machines and Andersen would like to rent enough machines to take care of the whole county.

card company, the county can trade in their old lever type machines and get four or five of the punch-card devices, according to Richardson. In turn, the company would sell the machines to other counties and the county and Tarrant County would split the profits over trade-in value, he added.

directly to other counties and thereby switch to the electronic machines without any other cash outlay.

ANDERSEN, who said he was originally critical of the punch card machines, said the three elections he witnessed ran smoothly. He said he interviewed voters, precinct workers and officials and found that all liked the new system.

Tarrant commissioners saw a demonstration of the new voting system Monday. It was recommended that they buy 200 to 250 additional lever machines for the general election. The county now owns 650 of the old machines.

"I'M REALLY convinced this thing works if people want it to work," he added.

UNDER A PLAN proposed by the punch

Andersen Seeks Approval Of Park Near Deer Creek

Commissioner Dick Andersen will go before officials of Everman and Crowley soon to seek their approval of a proposed \$1 million-park south of Fort Worth near Deer Creek.

bicycle paths and a nine-hole golf course. Andersen said that the public works planners "may have gotten a little carried away" because Phase IV includes swimming pool facilities.

Andersen announced Friday that the county's public works department is preparing federal grant applications for the recreational area.

The proposed facility, which would be constructed in four phases, is to be located along Deer Creek between Interstate 35W and Crowley Road. The park would cover 157 acres, Andersen said.

He said he has already talked to one property owner the area who was willing to let the county have some land at very low cost.

The land on which the park will be located is flood plain land and probably will not be useful for much more than parks, the commissioner said.

Experience Shows Fate Of Hopefuls

WAVERING, WAITING — Commissioner Dick Andersen, who has drawn opponents in Bob Strickland and Howard Hale, is having a hard time deciding whether to run for re-election.

Businessman to Run Andersen Campaign

C. Harold Brown, a Fort Worth businessman, has been named chairman of the Dick Andersen Re-election Committee.

Anderson Offers Aid But No Solution for Zoo Fee Problem

County Commissioner Dick Andersen today formally offered to aid the city park and recreation department "in any way I can," but he admitted that he has found no solution to the zoo gate fee controversy.

for paving park drives and parking lots when bond funds from the 1970 bond election are freed from litigation. He said the city could also get federal matching funds to go along with that.

Anderson said he was disappointed, I thought there would be federal funds for zoo rehabilitation, but I found out they were not available," Andersen said.

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Park and Recreation Board Chairman Charles Ringer told Andersen that the board was already using all the federal funds that the commissioner had investigated during his recent trip to a conference of county officials in California.

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He said he does not really know at present what the value of the paving would be.

Several park board members agreed with Andersen that a countywide park district concept deserves serious study.

Charles Campbell, park and recreation director, told Andersen that the department will have \$500,000 available

AFTER THE meeting, Harry Tension, president of the Fort Worth Zoological Asso-







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Thursday Evening, February 3, 1972



DICK ANDERSEN

## Andersen Will Seek Re-election to Post

Dick Andersen, Precinct 1 county commissioner, produced the predictable last night and announced formally for re-election to the post he has held for 3½ years.

In a three-page news release, Andersen indicated his intention to run on the Democratic ticket on a platform based on his record and the

promise of continued efforts toward more effective cooperative urban government and "to modernize and improve the quality and effectiveness of our county government."

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ANDERSEN recalled a 1970 plan that he and City Councilman Jess Johnston proposed to eliminate much of the duplication in urban government, and noted progress in the regional airport, county-wide solid waste disposal and a cooperative health service.

Andersen also recalled his part in the creation of county's job classification system and Juvenile Detention Center.

To this list he added extensive street paving work in his







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CROWLEY, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1972

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed clipping for

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It is perhaps best expressed  
by a Texas construction con-  
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And there is only one way  
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Sept. 7, 1972

County Commissioner Dick Andersen  
Precinct #1  
Route 1 Box 92  
Crowley, Texas 76036

Dear Commissioner Andersen:

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed clipping for  
your files.

After hearing from Mr. Larry Smith, today, will be looking  
forward to your coming to the Chamber of Commerce meeting  
next month.

Sincerely,

*Marjorie Randolph*

(Mrs. J. A. Randolph)











**Both predict close race**

**Andersen, McCann sure of winning**

By TERRY KELLY  
Both candidates think they will win, but the race is so close that neither will go out on a limb and estimate the strength of their victory.  
Incumbent Dick Andersen and Republican challenger Tom McCann Jr. are in what may turn out to be the tightest race this year as each vies for county commissioner Pct. 1 post.  
McCann, who stands a better than usual chance of becoming the first Republican elected to county government in a long time, said at a Press Club forum that he had seen several polls taken in the southwest part of the county and right now it is "a very close race."  
Republican county chairman Ed Palm said that the Pct. 1 has gone GOP in past national and gubernatorial elections. However, McCann is hedging his bets on the amount. "I'd love to win 51 per cent to 49 per cent," he said.  
ANDERSEN WOULDNT even say how much he would like to win by, much less predict percentages. "I'll let you know Nov. 7," he said.  
Andersen said he was running on his record of cutting taxes, doubling services in law enforcement and tripling them in child care. He added that Tarrant County was one of the few counties in the country operating in the black. He also said the hospital district and Convention Center were bringing in more than they spend.  
McCann said he wanted to restore the people's confidence and respect in county government.

The Republican candidate entered the race because: "I took a good look around several months ago in January of this year. I thought it was time to run for political office. I thought the place that needed the most help was county government."  
McCANN SAID he would like to remove "items of ridicule" from the county.  
On the issues: The candidates think alike on several issues. For example both favor punchcard voting, Civil Service and others.  
The issues:  
—Revenue sharing. Andersen said he was against revenue sharing, but as long as it was dropped into the county's pockets he thought it should be used. "One, I'd like to reduce taxes and two I'd like to develop a road system to the regional airport," he added.  
McCann said that taxes are a way of life and instead of reducing them he would use both revenue sharing and taxes. "We need to use this money on improving road systems, library systems, the Juvenile Detention Center and wherever we have a need for it," he continued.  
—County civil service. Both candidates were compatible again. Both favor civil service for county employees. Andersen said he had voted one time against civil service but only because he wanted guidelines written before the system went into effect. He said the current civil service will probably be thrown out because of pending lawsuit.  
—COUNTY-WIDE AMBULANCE service. Andersen is opposed to the service because it will put the county into competition with private enterprise. McCann said where there is a need for the service it should be provided.  
—Lena Pope Home. McCann said if there is something wrong at the home "something should be found out about it, but to take the position the court took without knowing the facts is a complete detriment to Tarrant County, the home, to the people who support the home and is hurting no one but the children of the home."  
ANDERSEN SAID he had talked with board members and favored a cooling off period in the controversy. He added that he had investigated the charges and found some to be "unfounded."  
—Library system. Andersen favors an "equitable formula" to divide county funds between the cities in Tarrant. McCann said the county-wide library system is very important to him and that he would rather try increasing funds to Fort Worth for branch libraries and bookmobile service rather than give money to the smaller cities.  
—Metro government. Again both candidates agree that a metro system of government is something that is going to have to be studied. Both say there is a happy medium between a metro system and the present one. Andersen favors a contract system with county cities for services.  
—Full-time commissioner. If elected, McCann pledged that he would devote all of his time to being commissioner. Andersen, who is in real estate, said that he only made seven real estate deals in four years of being a commissioner and was working full time as commissioner.

FROM THE MAYORS DESK

We want to welcome our newest city employee, Mrs. Linda Karolchick, and introduce her to the citizens of Everman. Mrs. Karolchick and her husband, U. S. Army Sgt. Karolchick, have just moved to Everman from Germany. We are very pleased to have Mrs. Karolchick working in City Hall.  
The paving and curbing of 4 blocks of Noble St. and 1 block each of Parker, Cunningham, and Trice Streets is nearing completion. This project has been long and drawn out because of the rains. I know that our citizens in this area will be glad to have this project completed. We have been able to do the work for several thousand dollars less because of the work being done by County Commissioner Dick Andersen and his employees.  
Thanks to Bailey Cheek, owner of B. C. Electric Company, for his many hours of work done on the girls softball diamond lights. Without Bailey's assistance we could not have afforded to light a softball diamond and pee-wee football field. Thanks also to J. Graham for his help.  
Also, I want to thank some of our city employees who donated several hours work to see that the lights were put up this year. Street Superintendent, Tommy Knowles, and his crew of Floyd Burns, Goot Gibson, and Fred Coomer are dedicated to the continued growth of our city and especially our youth programs.  
A joint hearing of the Zoning Board and the Everman City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m., at Everman City Hall on rezoning from Residential, Class "A", to Residential, Class "A-2": Property from the Chambers Creek area west to the Missouri and Pacific right-of-way.  
Plans are now being made to have dedication ceremonies for the City Park at the July 4th celebration.  
With the help of County Commissioner Dick Andersen, we have been spraying for mosquitos. We will continue to control spray as long as is necessary. If your area was missed or needs extra spraying, please contact City Hall and we will have some one investigate your area. This time of the year we must all keep our yards, or lots, mowed down to help control mosquitos. We have an ordinance controlling high grass which we hope that everyone will continue to abide by. Your help will be appreciated.  
I would like to thank our ambulance squad for their fine service to my son Marty, when he broke his arm at the baseball game on Friday May 26.

Paul E. Painter, Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING

**A Thank You**

The South East Tarrant County Fire Training Association is pleased to announce that the site work on the South East Fire Training Field is now complete. This could not have been realized without the assistance and cooperation of Mr. Dick Andersen, county commissioner, Precinct 1.  
We wish to publicly thank Mr. Andersen and all other individuals and concerns who have contributed so much toward reaching this achievement.  
JAMES V. WORLEY, Board President  
South East Fire Training Assoc.

**Commissioners  
'Winged It'  
at brief meet**

County commissioners "Winged It" today during their regular session.  
Commissioner Dick Andersen got the meeting off to its flying start by presenting hockey pucks to all members of the court.  
The most successful season in Detroit and Fort Worth Wings history was the occasion.  
"Wonder how this would fit in your mouth?" Commissioner Jerry Mebus commented.  
It was the high point of the session, which lasted about 10 minutes.

DICK ANDERSEN HELPED  
US RESURFACE  
WICHITA STREET.  
RE-ELECT ANDERSEN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
PRECINCT ONE  
NOV. 7

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Forest Hill City Council

**DICK ANDERSEN  
FOUGHT TO CUT OFF  
THE "LITTLE RED  
GAS PUMP"!  
COURT ORDER #41428 FROM THE  
OFFICIAL RECORDS OF  
COMMISSIONERS COURT,  
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS:**

41428 RECOMMENDATIONS OF TRAVEL ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE  
ACCEPTED  
January 3, 1972  
Now comes Mr. Harry Herst, Chairman of the Travel Allowance Committee, presenting to the Court the recommendations of the Committee.  
Therefore, a motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Andersen, and unanimously carried, that the following recommendations of the Travel Allowance Committee be accepted, and used in the 1972 budget:  
1. All car allowances should be discontinued immediately, as such.  
2. No gasoline, oil, or maintenance should be furnished to Tarrant County employees or officials for use in vehicles not owned by Tarrant County.  
3. Gasoline, oil, and maintenance should be furnished only to vehicles owned by Tarrant County.  
4. A mileage allowance of 12¢ per mile should be allowed to employees and officials of Tarrant County when they use their own vehicles on Tarrant County official business. This should not include driving from their homes to work or from work to their homes. They should be reimbursed at a rate of 12¢ per mile once monthly when reported on proper reporting forms supplied by Tarrant County and approved by their department head. This 12¢ per mile allowance should cover gas, oil, repairs, depreciation, all maintenance and insurance.  
5. The committee recognizes that implementation of these recommendations would justify rectifying certain salaries as determined by the Commissioners' Court.  
It is so ordered.  
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**DICK ANDERSEN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1.  
BUSINESSLIKE JUDGEMENT.  
HE HAS EARNED RE-ELECTION.**

Paid by Dick Andersen Re-election Committee  
C. Harold Brown, Chairman

**Little pump  
gets no talk  
at session**

The county's little red gas pump hasn't dried up, but talk about it has. County commissioners today skipped talk of car allowances, even though the item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dick Andersen.  
Andersen last week proposed that the pump be shut down, and that employees be given three cents a mile for driving they do on county business.  
He also wanted to rescind what he termed was a "silly order" he and other commissioners voted for last summer raising their own allowance from \$150 to \$300 monthly.

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Tuesday Evening, January 23, 1973



**TRAIL BLAZERS** — City Councilwoman Margret Rimmer and County Commissioner Dick Andersen today supervised the start of construction on the new Overton Park bike trail. The two-mile extension of the exist-

ing trail in that park is one of three for which ground was broken today. The bike trails are being constructed in a cooperative venture between the city and the county.

—Star-Telegram Photo



**NOTICE TO SENIOR CITIZENS**

MAY 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR FILING YOUR COUNTY TAX EXEMPTION. YOUR COMMISSIONERS COURT HAS AUTHORIZED EXEMPTIONS ON HOMESTEADS FOR ALL TAXPAYERS OVER AGE 65. YOU MAY FILE AT THE COURTHOUSE DOWNTOWN OR THE SOUTHWEST SUBCOURTHOUSE ON ALTAMESA BOULEVARD IN WEDGWOOD.

Courtesy of:  
72 R. T. "DICK" ANDERSEN  
County Commissioner  
Precinct 1

Paid Pol. Ad. by Dick Andersen 2201 Windsor Pl.

8—The Fort Worth Press

Tuesday, January 23, 1973



**Nature-loving politicians**

Fort Worth City Councilwoman Margret Rimmer and County Commissioner Dick Andersen flashed smiles today as they dedicated the new bike path in Overton Park. That trail, as well as ones in Cobb

and Sansom Parks, are being financed jointly by the city and county. Commissioners Dick Lewis, Jerry Mebus and George (Skeet) Richardson helped Mrs. Rimmer dedicate the other paths.



PLEASE JOIN ME  
IN KEEPING A KIND, HONEST MAN  
THAT LOVES ANIMALS ENOUGH TO  
FEED THEM IN CHOICE.  
VOTE FOR  
**DICK ANDERSEN**  
Mrs. H. E. Maxwell  
Pol. Adv.

VOTE  
**DICK ANDERSEN**  
Back A Winner Pol. Adv.

**Land slice to bring legal action**

Tarrant County may be about to pay \$37,350 for a little more than a quarter-acre of land.

In the words of Commissioner Dick Andersen, "Who is the idiot that appraised that land? We ought to send him to a mental institution."

The appraiser in the case of the quarter-acre on State Hwy. 114 in Grapevine is a Fort Worth man who operates an independent firm, according to County Public Works Director Leroy Erwin.

The land, owned by the First National Bank of Grapevine, is "like part of a front lawn, just a small slice," Erwin said.

The county has offered the "fair market price" — the \$37,350 which is \$3 per square foot—but it has been rejected. So, the county and the state, who are halving the cost of the right-of-way, will become involved in eminent domain proceedings against the landowner. County commissioners have approved taking legal action.

Results of owning the right-of-way will be that State Hwy. 114 is a little straighter in that area.

Pass 1-30-73

**Retirement Law Affects County**

New Civil Service Commission statutes call for mandatory retirement at age 65, but action by Tarrant County commissioners will allow a gradual phase-out for county employees over the 65 years of age limit, officials said Thursday.

By 1978, however, there will be no employee over age 65 on the county payroll, they added.

Presently, the county employs some 140 persons who are over 65, records show. According to the new Civil Service statutes, approved by county commissioners, they would be required to retire.

A compromise, however, has been reached. Commissioner Dick Andersen said the Civil Service Commission advised that all persons over 65 be employed on a year-by-year basis until 1978.

He said the department heads would have the discretion of retaining or retiring an employee each year, which will postpone mandatory retirement for five years.



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ONE SECTION  
32 Pages

### Weather:

Cold wave warning.  
Low 20s tonight.  
Upper 30s tomorrow.

Price 10 cents

## Andersen charge against county officials:

# 'Tried to set me up'

—Story on page 2



### Festive twin recruiters

The only twin recruiters currently serving in the Air Force help decorate an already-decorated Christmas tree in the recruiting office in Arlington. The twins, Sandy Meikle and Susan Fedel are natives of Denver, Colo., serving in the Dallas-Arlington area. They're identical twins with different last names — one is married. — UPI Telephoto.

## One of Nixon's tapes played at Washington cocktail party

WASHINGTON (UPI) — One of President Nixon's tapes has been played at a Washington cocktail party.

According to Attorney William Dobrovir, it happened this way:

Dobrovir represents a Ralph Nader group suing to roll back milk price increases on grounds they were affected by dairy industry contributions to the Nixon re-election campaign.

In connection with the suit, Dobrovir subpoenaed a tape recording of a meeting between President Nixon and dairy industry representatives. Someone, whom he didn't identify, gave him the tape last Wednesday night on an airplane bound for California.

It was "kind of a funny place to honor a subpoena," Dobrovir said in a telephone interview with UPI Tuesday night. He returned to Washington Monday, had the recording transferred from a reel to a cassette and started home with it, intending to play it on his home sound system.

On the way, he stopped at a friend's house in the Georgetown section of Washington for a drink. "I remember saying I've got the tape in my pocket and they said let's play it and I said sure," the attorney reported.

All that could be made out from it, he said, was President Nixon's voice introducing a number of participants at the meeting. "It was virtually inaudible," he said.

ABC reported the story of the cocktail audition of the tape Tuesday night, and Dobrovir said that was not fair. "I made a foolish

mistake," he said, "but I consider the ABC story a gross breach of journalistic ethics. No longer can anyone in Washington speak freely in the presence of the media."

He identified Kevin Delaney as the ABC man at the party. "He said as far as he was concerned, it was off the record. He asked me if it was a 11 right for David

Schoumacher to call me, and I said OK, and when I talked to Schoumacher, I thought that was off the record, too."

Schoumacher, who put the story on the air, said Dobrovir refused to play the tape for him, saying it was only "for fun."

"I may have said that," Dobrovir said, "but I thought that was off the record."

## Street lighting at night may be reduced here

City officials here are considering another measure to cut down on the energy crunch's effects — trimming the amount of street lights kept burning.

Although City Mgr. Rodger Line says he will not become specific about how much of a cut there will be in street lighting, he says "we are looking at reducing the lighting on major thoroughfares in unpopulated areas between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m."

Line says city traffic engineers are now conferring with police officials to see where lights can be cut that would have the least effect on traffic safety.

Line also says "we are not now considering cutting down on lighting in residential areas." The city manager contends that while the city might have considered a program of turning out every other street light in town, "they are wired in sequence, and that just wouldn't work."

Line would not say when his final report on the situation is due.

Earlier, it was announced that city vehicles would not be driven faster than 50 mph, and that thermostats in municipal buildings would be set at 68-69 degrees during the winter to conserve on energy.

The city research and budget department is expected to release a report in the near future about what city officials will get to keep takehome car privileges.

About 300 city employees now have full-time home autos, including Line and his assistant city managers.

## LATE STOCKS

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20 Transportation	.....177.00 + 0.58
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65 Stocks	.....260.42 + 0.25
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## FW cold wave due

—Story on page 22



### BUSINESS REVIEW

"THE BUSINESS ACTION IS" INFORMATION CALL 332-5151 EXT. 79



Standing from left to right is Pat McCoy and Commissioner Richard T. Anderson, inspecting part of the plumbing installation at the new sub-courthouse is Dick Powell.

### New Southwest Tarrant County Sub-courthouse due for Completion in February of 1974

Pat McCoy's Plumbing has done it again. They were selected to do all the plumbing for the new sub-courthouse in Southwest Tarrant County. This will be the fourth satellite courthouse for Tarrant County to help alleviate some of the load from the main courthouse in downtown Fort Worth.

The new sub-courthouse will house County Clerks — births, marriage license, voter registration, etc. may be recorded. The Sheriff's de- office. Tax assessor-collector, Justice of the Peace and District Attorney. The Tarrant County Health Department will be able to serve the people in this area and administer inoculations. The Justice of the Peace will handle all misdemeanor cases under \$200.00 in this district.

Richard T. Anderson, commissioner for district 1, which the new sub-courthouse will serve, said "we are extremely proud that the southwest has people like Mr. McCoy who can perform this quality work we need for this new construction."

Pat McCoy's Plumbing Company can handle any commercial plumbing job you may need. Their trained personnel are experts in their field, no job is too big or too small. For heating, air-

conditioning, water heaters, or just a leaky faucet, these men are highly trained and skilled, enabling them to complete any plumbing job or problem.

Estimates are free on any job. Their location is 3402 Mansfield Hwy., or call 534-2248. For emergency calls after 6 p.m. you may call 534-1026.

Their fleet of 7 radio-equipped trucks is the largest in the area. This enables them to give you fast and immediate service with a minimum of delay. If you are short of cash you can use Master Charge. Why not call today. Remember, now is the time to check your heating system before you have a breakdown on one of the many cold days ahead.

### Dallas millionaires to sing yule carols

DALLAS (UPI) — A chorus of Dallas millionaires will sing Christmas carols to downtown shoppers Friday officially beginning the Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer Fund for the underprivileged. It's the 15th year prominent Dallas businessmen have gathered to sing songs of Christmas.

## Andersen Supports Construction Control

County Commissioner Dick Andersen said yesterday a bill he plans to have submitted to the legislature would undermine activities of unscrupulous land developers.

Andersen said he is working with State Rep. Gibson Lewis on the bill, which would give commissioners in all 254 counties authority to control and inspect all construction on a local option basis.

HE SAID SOME developers have a policy of buying tracts of land in the county and subdividing into lots which are then sold with the promise that the county will come in and build roads. Then, he said, the developers dedicate such roadways to the public by filing dedication papers with the county clerk for \$5 each and the land becomes county property.

But, he said, state law requires the county to maintain that kind of road only after the developer builds it to county specifications and maintains it in that condition for at least a year.

COMMISSIONER Jerry Mebus is a supporter of the plan

to allow the county to control zoning in unincorporated areas.

Mebus and Andersen said the bill would allow the county to control sewage disposal and electrical wiring.

Both said they usually pave roadways left in poor condition by the developer as a goodwill gesture to the victimized property buyers.

Commissioner George Richardson said he supports the legislation, but with some reservations.

He said he advises the owners in such cases to locate the developer and force him to make good on the promise to build adequate roads.

Mebus said there is an effort under way in Austin by former Navarro County Judge Buck Douglas, now a lobbyist for the Texas Association of Counties, to push through a bill such as the one Andersen and Lewis are writing.

### RIBBON CUTTING at the BRIDGE Opening.....

Mayor Hugh Atwell has announced the formal opening of the Race Street Bridge and walkway at 3 p. m. on August 31st, when he and other City officials will be present. We are highly appreciative of the work Dick Andersen, Tarrant County Commissioner and his men have evolved for this school traffic improvement.

## New County Children's Home Urged

Commissioners Court should consider building a new home for orphans and dependent and neglected children before the county spends more money on child welfare programs, Commissioner Dick Andersen suggested today.

Andersen's suggestion came at the end of a formal meeting in which the court unanimously voted to spend \$22,000 in 1974 in support of the Tarrant County Youth Services Bureau, an organization aimed at helping pre-delinquents.

The remarks came in the wake of a somewhat critical report of the Lena Pope Home operation by investigators from the Child Welfare League of America. It also follows suggestions made last week in a conference on child welfare that the diversity of organizations in Tarrant County be consolidated under a single central organization.

The county has a citizen commission studying child welfare programs and recommending changes which would eliminate duplication in services to children and perhaps fill gaps in the services.

IF THE county had its own children's home handling all of the institutionalized dependent children in the county, it might eliminate some problems, Andersen said.

Andersen said if his proposal is to be effective, Lena Pope Home administrators will have to cooperate.

County Commissioner George Richardson said he agrees with Andersen but wants to wait until the county's study commission's report is returned.

"If the commission recommends this as a way to consolidate services," Richardson said, "I'll be all for it."

"WE CAN'T have a bunch of do-gooders out there doing good without some authority," Richardson said, suggesting the county, which currently spends between \$1.5 and \$2 million a year on child welfare, should be somewhere near the center of the consolidation.

Andersen and Richardson also said the county study commission has apparently been under pressure not to return recommendations on consolidation of services.

Did you know that the county commissioner is responsible for spending an annual budget of \$20 million of your tax money? This demanding and important job requires a man who has an intense background in business management and planning. It also takes a vigorous and enthusiastic man — a man who has unlimited faith in the potential of the Fort Worth area. Such a man is Dick Andersen.

The Goals Which Dick Andersen Pledges To Work Toward If He is Elected County Commissioner Precinct 1

- Dick Andersen will eliminate the fantastic waste of financial and manpower resources by sound administration of public funds.
- Dick Andersen will help build the finest library system in the nation.
- Dick Andersen will build a detention center and develop a sound juvenile program.
- Dick Andersen will provide for additional police protection for your family.
- Dick Andersen will consolidate the road and bridge fund to reduce taxes or increase services.
- Dick Andersen will develop child welfare standards.
- Dick Andersen will set a job classification study for county employees and follow recommendations.
- Dick Andersen will support legislation to allow county employees to vote on civil service.
- Dick Andersen will develop long-range plans for county-wide services.

It takes a vigorous and enthusiastic man — a man who has unlimited faith in the potential of the Fort Worth area. Such a man is Dick Andersen. Make him your choice. He is a man who cares and will do something about your needs.

## Home for children is urged

County commissioner Dick Andersen, jumping the gun on a Child Welfare Commission study, suggested today that the county should consider building a new children's home "capable of handling children from birth to maturity."

A report on possible improvements in child welfare services in the county is due Oct. 1.

The county spent \$10,000 on the study after the committee recommended that professionals investigate the county's services.

Commissioner George (Skeet) Richardson agreed with Andersen. He noted, however, that the study commission's report is not due until Oct. 1 and will probably contain the same proposal Andersen made.

Both commissioners agreed that the commission is operating under heavy pressure from various youth services groups. Richardson said people who fear their organization may be consolidated with another or may be put out of business are fighting for survival.

### LAND PASSED UP

## Andersen Misses Road-Bridge Fund

County Commissioner Dick Andersen, claiming he missed some chances to pick up free right-of-way land, said Friday he wants to re-create the old road and bridge fund.

"I'm seriously considering making a motion to unmerge the road and bridge fund," he told an informal meeting of Commissioners Court.

The road and bridge fund, which provided money specifically for road work, was merged into the county general fund for the first time this year.

ANDERSEN said he's had many opportunities to get property free along roads which were to be widened, but has had no access to money with which to do the work.

He said he has had no funds to do such paving work except his \$50,000 contingency which most of the commissioners included in their precinct budgets last January.

The old road and bridge fund was often the butt of criticism as a semi-private coffer from which each commissioner could extract money.

The court, however, defended the fund by saying any expenditure had to be approved in open session by a majority of commissioners.

The road fund issue arose from a discussion of the right-of-way fund Friday by H. C. Clemons of the Chamber of Commerce.

CLEMONS had appeared to seek court backing for a list of highway construction and planning priorities agreed upon by the chamber. Right-of-way acquisition for

the North Side-Southwest Freeway, which commissioners earlier voted to support, "could begin within an 18-month period," Clemons said.

He went on to urge commissioners to "protect" the right-of-way fund.

"As you can see, we have some tremendous projects coming up," Clemons said. "Don't think you can use past years as a gauge" for setting priorities for use of right-of-way money.

"Future needs... will be a completely different ball game," he predicted.

County Judge Howard Green said future right-of-way needs will probably have to be financed through a bond issue.

### THE DEDICATION of the new Dick Andersen Football Field by the Everman Youth Association last Saturday night was really an occasion. It represented a real step forward in providing an organized sports program for the youth of the city.

About 500 turned out for the big event, and County Commissioner Dick Andersen, Mayor Hugh Atwell, Bailey Cheek (president of the Everman Youth Association), and Paul Painter, Football Commissioner for EYA, along with Tommy Knoll of the City of Everman, J. G. McClendon, minister of the First United Methodist Church of Everman, were honored on this occasion.

You can help out by buying a \$2.00 season ticket to the Association games and also be eligible to watch the other 60 teams in the Tarrant County Conference of Pee Wee Football, that will play there from time to time.

They have modern lighting, a new fence, bleachers, a modern concession stand. Paul Painter said to contact him if you want a ticket or want to do volunteer work at some of the games.

It's always an inspiration to talk with a subscriber like Mrs. J. F., Linda, Bandston who dropped by to renew her subscription - "I wouldn't miss a copy of the Everman Times," said Linda. She went on to say, "She had never lived in a place that had such love and concern for each other. We're proud of Everman." Get your neighbor friends to subscribe, they are missing a lot if they don't and their children too. School news, school menu, growth of the City - Hallmark - Rendon - View Park - it's only \$4.00 per year mailed every week. Keep up with the Times and mail your check in today.

If you drink and drive you're not only thoughtless but selfish.

# Right-of-Way Tussle Ires Andersen

By LARRY NEAL  
County Commissioner Dick Andersen, irate about having to sue to force a landowner to take \$37,750 for .289-acre of land, said Monday he will seek an investigation of the affair.

Public Works Director LeRoy Erwin asked Commissioners Court Monday to order the district attorney to file eminent domain proceedings because of refusal by Joe N. Box of Grapevine to sell a slice of property bordering Texas 114.

Andersen, who has said the county is being forced to pay up to \$50,000 an acre on such right-of-way, was told by Erwin that the price for Box's

land would be \$3 a square foot or \$130,680 an acre.

The tract in question is part of a larger plot upon which the First National Bank of Grapevine is situated. Box is president of the bank.

Erwin explained that the county has purchased other land for highway right-of-way at even higher costs.

"That's absurd... that's insane," said Andersen.

Andersen has been critical recently of right of way prices.

The commissioner then voted against taking Box to court to force him to take \$37,750, but was out-voted by Commissioners George Richardson, Jerry Mebus and Dick Lewis.

Later, Andersen said he would ask an inquiry into the entire matter of high prices on farm and pasture land.

"They don't even have a building out there to tear down."

In other business Monday, the commissioners reorganized the long-dormant Tarrant County Human Relations Commission and decided to let the legislature tackle bail bond regulation.

The court made the 17-member HRC, whose members admitted it had done almost nothing after a year's existence, into an 11-member body and named Joe Gonzales chairman.

Gonzales was vice chairman of the old group and the

only member to survive the purge.

Other appointments were Miss Martha Chandley, Mrs. Juanita Zepeda, John Burton, Carlos Puente, James Gaskin, Don Fernandez, Jake Cardenas, Jemetta Clopton and Mrs. D. C. Fox.

Mebus is expected to make another appointment next week.

The issue of bail bond solicitation, put on the agenda when attorney Charles Baldwin urged solicitation be banned in the county jail last week, was delayed when Baldwin failed to appear.

The lawyer had said he would be back with a resolution for the court to approve.

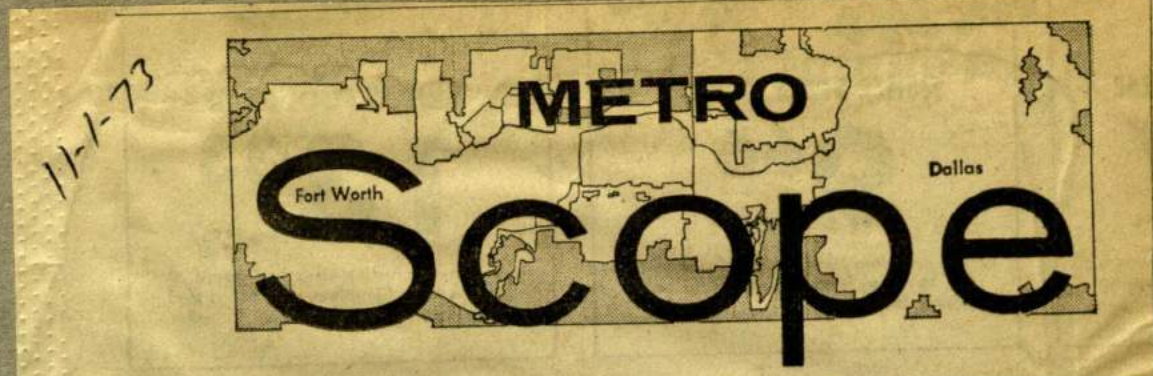
Richardson, however, said Monday that he had heard the issue had been taken to the legislature and suggested the county allow Austin to handle it.

Dist. Atty. Tim Curry said

the DA's "official policy is that we are opposed to any solicitation in the jail, whether it be by bondsmen or lawyers or anybody else."

Curry said he expects to go to Austin to discuss bail bond regulation and reform with the legislature and told the court that "it won't cause irreparable harm if you hold up on it this session."

"If it doesn't pass, I'll be back to talk to you about it."



## Commissioner to Join Fight For Funding Urban Counties

County Commissioner Dick Andersen is going to Washington Thursday to join in a National Association of Counties effort to plug urban counties

back into the proposed "Better Communities" grants program.

Andersen will be attending a one-day rally along with

Dallas County Commissioner Mel Price in response to a NACO plea received here recently.

The letter, signed by NACO Executive Director E. F. Hillenbrand and marked "URGENT," said the Senate and House subcommittees on housing were "about to deal urban counties a devastating blow in new community block grant legislation now under consideration."

"As was the case last year, both subcommittees are hostile to including urban counties on par with cities in the distribution of these block grant funds," said Hillenbrand.

"The estimated loss is approximately \$120 million," he said.

He called for a "massive and concerted effort by urban counties" to "impress upon Congress how badly we want a share of this money."

Hillenbrand said the one-day Urban County Caucus will be composed of elected officials from 85 urban counties and "will form the nucleus of an intensive lobbying effort to amend pending community development block grant legislation."

County officials are expected to be briefed about the programs and then to fan out over the Capitol to buttonhole senators and representatives for discussions of the issue.

Tuesday night, Andersen said he thought it was "vital" necessary that we get involved.

He said original plans for Tarrant County called for a 5-year program which was to have begun at around \$750,000 the first year and progressed to \$2.8 million by the final year.

"I think it's essential," he said.

If the county officials fail to win support for urban county funding, he said, Tarrant would be among those to suffer.

"For instance, solid waste would go down the drain," said Andersen, long a proponent of a countywide solid waste disposal system.

He also said there would be no coordination of funding for the smaller cities in Tarrant if the county did not share in the money.

## Hospital district financing talk urged if special session is held

Fort Worth Bureau of The News  
FORT WORTH — Tarrant County commissioners Friday asked Gov. Dolph Briscoe to consider Tarrant County Hospital District financing on the agenda of any special Legislative session which may be called.

A letter, signed by County Judge Mike Moncrief and four commissioners, said the hospital district "is in a state of critical financial circumstances."

The district, which operates John Peter Smith Hospital and Elmwood Psychiatric Hospital, ran up a \$4.9 million deficit in 1972.

In 1976, the deficit is expected to be \$2.5 million before new tax revenue is generated in early October.

Because the district's bank has refused to extend an open line of credit until the tax money arrives, a real possibility exists, officials say, that in the summer months no cash will be available to operate the hospital.

Although the letter did not specify what Legislative solutions were at hand, the district, the letter suggested amending the state law which prohibits the county from lending the hospital district credit.

With the county's line of credit, the district would have cash during the summer months to pay for its operations.

Whether the request will receive consideration depends on Briscoe.

However, the governor has indicated he hopes to avoid a special session unless he is sure the Legislature could and would pass a bill to ease utility rates.

The problem of solving the hospital district's financial woes will fall largely on the shoulders of John Behrens, who Thursday night was named administrator.

Behrens stepped in as acting administrator when the board of managers fired William Taylor late last year.

The board said Behrens, who came two years ago from Houston's St. Luke Episcopal Hospital, is best qualified for the job because he is aware of all the problems.

Monday, Behrens instituted a "hard nose" policy toward bill collection.

Virtually all phases, except life or death emergency services, now require patients to put down a deposit before receiving treatment.

Any charges in excess of the deposit must be paid immediately, under the new policy.

The hospital has also begun a screening process to eliminate persons from receiving free medical service when they, in fact, are capable of paying all or a portion of their bill.

## County commissioner pays overdue taxes

Fort Worth Bureau of The News  
FORT WORTH — County Commissioner A. Lyn Gregory paid \$669.22 in overdue taxes and penalties Friday.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Reed Stewart said the payment covered 1969-74 taxes on a 6-acre tract which the Precinct 3 commissioner owns in the Coleyville area. Stewart said 1975 taxes were paid previously.

Gregory said he had failed to pay the 1969-74 taxes when they became due because of "an oversight — an honest mistake."

Gregory said he owns "a number of pieces" of property. He said he thought he had paid all taxes due, but failed to make payments on the Coleyville tract because of a mixup.

Stewart said his records would not show whether Gregory received notices of the overdue taxes.

"We have sent some notices and some have come back to us because property owners changed addresses," Stewart said. "But, basically, the collection of delinquent taxes is the responsibility of the district attorney's office."

Gregory, who is seeking a 4-year term in the Democratic primary May 1, speculated his tax debt was made public "in an attempt to embarrass me politically."

Stewart denied, however, that he or his deputies "leaked" information in an attempt to help R. F. (Dick) Lewis Jr. in his campaign against Gregory.

Lewis worked in Stewart's office before becoming a candidate. Lewis' father served as commissioner before a fatal heart attack last year.

"When one of my deputies noticed during a routine check that all taxes had not been paid on the property, he didn't realize that it was owned by the commissioner," Stewart said. "It was listed on records as the property of an 'A. L. Gregory' and the deputy did not know this was Lyn."

## CofC delays action on Southwest's Lubbock request

Staff Special to The News  
LUBBOCK, Texas — Directors of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce delayed a decision this week on the Southwest Airlines request for permission to carry passengers between Dallas Love Field and here.

The directors did instruct their attorney to ask the Texas Aeronautics Commission to consider material submitted by the Chamber.

Chamber officials will decide later whether they will support the Southwest request when the TAC considers it.

Midland councilmen voted Wednesday to oppose a Southwest request for flights from Lubbock to El Paso and Love Field.

## EVERMAN TO DEDICATE NEW PEE WEE FOOTBALL FIELD

Saturday, September 8, 1973 is a big day for the Everman Football Association. That's the day for dedicating the new Football Field on Wichita and Race Streets. The Field is to be named Andersen Field for County Commissioner Dick Andersen's hard work and help in planning, dirt work, and the parking lot.

Equally sharing the praise for constructing the field will be Tommy Knowles heading the city crew who has done the other work such as planting and watering the grass, building the fence, and the press box.

The ceremonial will start with the first game at 4:30 P.M. and continues through two more games with the dedication to start at 8:00 P.M. All three Everman Pee Wee football teams will play.

Among the dignitaries to attend are County Commissioner Dick Anderson, Mayor Hugh Atwell, President of the Everman Youth Association - Bailey W. Cheek and Commissioner of Football Paul Painter.

## Gladden opposes JP 'lumping' plan

Fort Worth Bureau of The News  
FORT WORTH — Tarrant County commissioners will "back down on a promise" if they lump Southeast Fort Worth and Arlington neighborhoods in the same justice precinct, an attorney for a black group said Wednesday.

Attorney Don Gladden said he objects to a plan that Commissioner Dick Andersen is preparing.

Andersen said the plan would overhaul boundaries of Justice Precinct 2, which now consists primarily of Arlington, so that the precinct also would include black sections of Southeast Fort Worth.

THE COMMISSIONER said the plan also calls for the precinct to have two justices of the peace.

"I haven't talked to my people, but I don't think they will go for this," Gladden said. "And I don't think the people of Arlington want it either."

Gladden stopped short of saying his group would return to U.S. district court if commissioners try to

put the plan into effect.

"I understand it is only a tentative proposal now," the lawyer said. "So there is no need to cross any bridges before we get to them. But I feel that commissioners would back down on a promise if they try to put this plan into effect."

Gladden, a former legislator and longtime liberal leader, represented blacks in a U.S. district court suit that challenged boundaries of precincts used for the election of commissioners, justices of the peace and constables.

GLADDEN ARGUED the boundaries diluted the political effectiveness of blacks by splitting them among precincts.

Although County Judge Mike Moncrief and commissioners denied discriminating on the basis of race, they worked out a compromise that U.S. Dist. Judge David O. Belew Jr. approved.

The agreement changed boundaries of the four commissioners pre-

cedents and shifted more blacks into Andersen's Precinct 1.

The courthouse officials also agreed they would change boundaries of justice precincts to give blacks in Southeast Fort Worth a stronger voice in the election of a justice of the peace and constable.

The area is now part of Justice Precinct 1, which includes most of Fort Worth.

"UNDER THE PLAN outlined by Andersen, we would have affluent Arlington residents in the same justice precinct as low-income black families in Southeast Fort Worth," Gladden said. "That, in itself, would prove divisive."

"Depending on the voter turnouts, we could have Arlington whites holding both justice of the peace positions in the revised Justice Precinct 2. Or we could have two blacks holding them. We don't think an official elected by affluent whites in Arlington would understand the problems of the low-income blacks. And an official elected by the blacks might face problems in dealing with matters involving the Arlington whites."

The justices of the peace would serve staggered 4-year terms so that voters in the precinct would elect one at 2-year intervals.

"THE VOTER TURNOUT among affluent whites and low-income blacks

for these elections would determine the winner," Gladden said. "We think it far preferable that commissioners create a separate justice precinct consisting of Southeast Fort Worth. That is what we thought they had agreed to do."

The Texas Constitution permits only eight justice precincts within a county, although commissioners in metropolitan areas may assign two justices of the peace to a precinct.

Gladden said commissioners could combine two rural justice precincts, which would permit them to create a justice precinct consisting of Southeast Fort Worth without going over the 8-precinct limit.

ANDERSEN, who now represents many blacks in the south and southeast sections of the city, said he already is taking steps to open a county "service center" in a building leased at Miller and East Berry. He said it will include an auto license office, county health department office and a branch of the county adult probation office. It is expected to open at mid-year.

Andersen, who said he is ready to confer at any time with blacks about their problems and needs, said he plans to construct a permanent sub-house to serve their neighborhoods when he can find a suitable site.

— CARL FREUND

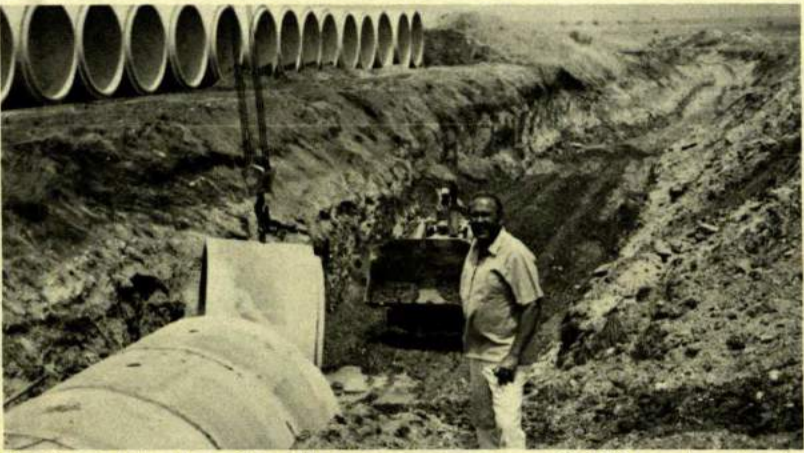


—By Etta Hulme, Star-Telegram Cartoonist

Here are examples of how

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is getting the job done for us, making Precinct 1 and Tarrant County even finer areas!



Constructed the Hulen Street Extension, serving some 80,000 people and saving over \$2 million taxpayer dollars.



Planted more than 1,100 trees in cooperation with the Ryan Place Improvement Association along 8th Avenue, and is working to maintain this project.



Built miles of Bicycle Trails throughout the Southwest part of the city.



Constructed the Southwest Sub-Courthouse to serve residents of South and Southwest Fort Worth, and adjoining citizens.



Constructed athletic fields all over the Southside to support many worthwhile youth programs.



Acquired the Echo Lake property and is building a Park to provide recreation for the entire Southside (after repeated failures over the years to get this much needed project underway).



Started and continued programs and cooperative efforts jointly with County and other cities and governmental levels to further increase service, reduce cost of government, and contribute to the cities' sound financial status and a stable tax rate.



Working with the City of Benbrook and Fort Worth, built a new bridge over Mary's Creek Road at Vickery Street, eliminating an old and dangerous traffic hazard.

In addition to the above accomplishments, Commissioner DICK ANDERSEN has—

- ★ Paved over 400 blocks of dirt streets in Fort Worth **without** assessment.
- ★ Is now planning the extension of Alta Mesa Boulevard East from McCart Street, working with the City of Fort Worth. Taxpayers will be saved **millions** of dollars, plus having a much needed new traffic artery.
- ★ Has available public meeting room for residents of South Tarrant County, used **free of charge** by over 10,000 people each year.
- ★ Provided **county tax exemption** for Senior Citizens.

Commissioner DICK ANDERSEN has accomplished all this and more **WITHOUT a tax increase**, despite wild inflation during recent years. In fact, county taxes have been **reduced** through sound management practices!

**Re-elect County Commissioner DICK ANDERSEN Precinct 1.  
VOTE SATURDAY, MAY 1!**

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Dick Andersen Campaign; C. Harold Brown, Campaign Manager, 1200 Oil & Gas Bldg., Ft. Worth, Tx. 76102.

10—The Fort Worth Press Wednesday, February 20, 1974



## One down, 793 to go

Mrs. Joan Kline of the Ryan Place Improvement Assn. holds the first of 794 Italian cypress trees to be planted along Eighth Ave. while County Commissioner Dick Andersen, center, and businessman Manuel Jara man shovels. Jara is president of the South Fort Worth Business Assn. and a member of the South Side Lions Club, both of which are joining area residents in paying for the trees. About 200 of them will be planted this season. This is also the pilot project of the Bicentennial Commission of Fort Worth. The county will plant and maintain the trees, designed as a visual and sound barrier between the street and the Frisco Railway yard on Eighth between Windsor and Berry. Mrs. Kline, of 1215 Elizabeth Blvd., is continuing to solicit contributions to pay for the balance of the project.—Press Staff Photo by Gene Gordon.

## YOUR COMMISSIONER Dick Andersen

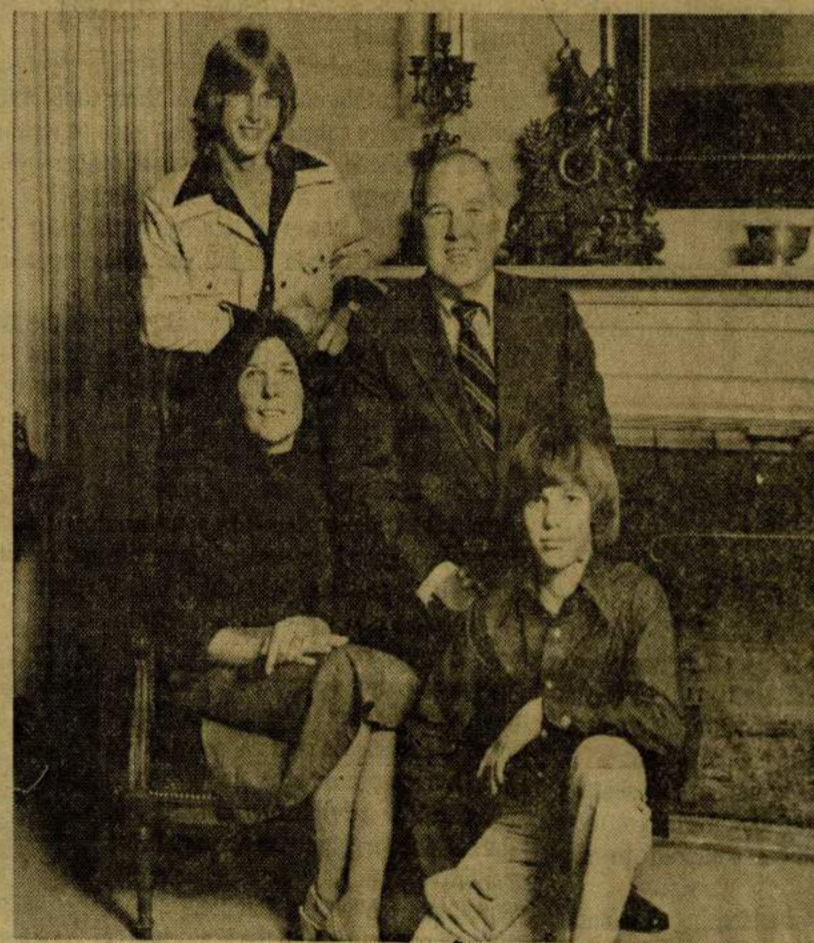
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DICK ANDERSEN**

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The same responsibility and devotion which Commissioner DICK ANDERSEN shows in his official duties are expressed also in his family life. DICK and AVA ANDERSEN have been married 24 years, and have two fine sons, KURT and CURT. The family attends First Methodist Church.

DICK ANDERSEN is firmly dedicated to the most important values in American life. As a result, he **cares** about and **serves** the needs of the people of Precinct 1, just as he untiringly gives of himself to his own family. He knows, too, that **economy** must be practiced in county government, just as in family living.

These are major reasons why DICK ANDERSEN stands tall as our County Commissioner, and merits our fullest confidence and trust!

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County Commissioner Dick Andersen believes

"A tax increase is not in the best public interest. As long as I am County Commissioner, I will fight any efforts to increase the county tax rate with all the resources I have."

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## Andersen To Oppose Tax Boost

If the county votes a tax hike this year, it will be "over my dead body," said County Commissioner Dick Andersen Tuesday.

Andersen said he will refuse to support any motions to raise taxes and feels there are at least two more votes on the court to back him up. "The department heads will just have to learn like everybody else to live within their income," the commissioner said.

He said he was speaking out on the issue now because talk of a possible tax increase — which commissioners may be called upon to handle when they set the tax rate next month — has already begun. "It starting to get some people excited," said Andersen.

"We're just going to have to manage the money better and tighten out belts," he said. "The department heads, we'll put the monkey on their backs. They have to be good managers like every homeowner in the county," the commissioner said.

He said he wouldn't want to cut back on county services, but would propose to eliminate the luxuries and make more efficient use of such items as the county's data processing system.

Andersen was joined in his stand Tuesday by Commissioner George Richardson who said he, too, would refuse to vote for a tax hike.

"I don't think it necessary," said Richardson. "I think we need to tighten our belt."

Richardson said he felt the county finances were in good shape and pointed out that "every year we come up with surplus," he said.

"I just can't see taxing the people and then having a surplus," he said.

## Dick Anderson Is Family Man

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On Saturday, May 6, we in Precinct 1 have the opportunity to re-elect the man I firmly believe is the most effective County Commissioner we have ever had--  
**DICK ANDERSEN.**



**DICK ANDERSEN** will accomplish even more during his next term. If you are a Democratic voter, I urge you to vote for **DICK ANDERSEN, County Commissioner Precinct 1, on Saturday, May 6.**

During his four years in office, **DICK ANDERSEN** has worked tirelessly -- often against overwhelming odds -- to modernize our County government, eliminate City-County duplication, and save us millions of tax dollars. He put in the Hulen Street extension from Southwest Loop to Granbury Road, and has paved over 320 blocks of unpaved City streets in the older parts of South Side.

He has accomplished or is working on all ten promises he made to us when he first ran in 1968, and is now on the Liaison Committee of the Commissioners Court and City Council, which has developed a joint Health Department, Solid Waste Program, and has recommended a County-wide Library System. Due largely to DICK ANDERSEN'S efforts, there is now an entirely new and positive outlook on urban government in Tarrant County.

## Court Passes Most Budgets For County

County commissioners spent most of Monday working their way through the proposed 1974 county budget, leaving only the commissioners' individual precinct budgets untouched.

Among those approved by the court Monday afternoon were budgets submitted by the tax assessor-collector's office, the courts, juvenile and adult probation departments, child welfare unit, the district and county clerks and the departments of health, public works and planning, all submitted via County Auditor Jack Benson.

One of the more sensitive subjects discussed was the recommended change in child care systems for the county. Rowland Russell, president of the Fort Worth Area Council of Churches, said he was a "little disappointed to note from news reports" that funds to implement the recommendations returned late last year by a study commission had not been included in the budget.

**RUSSELL SAID** it was "a little inconceivable to me" why the commissioners had not yet appropriated anything.

Commissioner Dick Andersen answered the inquiry, saying the commission must still get approval of the county juvenile board before anything can happen.

That meeting, he said, is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday.

"We have to deal within the framework of the law of the state of Texas," said Andersen, adding that he had been "quite irritated with a barrage of letters I got accusing me of being unresponsive to the needs of children."

"My wife called me a dirty bird Sunday morning after reading an article in the Press. She said, 'I thought you were all for this.'"

"My dog even growled at me," said the commissioner. The subject of shifting money from the right-of-way fund to the county general fund, another touchy issue, also arose Monday.

Commissioner Dick Lewis, who has opposed such transfers in the past, took the same position again. "I think we're going to do everything we promised the people we wouldn't do," he said.

Benson, who wants to transfer \$750,000, said the sum is meaningless.

"IF THEY WANT to build a new freeway... they'll have to have a bond issue," said the auditor.

Lewis, however, maintained that right-of-way tax revenue should be used only to buy right-of-way.

At one point Monday afternoon, Andersen proposed the commissioners order a freeze on hiring in order to balance the budget.

Next up before the court was Lynn Ross, director of juvenile probation, who was seeking addition of several persons to the staff. The reason he wanted more money, he said, was to start paying salaries of several persons employed as caseworkers under a federal grant due to end July 1.

"When the grants are over, we need to keep these people," said Ross.

Commissioners went along with Ross after he pointed out that, in going over his budget proposal, he "look out anything that was new, just as we have done for the past three years. I repeat, three years."

**ANOTHER ITEM** which came up for discussion was the annual \$10,000 contribution to the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm which Benson described as "for the revolving door drunk."

Commissioner George Ri-

## FW Man Hurt In Home Blaze

Alvin W. Rogers, 27, was overcome by smoke while fighting a fire at his home at 4144 Wayside about 6:20 p.m. Monday.

Rogers was in fair condition at Peter Smith Hospital after undergoing treatment. He was to remain overnight for observation, hospital spokesmen said.

Firemen said cause of the blaze in the one-story frame home had not been determined by late Monday night.

chardson's original motion to appropriate another \$10,000 in 1974 died for lack of a second.

Then, Commissioner Jerry Mebus' motion to cut it out of the budget was defeated 3-2 and a second Richardson motion was finally passed.

Commissioners will pick up where they left off at 9:30 a.m. Friday with a discussion of their own budgets and possibly a decision on whether to separate the road and bridge fund from the general fund again.

## Bell Plans New Runs By Buses

Bell Helicopter Co., on the inauguration day of its commuter bus service, announced it would expand the service Jan. 21.

A spokesman said three more routes, covering portions of the North and South Sides and the firm's Montgomery Street plant, would be implemented that day.

Sixty-six employees boarded chartered Citran buses for Monday's inaugural rides from the R. D. Evans Recreation Center in Ridglea and the Buddies Super Market parking lot at Meadowbrook and Handley Drive.

The first left at 7 a.m. and the second at 7:20 a.m. They arrived at the Hurst plant at 7:45 a.m., said Gen. Hamilton H. Howze (USA, Ret.), Bell's director of energy conservation.

Principal pickup points for the three new routes, which will not be non-stop, are the Monnig's shopping center on Texas 183 in River Oaks, the Wedgewood shopping center at Circle N and Wedgmont Circle N and the Montgomery Street plant.

Employees buy weekly tickets for five round trips and the helicopter firm underwrites any unsold bus seating space.

## Mrs. Marek May Seek Green's Job

Mrs. Ann Marek, an unsuccessful candidate for City Council in 1973, may take a crack at the county judge's job in 1974, she said Monday.

She said in response to a question that she wanted to become more active in politics and was considering running for the spot held now by County Judge Howard Green, an old adversary.

Mrs. Marek, most recently the chairwoman of the county's child welfare study commission, was at one time Green's appointee on the Community Action Agency board.

She was replaced in the CAA job after Green deemed her "too controversial."

She said Monday she actually would prefer to "work as a volunteer in someone else's campaign... (but) they don't seem to be coming out, do they?"

## County to allocate \$40,000 for waste

County commissioners voted today to go ahead and allocate \$40,000 for start-up expenses for a solid waste disposal system.

And, according to Commissioner Dick Andersen, the system might be near completion by the end of the year.

"I've been talking with our committee on this and plans are already well underway," Andersen said.

Part of the \$40,000 might go to pay the salary of the system's manager. Fort Worth Public Works Director Jack Graham said a manager could be hired for between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

According to the plan, the county will shortly take over all garbage dumps and landfill sites from town in the county.

The system would be on a pay as you go basis, with participating towns paying a flat rate to use the county dumps. County personnel would also hold regular inspections of privately owned garbage disposal systems, and hold licensing and revocation power.









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## SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 17, 1974

1:00-6:00—Registration of Delegates and Guests—Rodeway Inn

7:00-9:00—Hospitality Hour—Rodeway Inn

## MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 1974

8:00-12:00—Registration of Delegates and Guests—Rodeway Inn

9:30—Conference called to order by Sam E. Clonts—Knox County Judge, President of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association

Invocation

9:35—Welcome by El Paso County Judge, T. Udell Moore

9:40—Welcome from City of El Paso

9:45—Greetings from President of State County Judges and Commissioners Association, W. L. "Lew" Sterrett, Dallas County Judge

10:00—Greetings from President of North and East Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, Billy D. Hullum, Van Zandt County Judge

10:05—Greetings from President South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, Commissioner L. D. "Bubba" Whitehead, Val Verde County

10:10—Greetings from Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association, Commissioner Bernard Eads, Dallam County

10:15—Greetings from President Texas Association of Counties, Commissioner Bill Owens, Greg County

10:20—Appointment of Committees

10:30—Address by Honorable Bob Armstrong, Commissioner General Land Office, State of Texas

11:00—Coffee Break—Door Prizes

11:20—Address by Hugh F. Stein, President El Paso Natural Gas Company

12:00—Keynote Address by the Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Governor, State of Texas

12:30—Adjourn

## MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 18, 1974

7:00—Dinner, Buffet Style, Rodeway Inn, Followed by Western Dance

## TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19, 1974

9:00—Conference called to order by Thad Ansley, Commissioner Potter County, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association

Invocation

9:05—Report from Honorable Kenneth "Buck" Douglas, Executive Director, Texas Association of Counties "The Constitutional Convention"

9:35—Address by the Honorable J. C. Davis, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, State and County Affairs Questions Answered

10:10—Coffee Break—Door Prizes

10:30—Address by Honorable Charles Simons, Texas Highway Commission

11:00—Address by Honorable John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Texas

11:30—Honorable Mark White, Secretary of State, Austin, Texas. "Campaign Laws for County Officials"

12:00—Adjourn

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 19, 1974

2:00—Conference called to order by Barbara G. Culver, County Judge, Midland County, Vice President, West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association

2:05—Treasurer's Report—Thad Ansley, County Commissioner, Potter County

2:10—Report of Resolutions Committee, Giles Dalby, Garza County Judge, Chairman

2:30—Report of Conference City Committee, James Fletcher, Randall County Commissioner, Chairman

2:35—Report of Nominating Committee, Clarence C. Williams, Carson County Judge, Chairman

2:45—Adjourn

## TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 19, 1974

7:00—Installation Dinner and Dance, Rodeway Inn

## LADIES' PROGRAM

### Monday

11:30—Luncheon and Style Show, Rodeway Inn

### Tuesday

2:00—Dessert Party—Entertainment, So Mos Mine Troupe—From the University of Texas at El Paso, Rodeway Inn









# Blacks to get 'subcourthouse' in Poly area

By PAT SVACINA  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News

Blacks won a virtually unnoticed battle last week when county commissioners approved the 1980 operating budget for Tarrant County.

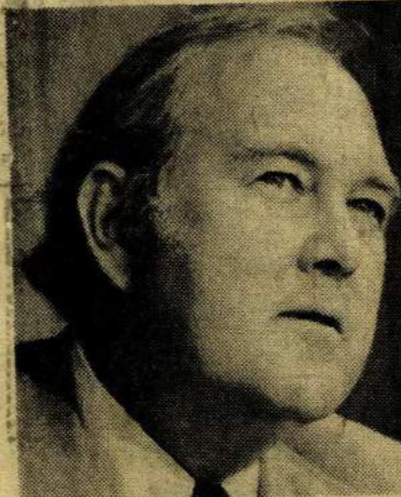
Tucked away in the \$39.7 million operating budget was an innocuous \$13,200 for a "Poly Tax Office."

The Poly Tax Office is the first installment on the county's promise to build a full-service subcourthouse in the county's most concentrated black area, Southeast Fort Worth.

The proposal was put into the budget by Commissioner Dick Andersen, who inherited the predominantly black area of Fort Worth when the commissioners reached an out-of-court agreement with a group of blacks who had filed a federal suit seeking new commissioner precinct lines.

ANDERSEN SAID the \$13,200 will cover rent for office space, probably in an old shopping center at Miller and Berry. This space will be the temporary "subcourthouse."

The county offices, he said, will house five of Tax Assessor-Collector Reed Stewart's staff for car licensing and title service, county health offi-



Dick Andersen... money is not the problem.

cial and an adult probation office. Money was provided in their respective departmental budgets.

"I really thought if I could get enough land, I would build a service center to house some equipment and a community room, plus an office complex," Andersen said. "But I have not been able to find any land."

With the aid of county carpenters, Andersen plans to start remodeling the shopping center as soon as it is available in April.

Andersen said he will name a committee of area residents to help him find a suitable site for a permanent subcourthouse in Southeast Fort Worth.

Money, he said, is not the problem, now that voters have approved \$2.1 million in bonds for subcourthouse construction and renovation. He expects to spend \$250,000 for the facility and \$50,000 for the land.

IN ADDITION to making the subcourthouse a reality, Andersen said he is beginning efforts to redraw justice of the peace and constable precinct lines to give the predominantly black area its own justice of the peace and constable.

"I have promised them that I would do this as soon as possible," Andersen said.

The commissioner says he will call a meeting of justices of the peace to determine if an agreement can be reached on how to redraw the lines.

In all likelihood, he said, the new justice of the peace and constable will represent a part of Arlington's Precinct 2. Such a move will require some boundary changes and the creation of Place 2 justice of the peace and constable seats.

While the county commissioners may appoint a black to the justice of the peace and constable posts, Andersen said, the minorities will not be guaranteed the seats because whites will be a part of the precinct. The precinct cannot be drawn without including whites, he said.

## Commissioner suggests county go solar

By JACK Z. SMITH

Star-Telegram Courthouse Writer  
With energy costs skyrocketing, Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen declared Friday the county is going to have to explore the use of solar energy for our buildings.

Andersen, commenting after President Carter's Thursday night speech forecasting higher energy costs, said, "We're faced with a whole new set of economics."

"I think we're going to face a serious problem as far as the cost of energy for our buildings and our county vehicles is concerned," he said at Friday's Commissioners Court meeting.

"Of course, the easy solution is to pass the costs on to taxpayers," the Precinct 1 representative said. "But I'm not satisfied with doing that."

Andersen proposed Commissioners Court engage in a "brainstorming session" to discuss energy-saving alternatives.

The county relies largely on conventional heating and cooling, although the Tarrant County Juvenile Detention Center relies partially on solar energy.

Andersen said the heaviest fuel costs for the four county precincts will be faced this spring and summer, when most county road work is done.

However, Purchasing Agent Ed Smith says he does not think the county will have difficulty finding sufficient fuel supplies.

"There's plenty of gas, plenty of diesel," he said. Commissioner Lyn Gregory added, "All you're going to have to worry about is having enough money to buy the gas."

Commissioners are to consider Monday a proposal by Commissioner B.D. Griffin that the mileage allowance be raised from 15 to 19 cents per mile for employees using their personal vehicles on county business.

## Jobs with county are in jeopardy, Andersen claims

Tarrant County could lose \$1.5 million to \$3 million in federal grants and revenue sharing next year, which could mean job layoffs, under the Carter administration's efforts to balance the 1981 federal budget, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Thursday.

The proposed cutbacks, which would take effect with the new federal budget year starting July 1, will affect Comprehensive Employment and Training Act funds, Community Development and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grants and revenue sharing that the county now receives, Andersen said.

"Tarrant County is in excellent shape to weather a federal withdrawal," without a tax increase, Andersen said, but he warned that county employees whose jobs are funded by federal grants could expect to be laid off.

He was in Washington D.C. this week for a National Association of Counties legislative conference and met with several congressmen.

He said their message was very clear — cutbacks are coming and programs that "have served their purpose" may not be renewed at all.

"Sen. (Lloyd) Bentsen told me that the federal government is at a crisis stage and maybe worse than that," Andersen said. Andersen said he favors slashing up to \$20 million from the federal budget because "if we don't have a healthy national budget, then local government doesn't mean a thing."

He said talks about CETA were leaning toward a new formula that would restrict funding to counties and cities with an unemployment rate of at least 6.5 percent, making Tarrant County ineligible for any money.

Price considered bargain

## County's land deal called better than condemnation

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — The county avoided condemnation proceedings in efforts to obtain a second block of land in downtown Fort Worth because it negotiated a better deal, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Monday.

Andersen said County Legal Adviser Marvin Collins opposed condemnation proceedings and recommended the purchase of the block for \$627,750, as negotiated with Fort Worth Realtor Clark Nowlin.

"WHEN THE TANDY Center bought all the land for its development in downtown, the price for land was driven sky high," Andersen said.

The price tag paid by the county computes to about \$15 a square foot, he said. Property in the Tandy Center, three blocks from the new county property, sold for \$20 to \$40 a square foot.

Andersen said commissioners were convinced that a jury would make the county pay at least \$400,000 more for the property than was paid Nowlin.

Besides the money, he said, the condemnations would delay the county in taking final control for at least two

years and would require additional legal expenses.

THE BLOCK of land is east of the Ellison Building property purchased by the county last year for a new county office building.

It is bounded by Weatherford, Calhoun, First and Commerce and will be used for parking.

Commissioners said they approached Nowlin about purchasing the second block of land when architects said it would cost at least \$1 million to build a planned parking garage in the office building.

Andersen said the \$148,514 valuation placed on the block of land on County Tax Assessor-Collector Reed Stewart's rolls and the \$257,745 value put on it by Fort Worth represent only the land's income producing capability prior to its purchase by the county, and is fair.

Condemnation takes into account not only the income producing capability of the property, but also the value of other property in the area.

With this in mind, Andersen said, the \$627,750 paid by the county is realistic.

## Andersen dogged over dent

Tarrant County commissioners were discussing accident claims Monday, and that moved Commissioner Dick Andersen to tell everybody about his dog, Streaker.

As Andersen tells it, a married couple knocked at the door of his home one day about six months ago.

The woman asked to see Andersen's black-and-white Brittany spaniel, which Andersen says is "just an old bird dog that sleeps at the foot of my bed."

The woman accused the medium-sized dog of running into her small foreign car — and denting it. The couple said they wanted money for damages.

"Oh, come on," a disbelieving Andersen protested, while inspecting the canine for telltale lumps or bruises and finding none.

Fast losing his sense of humor, he asked the woman to take it up with his insurance company.

Andersen said his agent said he "has been in the insurance business 40 years and has heard of a car hitting a dog, but never a dog hitting a car."

"I'll have to concede Streaker is a little hard-headed when it comes to house-breaking," Andersen said, "but I don't think he could dent a car."

## Andersen urges county to buy 4 landfill sites

Tarrant County officials could avoid the city of Fort Worth's landfill problems by purchasing four large landfill sites as soon as possible, County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Thursday.

Under Andersen's proposal, each of the county's four precincts would have "several hundred acres" set aside for waste disposal. Each landfill would be surrounded by a greenbelt area that could be used as a park or golf course, Andersen said.

When the landfills become too full to use, they would be covered with sod and become part of the park.

Andersen said county officials could spare themselves a lot of trouble by purchasing the land as soon as possible in as-

yet undeveloped areas of the county.

"Now would be the time to do it," he said. "If we don't start planning ahead now, these problems will be unsolvable. I was thinking of planning ahead 20 years and buying these locations now, but with the landfill situation as it is, it might progress things by about 15 years."

The commissioner said the earliest county officials could act on his suggestion would be during budget hearings in early 1979.

County commissioners frequently have discussed the possibility of getting into the waste disposal business, but have been discouraged by the cost.

Andersen said he would like private companies to operate the landfills.

## Commissioners aid race

### Gregory, Andersen contribute to Moncrief campaign

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — County Judge Mike Moncrief is receiving financial help from two county commissioners in his re-election campaign, an expense report showed Thursday.

Moncrief reported receiving a \$100 contribution from Precinct 1 Commissioner Dick Andersen and a \$125 donation from Precinct 3 Commissioner A. Lyn Gregory. The commissioners, whose terms do not expire until 1980, serve with Moncrief on Commissioners Court.

Judge Moncrief and other candidates filed the reports, which list contributions and expenditures, with County Clerk Madrin Huffman to comply with the Texas Election Code.

Moncrief's contributions also included \$500 from Sid Bass, an oilman who plans to restore old buildings near the courthouse; \$500 from Jack Langdon, a retired Fort Worth Court of Civil Appeals judge; \$500 from J.C. Pace, a former Chamber of Commerce president, and \$250 from Harris Hoover, a former Fort Worth councilman.

Commissioner B.D. Griffin, a candidate for re-election in Precinct 4, listed \$250 contributions from DeWitt McKinley, a former mayor, and Jerry Murad. Griffin said he also received funds from the Beer Wholesalers Political Action Committee (BW-PAC).

Judge John Hill of County Court-at-Law No. 1, who is campaigning for the 322nd District Court judgeship, said his contributions included \$500 from F. Howard Walsh, a wealthy Fort Worth resident; \$300 from the law firm of

McGown, Godfrey, Decker, McMackin, Shipman and McClane, and \$250 from H.G. Wells, a Fort Worth attorney.

Ben McClure, a Fort Worth lawyer seeking the same judgeship, said he received \$500 from Max Eubank, a roofing company owner; \$500 from an organization he identified as the Good Government League, and \$200 from BW-PAC.

Dist. Judge Harold Valderas, who is seeking to keep his office, said he received a \$230 BW-PAC contribution.

W. C. (Bud) Sherman, a former legislator who hopes to become county treasurer, said he received \$500 from H.E. Chiles, an oilfield servicing company executive who makes numerous contributions to conservative candidates.

## Escrow Fund Suggested To Pay Carry-Overs

County Commissioner Dick Andersen has suggested establishing an escrow fund

to lay county bills which are carried over from one fiscal year to the next.

The suggestion came during a budget meeting yesterday, attended by commissioners and Tarrant County Convention Center manager Lou Owen.

During the meeting, Owen told commissioners if something is ordered in September and received in October, County Auditor Jack Benson usually does not pay for it until January or February.

Because the county's fiscal year begins in January and departments are not allowed to carry over funds from one year to another, each instance of late payment cuts into the new year's budget, he said.

Andersen then suggested setting up the escrow fund.

## Subcourthouse expansion needed, commissioners say

By ALICIA MEDINA  
Star-Telegram Writer

County officials say the response to subcourthouses in commissioners' precincts has been so overwhelming that they now are crowded and in need of expansion.

And Proposition 4 on the county's \$20.3 million bond election Jan. 26, if passed, would provide \$2.1 million for a new Precinct 3 subcourthouse, expansion of the other three subcourthouses, and a new service center in Precinct 1.

"We have to bring government to more and more people," County Judge Mike Moncrief

said. "There is no reason why they should have to drive downtown, where parking is hard to find, in order to transact business with the county."

Commissioner Dick Andersen, whose Precinct 1 subcourthouse has seen long lines of people buying license plates at the end of each month, said the proposed expansion is vital because the buildings will take an expanded role in the 1980s.

Taxpayers, he said, will want convenient locations for county services as the price of gasoline continues to rise, the county population continues to grow, downtown Fort Worth

becomes overcrowded and parking spaces are harder to find.

"We've had 6,000 new homes built around the subcourthouse, just in the last two years," he said. "I expect growth to continue."

Similar conditions exist in Precincts 2 and 4, where the bond issue would expand each subcourthouse by 5,000 square feet of office space.

Andersen also is planning to spend \$200,000 on a new service center near Miller and Eastbury to bring county services closer to the black community as part of an out-of-court settlement in a redistricting suit by blacks.

Andersen said it is possible that, as the emergency situation worsens and mass transportation is available in Tarrant County, there may be two or three county service centers in each precinct.

Architects for a new subcourthouse in Precinct 3 took future growth into consideration when they designed the proposed \$800,000 building. It has four wings extending out of an open-air plaza that can easily be expanded without ruining the design of the building, Commissioner A. Lyn Gregory said.

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**CLOWNING COMMISSIONERS** — Tarrant County Commissioners, from left, Dick Andersen, Jerry Mebus, Lynn Gregory and B. D. Griffin, upstaged the Gridiron cast.

## Andersen Denies Charge He Didn't Report All Ad Expenses

County Commissioner Dick Andersen denied last night charges made by his defeated opponent, Bob Strickland, that the commissioner didn't report all his campaign advertising expenses.

Strickland, who lost to Andersen in the June 3 runoff by 805 votes, claimed yesterday that the Precinct 1 commissioner reported only \$84 in advertising expenses for the runoff campaign.

Strickland said he was going to ask a district judge to have Andersen's name taken off the November general election ballot because of failure to comply with the provision of the Texas Election Code.

Andersen, who returned from Washington last night said, "I really can't understand. I reported it all... Maybe he heard I was going to sue him for libel."

Andersen said immediately after the runoff he was thinking of suing Strickland because of the content of some of his advertising.

The incumbent commissioner says now that he dropped the law suit idea because, if he had sued, "it would have looked petty."

Andersen's expense forms filed with the county clerk for the runoff indicate that \$1,438.18 was spent on "newspaper and other advertising publicity."

On the two expense forms the commissioner filed covering runoff expenses are listed \$146.20 paid directly to the Star-Telegram, \$900 paid to Nelson and the remaining \$386.98 paid to three other parties, evidently for other than newspaper advertising.

Andersen said his election advertising expenses are entered as having been paid to Stan Nelson, who ran his campaign.

## Andersen Says Strickland Has 'Dangerous' Leaflets

Incumbent County Commissioner Dick Andersen has charged that his run-off opponent is planning to distribute 25,000 circulars which are "dangerous," primarily because of one item reproduced from the Star-Telegram.

The reproduction changes a headline from a Star-Telegram story concerning the county commissioner pay raise controversy last year.

The original headline read: **Andersen Joins in Protest Over Raises**

The reproduction reads: **Andersen Joins in Raises**

Bob Strickland, Andersen's opponent, denied that he has 25,000 of the circulars, saying he has only 25 of them.

Strickland said he purposely omitted the two words from the headline, saying, "It came to the point didn't it? ... I did that to call attention to the small print."

The small print he referred to said Andersen had been "initially identified as a maneuverer in the Austin action to get the (pay raise) bill."

Andersen's denial of the maneuver appeared in the original story, but not in the circular.

Andersen also claimed his opponent was sued by the City of Fort Worth in October 1971 for \$1,437.87 in city and school district property taxes dating back to 1964.

Strickland said he initially refused to pay the taxes because he considers property taxes unconstitutional and unfair. He added that he eventually did pay the back taxes.

The Star-Telegram learned Wednesday that Strickland apparently owes Tarrant County and the State of Texas about \$800 in back taxes.

The suit over the taxes has not been settled, county tax office employees said.

However, Strickland claims he owes no taxes to the county, saying that he paid about \$2,500 in back taxes about six months ago.

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**CHRISTMAS HUG** — Commissioner Dick Andersen received a hug from Ollyn Yvonne Hill, one of a group of youth from Como First Baptist Church who presented the Tarrant County Commissioners gifts of homemade Christmas cookies last week. The youngsters were participants in the Expanded Nutrition Program which teaches about nutrition and food. For the past two years food for the project groups has been provided through a special grant from the commissioners. Miss Hill is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy L. Hill.

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## Commissioners planning to approve addition to jail

A proposal to expand the Tarrant County jail capacity to more than 1,000 cells by building an 11-story structure north of the existing jail gained tentative approval Thursday from Commissioners Court.

County officials said they will formally approve Commissioner Dick Andersen's proposal next Tuesday, giving the go-ahead for a study on actual costs and space usage.

"I'm very impressed with what (Andersen) has been able to accomplish," County Judge Mike Moncrief said. "This alternative does make sense because it gives us the very most for the very least taxpayer dollars."

The proposed \$8.4 million building eventually would house 502 prisoners in addition to 156 in the new city-county jail and 599 in the present jail. County Auditor Jack Benson said. Initially, only the exterior shells of some parts of the building would be built, Benson said, including two floors for newly created courts and such support services as the adult probation department. The interior fixtures would be added later.

The project would be financed over four years from general revenue funds that in previous years have been transferred to other major accounts, Benson said. He had proposed adding two more floors to the city-county jail scheduled for construction next May, but that proposal was sidelined in favor of Andersen's suggestion.

Andersen proposed building the new jail structure after learning from private consultant that the local jail population would double by 1,900 and require \$65 million in capital improvements.

He warned that the figures in his proposal are only tentative, although they were compiled with help from architect Al Komatsu. Komatsu designed the county's Office Administration Building under construction.

## Andersen defends weekend trip to New York

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

**FORT WORTH** — Commissioner Dick Andersen defended a trip to New York City Monday that he and two other county officials made during the weekend to try to resolve "major problems" that threaten cancellation of major gymnastic contests in Fort Worth.

Andersen said he and two Tarrant County Convention Center officials — board president C. Harold Brown and executive director Lou Owen — flew to New York to take advantage of "the only chance we had to meet with the executive board" of the U.S. Gymnastics Federation and persuade them to bring new contests to Fort Worth.

The county commissioner flew to France two years ago to help lure the World Gymnastics Federation championships to Fort Worth.

Andersen, who said he could not discuss details of the trips because the situation is "delicate," said problems have developed on a pledge to bring other gymnastics events to Fort Worth. He said the federation had promised the events as a part of a plan to move its headquarters from Arizona to Fort Worth.

The problems, Andersen said, are being caused by a change in the national federation executive board. He said he, Brown and Owen decided to fly to New York because it was the first place the national board would be together as a group.

The trio returned Sunday.

Controversy arose about the trip when critics said the trio tried to take the credit for luring already guaranteed gymnastics contests to Fort Worth.

As a part of the agreement covering the federation headquarters move to Fort Worth, local businessmen have promised to construct a gym that can be used as a training center.



Tony Slaughter

## Oil Can Derby Competition

County Judge Mike Moncrief, nosed out last year at the finish line by TCU Coach Jim Shofner in the Oil Can Derby at the Fort Worth Soap Box Derby, will make another try for the trophy Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Rolling Downs on Lake Benbrook.

THE YOUNG OILMAN-JUDGE has put on a little weight since he took office Jan. 1 but insiders report he'll



MIKE MONCRIEF, JULIE CRUZ, DICK ANDERSEN

have to gain a lot this week to come up to the weight of his challenger, Precinct 1 County Commissioner Dick Andersen.

THE OIL CAN TROPHY donated by the Texas & Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railroads, was designed from a real oil can, formerly used by engineers when oiling steam engines and have become collectors' items. The race is a preliminary to the Soap Box Derby, sponsored this year by Big Brothers.

PASCHAL AND TCU GRADUATE Robert Glenn Bowen, who received his law degree from UT in Austin, is a new assistant city attorney for FW. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowen of 3253 Rogers.

CIBOLA INN IN ARLINGTON is holding a "Meet the Rangers" cocktail party from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Roadrunner Club at Rodeway Inn has a new duo opening tonight. They are billed as Michael and Candice.

CENTRAL TICKET OFFICE has tickets for the 3 and 6 p.m. performances of the "Four Freshmen" at the Hilton Inn Times Square Ballroom Sunday. The Harvey Anderson Band will play for dancing.

THAT NEW HOSTESS ON WEEKENDS in Ramada Inn Central's 1873 Dining Room is Miss Teenage Fort Worth, Julie Cruz, who hopes to pick up tuition money for TCU. Jill Bagwell, newswoman for KPLX Radio, will be the speaker at Jetton's on Rogers' Road Thursday night before members of the FW chapter of American Women in Radio & Television.

UTA LIBRARY WILL USE PART of a federal grant toward building the library's collection of Mexican newspapers. The grant totals \$3,918.



A corporate job, commissioner says

# He's got the whole South Side in his hands . . .

By Mike Montgomery  
Staff Writer

Each time the Board of Directors meets, he's responsible for the welfare of some 200,000 stockholders.

His name's R. T. (Dick) Andersen, and Tarrant County is the corporation he serves.

Well, actually, you won't see Andersen sitting in at a Board of Direc-

tors meeting. And chances are you won't see Tarrant County on the Big Board.

Nevertheless, Andersen likes to compare his job (Tarrant County Commissioner, Precinct 1) to a board seat for a large corporation. He'll be the first to tell you it's a corporate job managing 74 county departments.

A commissioner for seven years now and who once served two terms as an

Everman city councilman, Andersen represents the 200,000 "stockholders" in the entire southwest quadrant of the county, an area roughly bounded by the West Freeway on the north; Hemphill St. to Berry St. and Berry St. east to Lake Arlington and south along Village Creek on the east; the Parker County line on the west and the Johnson County line on the south.

With three other commissioners, Andersen is responsible for the affairs of county agencies and programs ranging from the county courts, the sheriff's office, the district attorney's office and other judicial offices, all county welfare and health services, children's services and agricultural and horticultural programs.

Road projects are closely tied to a commissioner's work. "We're directly responsible for the maintenance and construction of 1200 county roads," he explains.

Andersen feels a big improvement for many area residents is a large-scale street paving project he helped get underway five years ago. The paving of some 400 blocks of city streets was held up because the city was required to assess property owners, and it was felt many people wouldn't be able to pay the extra tax.

The situation was so bad, according to Andersen, "the dust was coming in the front doors of people's homes and going out the back."

Finally, after consulting with the city, Andersen arranged to have the county pave the streets at no charge.

He names the following as other improvements now enjoyed by Precinct 1 residents:

—Hulen St. extension;  
—a new bridge over Mary's Creek Road at Vickery St. (a cooperative venture of the county, the City of Benbrook and the City of Fort Worth);

—construction of miles of bicycle paths throughout the Fort Worth's Southwest side;

—the planting of more than 1100 trees in cooperation with the Ryan Place Improvement Assn. along 8th Ave.;

—the planned extension, in cooperation with the city, of Alta Mesa Blvd. east from McCart St.

The South Side commissioner is especially pleased with one project that is now seeing the light of day. When efforts failed to launch the Echo Lake Park project, Andersen saw a challenge and got to work.

"I like challenges, especially when people keep saying 'It can't be done.' I like to get in there and do it."

Land for the park has been acquired, and construction is now underway on the project which will provide recreation for thousands of South Side residents.

Andersen says residents are also benefiting from such improvements as the new Southwest Sub-Courthouse at 3829 Alta Mesa Blvd., several South Side athletic fields, a public meeting room located in the Precinct 1 garage on W. Cleburne Rd. and used by more than 10,000 persons annually, and tax savings by cooperative ventures with suburban cities.

Looking ahead, Andersen points to a new youth center to be located on E. Lancaster St. on a seven-and-a-half-acre county site. To be constructed late this year or early in 1977, the center will serve as a home and treatment center for orphaned and disturbed children.

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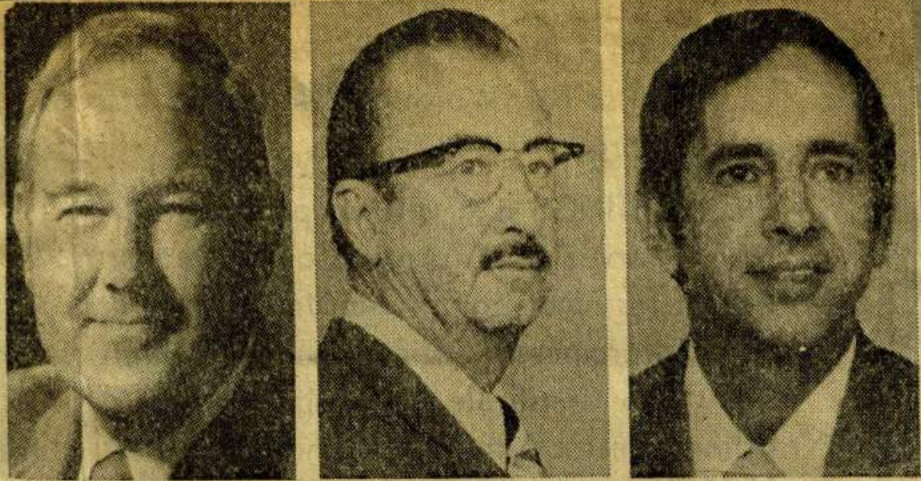
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DICK ANDERSEN R. P. SHERMAN BOB STRICKLAND

# Pct. 1 candidates seem to agree on popular 'no new taxes' stand

The campaign in the Pct. 1 commissioner's race pits incumbent Dick Andersen against political newcomer R. P. Sherman and Bob Strickland, a former unsuccessful candidate for the post.

Andersen, elected to office in 1969, said he's running on his "accomplishments." He claims responsibility for paving more than 400 blocks of dirt streets in his precinct and presently is working with city officials to extend Alta Mesa Boulevard east from McCurt Street to Old Crowley Road.

The Andersen campaign is centered around the popular "no new taxes" stand. Neither of his opponents argue the point very strongly.

Andersen, 47, is married and has lived in the county since 1946. He said some things he would like to see happen include computerization of the county's tax office and a return to the county engineer concept, which was replaced by the Planning and Management Department.

Andersen said the county civil service "grandfather clause" becomes effective next year, thereby causing those tax office employees reaching 65 to retire and allowing the county's computer to assume their duties.

On taxes, he said: "There's no need for them. That's the easy way out. We can keep a tax increase out by taking a

hard-nosed but fair approach to everyone's budget requests. It can be done. You just have to know how to run your business well enough."

STRICKLAND, who lost to Andersen in the last race by about 800 votes, agrees on the tax stance, but carries it one step further.

"I think we can do without a tax increase and still give the county employees a raise," he said. "The majority of the county employees are behind me because he (Andersen) froze their wages... Why, he's doubled his commissioner's salary in the last eight years."

Andersen said all county employees have had their salaries doubled in that time.

Strickland, 45 and married, has accused Andersen of having a "wishy-washy" voting record. He said he voted "for and against, for and against" the little red gas pump.

Andersen called the remark a lie and said he "killed the gas pump." The controversy arose more than once in 1971-72 and 1973. Though he didn't make the motion that stopped unlimited use of county gasoline by county employees, Star-Telegram stories indicate he was instrumental in its demise.

Strickland, who lists his occupation as a plumbing contractor, said there is little about the job he would

change. He would "just do it better."

SHERMAN SAID he plans to avoid any mudslinging. However, he does refer to Andersen as the Fort Worth establishment-backed candidate.

The bulk of his campaign centers around his plan for a "watchdog" over his daily functions as commissioner.

Sherman said he hopes the committee would be appointed by the Pct. 1 community at large but adds that, if no volunteers are forthcoming the first year, he will make the appointments.

Some things he's for include voter referendums to decide what to do with county revenue sharing funds. Sherman said County Auditor Jack Benson has distributed the money like a "scatter shot." He said the county libraries and Peter Smith Hospital should receive the bulk of the funds — especially the hospital.

Sherman refuses to take a stand on the need to raise taxes. However, he said Commissioners Court should check every area where budgets can be trimmed before advocating a tax increase.

Sherman, 51, is married and calls himself a "general businessman" with interests in child care centers, convenience stores and real estate.

## as it happens...

### Meetings to seek ideas on area mass transit

Tarrant County residents who have ideas for new public transportation services or complaints about existing services can present them at two meetings this week sponsored by county commissioners.

The meetings will help develop a comprehensive mass transit plan for the Lone Star Transportation Authority, which will have jurisdiction over all transportation modes in the Fort Worth-Dallas area if voters approve money to finance the agency.

Commissioner Dick Andersen will hold one meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Pct. 1 Garage, at the corner of West Cleburne Road and Columbus Trail in Crowley.

Commissioner B.D. Griffin will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Northeast Subcourthouse, 6713 Telephone Road.

Voters will be asked in a referendum, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 9, to establish the new transportation authority and approve a sales tax increase of up to 1 cent to finance its operations.

Robert Mahoney

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April 26, 1976

Dick Andersen  
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Fort Worth, Texas

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President  
Fort Worth POA

## RE-ELECT DICK ANDERSEN

### COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

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Tarrant County Commissioners

## Powerful Preachers Back Down Tarrant County Politicians

By Ed Miller

When the Tarrant County Commissioners Court began to work out the final form for the county's budget for this coming year, they thought they were tilling fertile soil with a savings plow when they proposed doing away with the Chaplaincy Program at the county hospital.

Rather than finding a way to plow under some unnecessary expenses, however, the elected leaders found that they had inadvertently plowed up a water moccasin.

The scheme to replace the staff of trained professional chaplains at John Peter Smith Hospital with seminary students was doomed from the beginning. Despite the political logic which supports money-saving changes, the implications of doing away with a program such as this one brought the politicians much more grief than it did success.

The first mention of the plan came, we are told, at a meeting of the Hospital Board's Finance Committee.

The subject has been discussed in prior years, but no one had ever taken the fateful step of openly advocating this change before. When the talk became serious, word got out quickly into both the community and the clergy about what was being contemplated.

Unlike other issues which are seized upon by political activists who then arrange the events and manage the course of action in such a way as to create a victorious situation, this was something that just spontaneously happened. It involved a lot of people and several organizations, but the group and their process was not organized at all.

When the commissioners met to take final action on the budget two weeks ago, you would have thought that some sort of high holy day was about to be celebrated—the court was filled with clergymen, members of congregations and people wearing shirts with that little white preacher collar.

### Prayers Said for Judge Moncrief

County Judge Mike Moncrief began to back-pedal as soon as he gavelled the session into order. The Chaplaincy Program, he said, would not be "done away with altogether." He spoke in defense of saving money, especially in light of the troubled financial situation of the hospital, but did not say that he intended to keep his hands off the future of the hospital's soul effort to do for a patient's soul what is otherwise being done for his body and mind.

It fell to others on the court to finish the maneuver of backing themselves out of the political dead-end street where they had taken themselves with the controversial proposal. Commissioner Dick Andersen allowed as how he was mighty grateful to all those fine folks who had called him by the dozens to discuss the deal, and confessed he had "learned a lot."

The final move was left for commissioner B. D. Griffin. Preceded by the judge's half-way statement about not doing away with the program altogether, and by Anderson's song-and-dance of thanks for the furor, it fell to B.D. to get 'em out of it with their political skins yet intact.

The conversation stayed political and rather vague until Moncrief asked if they were not all in agreement. The answer to that, Griffin said, was no. He pointed out that the judge had merely agreed not to do away with the Chaplains altogether, whereas he had promised no change at all and the same funding as before. It took the plainly stated truth to finally resolve the situation and get the preachers off their backs.

It was a formidable array of the Lord's minions which confronted the commissioners—a bishop, the Ministerial Alliance, the Council of Churches, the Metropolitan Board of Missions, Urban

Ministries, leaders of powerful black churches and a number of resourceful people who walk in both the worlds of politics and religion.

Even after backing down, Moncrief was still unhappy with the decision—from a budgetary point of view. He told a hospital board member after the debacle that he still felt like there was some fat on the program which needed trimming.

Despite efforts to lay the blame elsewhere, full responsibility for the ill-fated scheme was finally laid to rest at the foot of the commissioners' bench. If there is a lesson to be learned from the episode, it is this: you must pick your opponents and your battle-ground carefully if you intend to not only start a fight but also win it. If your advice is bad, you are liable to lose.

Recently, the commissioners have had several stunning defeats. They were not able to whip the County Auditor, politi-

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cally. They were similarly unable to whip the hospital board by packing it full of courthouse cronies. And here again with the preachers, the power of the commissioners has come up short of what it needed to be if they were to enter into a fray well-advised and capable of winning.

In earlier incidents, there was just more power opposing them than the commissioners and County Judge (and their advisors) realized. It should have been clear that this time they were up against not only a superior political force, but the might of the Lord himself. It takes a lot of balls to back down the courthouse leaders, but with God and the voters on your side, you can work political miracles. □

## Andersen sees fund cuts

By PAT SVACINA  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — Commissioner Dick Andersen warned county officials Thursday to brace themselves for a "dramatic" cut in federal aid to the county if the Carter administration and its supporters deliver on a promise to cut back government spending and balance the federal budget.

Andersen told commissioners he received warnings of the cutbacks repeatedly from congressmen during a 4-day round of meetings of the National Association of Counties and a special community development committee meeting, which began Sunday.

The commissioner predicted if Carter's promised cutback occurs,

programs that either will go or will be drastically reduced include general revenue sharing for states, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grants, community development grants and Comprehensive Employment and Training Act grants.

"We better start making our priorities right now," Andersen warned. County Judge Mike Moncrief, along with County Auditor Jack Benson, reacted immediately to Andersen's warning by predicting the county could weather a major cutback in federal grants without severe impacts.

Andersen predicted the county will not begin feeling the pinch until fall, when county programs funded with federal grants run out of money, and in January when the county

must set a new budget.

The cutback at the national level, Andersen said bluntly, will force the county to lay off persons whose salaries are paid with federal grants.

"It will involve a whole bunch of people," he predicted. "This is where the hard part will come."

Andersen said if Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine, plus House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Fort Worth, are correct, LEAA grants will be eliminated while CETA money will be given only to areas with an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent.

Tarrant County's unemployment rate is below 5 percent, a fact that would make the county ineligible and force it to cancel its program that employs several hundred people.

## Andersen says county may enter waste business

Fort Worth City Council's move to restrict dumping at city landfills may encourage Tarrant County officials to get into the waste-disposal business, County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Thursday.

Andersen said he has approached his fellow commissioners about the possibility of establishing disposal sites in all four county precincts.

Under the suggestion, each precinct would have a large tract of land set aside for a landfill. Andersen said each site should be "several hundred acres," with a park surrounding the landfill.

That way, he said, the landfill could be part of the surrounding park when it is full. Ideally, the landfill would be operated by a private firm, he said.

Andersen said the advantage of his suggestion is that land could be purchased in undeveloped areas so county officials would not face the kind of public outcry endured by city council members.

"If we don't start planning ahead now, these problems will be unsolvable," he said. "I was thinking of planning ahead 20

years and buying these locations now, but with the landfill situation as it is, it might progress things by about 15 years. Now would be the time to do it."

Andersen said a properly designed and operated landfill would not discourage activities in the surrounding park area.

"Eventually they'll have to get into grinders. That's really the way to go," he said.

Andersen said grinders pulverize waste material, leaving it easy to dispose of and, virtually eliminating pests and rodents.

County commissioners have frequently discussed getting into the waste-disposal business, but have been discouraged by the cost.

With the city's three landfills rapidly filling, city council has proposed a ban on accepting garbage from areas outside the city.

Andersen said the earliest county commissioners could take steps to relieve the situation would be 1979 because this year's budget is set.



We whose names appear below are privileged to endorse the re-election of **DICK ANDERSEN** as County Commissioner Precinct 1. We know **DICK ANDERSEN**, and we know that he keeps his promises.

**WE URGE THAT YOU JOIN WITH US AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS**

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## **County told Highway 377 to be widened**

Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen loves to relax by fishing on Lake Granbury in Hood County. What he hates, though, is the drive back to Fort Worth on heavily traveled, hilly, two-lane Highway 377. Andersen and thousands of other Highway 377 travelers are expected to find some much-desired relief within the next five years, however, as the state highway department moves ahead on its estimated \$10 million project to widen the highway from two to four lanes.

LES FRENCH, district design engineer for the highway department in Fort Worth, told the Star-Telegram Monday the department plans to have the entire stretch of 377 from Benbrook in south Tarrant County to Granbury four-laned "within five years."

He made the forecast after Monday's Commissioners Court meeting, in which Andersen referred to the highway's two-lane portion as "one of the worst traffic hazards in North Texas."

"I come back on 377 on Monday morning and its bumper-to-bumper all the way back," he complained.

French said 30 miles of two-lane highway will be converted to four lanes at a construction cost estimated at \$10 million. Right-of-way already has been purchased for the Tarrant and Hood County sections, but must still be bought for portions in Parker and Johnson counties, he said.

A CONTRACT IS expected to be let in May 1979 for widening the Tarrant County portion from Dutch Branch Park on the south edge of Benbrook to the county line, he said.

A \$2.2 million contract already has been let and work begun for widening a 6.6-mile stretch north of Granbury, French said.

In addition, the department hopes to let another contract by late 1979 for widening an eight-mile section that runs through Johnson and Parker counties, he said. Right-of-way still must be purchased for this section, he added.

"Altogether, we'll have about 30 miles (to widen)," he said. "It'll probably cost about \$10 million."

French said the highway has one of the higher traffic densities in the state for two-lane roads.

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Judge, County Criminal Court No. 4—Howard Fender  
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County Commissioner, Precinct 3—R. F. Lewis

### **REPUBLICANS**

State Representative, Dist. 32B—Bob McFarland  
State Representative, Dist. 32C—June Garrison  
State Representative, Dist. 32G—Herb Peterson  
State Representative, Dist. 32I—Dr. Dorothy Patras

## **Vote Lewis, Andersen**

An incumbent and a political-newcomer are our choices for county commissioner.

Dick Andersen, who is seeking his third term, should be returned to office as Pct. 1 County Commissioner and R. F. Lewis Jr., whose late father served the county faithfully for years as commissioner, would well serve Pct. 3 as county commissioner.

Andersen has worked through the years to improve county services while holding the line on taxes. He has pushed for more funds for county law enforcement, improvement of library services, improvement of youth care facilities and, more recently, taken a lead role in trying to help solve some of the financial problems of the hospital district.

He has been receptive to some new ideas in county government and, judging from reports from many quarters, has been responsive to the people in his precinct and in the county at large.

Lewis, at 32, is one of the youngest candidates ever to seek a commissioner's post here. Though he has not



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held public office, he has well prepared himself for public service, having studied political science on the college level and having worked for the county tax office. Too, he is a lifelong resident of Pct. 3 and, through his own experiences and those of his late father, knows the needs of the people who live in it.

In addition to some specific problem-solving goals, such as improving the county's civil service system and finding solutions to the county's growing solid waste disposal problems, Lewis intends to be a commissioner who devotes much of his time to policy-making and administrative duties and to make himself available to the people of the precinct and the county.

New associate of Puff & Wisdom First Mark Realtors is Ava Andersen, wife of County Commissioner Dick Andersen. She will work out of the company's main office at 8395 Camp Bowie Blvd.

A formal course in "Practical Aspects of Solar Heating and Cooling for Residential Buildings" has been completed at Col-



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orado State University in Fort Collins by Robert W. Watson, head of Bob Watson Custom Homes of Keller.

The 40-hour course was presented by the university's solar energy applications laboratory staff, in cooperation with the Research Foundation of the National Association of Home Builders and the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce.

Fort Worth chapter, Construction Specifications Institute, and the Office of Continuing Education at the University of Texas at Arlington will co-sponsor a seminar June 5 on "Built-Up Roofing Systems."

The session will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Life Science Building on the campus. Registrations are being taken by John R. Horton, Architect, 3908 South Freeway.

The Fort Worth Title Association has been named "Outstanding Title Associa-

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## **Nepotism law to block job?**

The wife of Pct. 1 Commissioner Dick Andersen has applied for a federally funded job in the district attorney's office, but the state nepotism law may block her employment.

"Just offhand, I'd say it would be nepotism," Dist. Atty. Tim Curry said today. County Legal Adviser Cue Lipscomb agreed, but said he would have to examine the law before making a firm decision.

Ava Andersen is one of two applicants for a \$10,368-a-year job as an investigator for the DA's office.

The federal money is coming through a temporary employment project aimed at easing unemployment. The job would be funded for only 12 months.

COMMISSIONER Andersen said he hadn't talked to the legal adviser, but thought the job would not be a nepotism violation. "She would be working for the federal government, so I can't see any conflict of interest," he said.

Even if there is no problem with nepotism, it appears that Mrs. Andersen might not get the job.

"We have been looking for a female investigator," said Ed Jackson, business manager for the DA's office. "But most of all, we're looking for the most qualified applicant."

THE OTHER applicant is a man who has a degree from UTA and a background in law enforcement, Jackson said.

"I'm not ruling Ava out, but my first opinion would be to hire the man because of his greater experience," Jackson said.

No investigator would be hired, he said, until he or she is interviewed by Don Moore, head of the DA's investigation staff.

Moore said today that he had not talked to Mrs. Andersen, and probably would not until Lipscomb settles the question of nepotism.

## **Ex-County Employee Defends Andersen**

Fred Thompson, who was fired along with another county print shop employee, who charged County Commissioner Dick Andersen with misusing the print shop, said yesterday that Andersen did not have any private work done in the shop.

The other man, L. D. Mayo, accused Andersen of having print shop workers reproduce blut prints of an industrial park in which Andersen is financially involved.

Both men were the subject of a recent civil service hearing in which they challenged their termination from the print shop by Public Works Director LeRoy Erwin.

Erwin said they were both fired at the same time for fighting on the job, a charge

neither denied.

Mayo however said he was really fired for giving information about print shop abuses to the DA's office.

Andersen provided Thompson's statement to the Star-Telegram yesterday.

Thompson said, "At no time did I ever do or was I instructed to do any private work for Commissioner Dick Andersen."

"Mr. Andersen at no time ever solicited my employment during working hours or after working hours to do any private work for him."

Andersen had denied Mayo's charges.

He said the only private work he ever had done by print shop employees was a drawing of a small building.

He said an artist who once worked in the shop did the drawing for him on his off duty time and was paid \$25 for the chore.

Andersen said he fears that political opponents will try to use the Mayo charges against him.

### **Species Dropping**

The great animals that teemed until recently in Africa represented only 70 percent of the species that lived there only a few thousands years ago.

### **Bird Feathers**

Bird feathers are akin to fish scales and reptilian scales.

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## Carter gets a buckle from Dick Andersen, sends personal thanks

Jimmy Carter has a Texas belt buckle, courtesy of Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen.

And Andersen has a nice little handwritten keepsake note from the prez, courtesy of Jimmy Carter.



SUMMERS

Happened like this: Andersen was in DC with that group of FW folks who went up recently to visit around Potomac land.

Andersen had one of the belt buckles he handed out as president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association. The commish told one of the prez' top hands, Frank Moore, he was thinking about passing along one of the belt buckles to Carter, wondered out loud if Moore thought it might be a frivolous thing to do.

Moore said shucks no, said the prez can't wait for the weekends to shed his suit and tie and don jeans, especially when he goes to Camp David.

Besides, said Moore, the President only had two buckles — one with a Winchester on it, the other a Naval Academy buckle — and could sure 'nuff use a third one.

So Andersen gave the Texas buckle to Jim Wright, who passed it along to Carter when the majority leader had a private luncheon with Carter.

Then, lo and behold, last Monday, Andersen received his hand-written note from Carter, thanking him for the buckle, which, among other things, has a seal of the State of Texas on it.

**DC DOINS:** Speaking of Carter, don't be surprised if somewhere down the line during Carter's administration FW Attorney Henry Kerry's name pops up for consideration for an ambassadorial appointment.

Kerry, as you read the other day, is at the moment under consideration for the job of being the United States' representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He is, in the language of Washington officialdom, the "designated nominee" for the UN position.

If Kerry gets the UN post — and our

little singin' birdies say he will soon, soon — it could lay the predicate for something bigger later on. And that something bigger might be an ambassador's job, once Kerry has picked up some international experience in the UN job.

A few months back, by the way, Kerry and his wife had a nice, nice visit at the White House with Carter and Vice President Mondale.

**DOUBLE TROUBLE:** Oilman Neville G. Penrose, who died this week, had his adventuresome times.

For instance, he was arrested by Mexican bandit Pancho Villa's forcestwice.

Happened like this: Penrose and a couple of his friends made use of a 300-mile trail which had been cut to get from Tampico to Brownsville. Took three days to drive it.

Penrose and his two friends were captured on the trail, taken before Villa, who had just executed more than 100 prisoners and was in a bad humor.

The trio was turned loose and in less than 10 miles captured again. Again, they were taken before Villa, whose henchmen roused Villa from his sleep.

The story is that Villa, storming like a mad man, pointed to a wall and told the three that if they were captured again they would be stood up against the wall and shot.

Actually, Penrose and Pancho Villa met a third time but the bad man failed to recognize him.

This happened when Penrose was in a Tampico hospital. Villa attacked the town and came into the hospital. But he ignored the patients.

**SUMUP:** That lawsuit courthouse janitors filed against the county after a private firm was hired to keep the place clean will get a mid-July hearing. When the case is completed, some county union people are thinking about a big membership drive at the courthouse.

That District 6 congressional race is attracting candidates and potential candidates from Alvarado to Duncanville to College Station. Some FW people say they hope someone from here enters the picture but a couple of FW possibles who have been tossing the idea around have indicated to friends and supporters they won't get into it...

## FW discovers county's permit is on the house

By NANCY K. WEBMAN  
Star-Telegram Writer

Construction on the Tarrant County Southwest Subcourthouse expansion was halted Wednesday by city building inspectors who accused the county of violating city codes.

Four city inspectors "red-tagged" the project at 3829 Altamesa on the grounds that it had no city building permit and had paid no city fees.

That's true.

But what the inspectors and some high-ranking city officials apparently did not know is that the county is exempt from both requirements.

City Attorney Paul Isham settled the matter this morning after meeting with county and city administrators. In an informal opinion given to Joe Bilardi, Fort Worth's director of development, Isham said the city cannot exact a fee on a county building.

"I just learned of it (the county's exemption) this morning," Bilardi said.

The issue surfaced during a routine visit to the construction project by Precinct 1 Commissioner Dick Andersen Wednesday morning.

"There was no one working . . . The city shut the thing down," Andersen said. He said about 16 construction workers were sent home.

Bilardi said a red tag on a project indicates there is a problem.

"We actually didn't go out there and lie in front of the bulldozer," he said.

Andersen said the workers remained off the job this morning because the matter had not been resolved by the time they were due at work. "Those guys lost two days' pay, and it's probably cost the county several thousand dollars," he said.

He said he didn't know if the crew could be assembled later today. "How's he (the construction manager) going to get a crew? Search all the coffee shops in South Tarrant County?" Andersen asked.

Andersen said he also was "amazed" at the number of building inspectors on the job site Wednesday.

"I've been in the construction business for more than 25 years, and I've never had four building inspectors on one job," he said.

He said he was happy that the inspectors had left by the time he arrived. Otherwise, he said, "I would have created a civil disturbance."

## Andersen is found innocent by judge

By ANITA BAKER  
Star-Telegram Writer

U.S. Magistrate Alex McGlinchey today found County Commissioner Dick Andersen innocent of a charge of illegally using a Jeep while dove hunting near Crowley in 1976.

McGlinchey said U.S. attorneys had not proved beyond a reasonable doubt Andersen had shot at doves from his vehicle on the second day of dove season last year.

Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden Larry D. Osborne of Crowley testified yesterday he had seen Andersen shoot twice from his Jeep and had heard another shot which appeared to come from the Jeep in a field.

Andersen, in testimony today, said his son, who was with him on the hunting trip, had at one point raised his gun, but did not shoot. He also admitted he might have raised his gun at some time in a "dry shot" to practice his aim, but said he did not shoot from the vehicle.

**AFTER THE TRIAL,** Andersen he was surprised at the action of the game wardens who pressed the case.

"It's the principal of the thing," he said.

Andersen earlier had declined to pay a \$50 fine and was being tried before McGlinchey.

John Puff, a friend of Andersen's who was with him on the hunting trip, testified this morning he had never seen Andersen shoot from the Jeep.

Puff earlier was found guilty in a peace justice court of willful waste of a game bird. The citation was issued the day Andersen received his ticket. The case is on appeal.

The misdemeanor charge accused Andersen of shooting at migratory birds from his Jeep and using the vehicle to "rally" birds for hunters waiting nearby. Maximum sentence for Andersen would have been a \$500 fine and six months imprisonment.

**IN QUESTIONING BY** defense attorney Robert Travis, Puff said he and Andersen and two other parties had been hunting in a field near Crowley that day and each of the parties had been let out of the Jeep by Andersen at various points in the field.

After he had been let out, Puff said he heard Andersen's son being let out.

He said he heard the vehicle travel a short time, but during an hour's hunting, he did not hear it running anymore.

He told the magistrate he had been the one to fire the first shot while hunting.

Puff today said at one point after the game warden had identified himself to the hunters, he asked Andersen if he knew it was illegal to fire from the Jeep, and Andersen said he didn't.

He quoted Osborne as telling Andersen if the commissioner had told him the truth, he would not have given him a citation.

Puff was ticketed that day by a state game warden for leaving a bird in the field that he had apparently shot.

Puff said he had attempted to find the bird at one point, but had not gone back again.

## Andersen cleared of illegal hunting

County Commissioner Dick Andersen was acquitted Friday by U. S. Magistrate Alex McGlinchey of charges Andersen was hunting dove illegally from a Jeep last year near Crowley.

McGlinchey's decision came on the second day of Andersen's trial on the misdemeanor federal complaint by game wardens.

It was a trial marked by sometimes drastic differences in the testimony of two government and three defense witnesses.

Texas Parks & Wildlife warden Larry Osborne of Crowley testified Thursday he saw Andersen fire a shotgun twice at birds from the Jeep in a field north of Crowley on Sept. 1, 1976.

But Andersen, 48; his son, Ky Andersen, 15, and another hunter, John Puff all denied the commissioner had fired his weapon from the Jeep while Osborne was riding with them in the field.

Andersen maintained he only fired the shotgun once, missing his airborne target, and that shot was taken outside the Jeep.

Asst. U. S. Atty. R. H. Wallace Jr. had his prosecution case weakened further by conflicting testimony between two wardens present.

Osborne said he and Andersen were together in the Jeep when they stopped near U. S. Wildlife Service special agent Keith McCartney of Burleson. Osborne testified he told McCartney to get in the Jeep and find out about Andersen's novel method of hunting dove.

McCartney testified, however, he could not recall such a conversation, although he recalled Andersen and Osborne stopping to talk.

Andersen said after McGlinchey's not-guilty verdict that he was very relieved to end his legal ordeal.

"I'd have been better off paying the (\$50) fine, but it was the principle of the thing," he said. "Paying it would have been admitting to something I didn't do."

Andersen also said the Jeep he used in the hunt legally was his and was not a Tarrant County vehicle.

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## Benbrook Lake park supported

**FORT WORTH —** "Because of the County Commissioner increase in population in the west and southwest parts of the county, it is essential that we provide additional recreational facilities," Andersen said. "We believe we could get a federal grant to supplement county funds in financing the development of this park."

Andersen also has developed a county park around Echo Lake in South Fort Worth.

"If we can come up with the needed funds, we may also construct tennis courts and a recreation center which would include basketball and handball courts," Andersen said.

The Precinct 1 commissioner said the proposed site is adjacent to an existing park.

## STREET SEAL PROJECT COVERS ELEVEN MILES

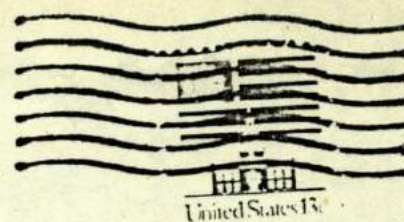
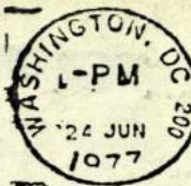
The City's annual street seal coat program was recently completed for this year. This year's program involved all parts of the City.

With the assistance of Precinct Four County Commissioner B.D. Griffin, City crews and County crews joined forces to coat over three miles of streets in the North Benbrook area in August. Combined with the six and one half mile project last year, also with Griffin's cooperation, the North Benbrook area has had close to ten miles of street seal coating in the last two years.

Last year none of the streets were seal coated in the South Benbrook area because Precinct One Commissioner Dick Andersen would not assist in program in the Precinct One portion of Benbrook. Again this year, Benbrook received no assistance from Precinct One in seal coating the South Benbrook areas. Therefore, it was necessary for the City to contract with a private contractor to complete the seal coating of over eight miles of South Benbrook streets in October. The eight miles of seal coating included streets scheduled for seal coating last year as well as the streets that were already set for this year's program. However, since the County could not assist in this program the cost to the City was considered more, therefore, fewer miles of seal coating in the South Benbrook area could be done.

Seal coating is a maintenance program to keep moisture from penetrating the surface of a roadway to reach the subgrade, which greatly increases the life expectancy of a street. Keeping the moisture from reaching the subgrades is the purpose of the City's annual program.

THE WHITE HOUSE



The Honorable R. T. Andersen  
Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Tarrant County  
Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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To Commissioner Dick Anderson

Jim Wright brought  
the belt buckle to me  
from you -

Thank you -

Jimmy Carter

JIM WRIGHT  
TEXAS  
MAJORITY LEADER

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 24, 1977

Mr. R. T. Dick Andersen  
Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Dick:

Thank you so much for the beautiful WTCJCA belt buckle.  
I appreciate your thinking of me very much.

Today I had lunch with the President, and presented your  
buckle gift to him, and he was extremely pleased with it.

Dick, I greatly appreciate you and the others who came to  
Washington this week. I hope you had a most productive and enjoy-  
able visit. I am still getting rave notices about all of you from  
my colleagues.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Jim Wright

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July 6, 1977

Hon. R. T. Dick Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

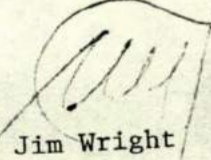
Dear Dick:

It was extremely gracious of you to write on June 27.  
I am delighted that you were able to come to Washington, and I  
am pleased that you believe the visit was productive.

Your belt buckle that was presented to the President  
has achieved a unique brand of fame. It is holding up the best  
known pair of blue jeans in the country. The President obviously  
is very proud of this gift, and I am pleased that he told you so  
in his own handwriting.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Jim Wright



roger summers

## FW folks to visit Carter's home

As Jimmy the C was in Fort Worth, some folks here were making plans to visit his pad up in Washington D.C.



SUMMERS

A White House visit is just part of the agenda for a plane load of FW folks who will jet to Washington July 9.

During their four-day visit, the civic leaders will be expressing their appreciation for area economic benefits from federal expenditures at such places as Carswell and General Dynamics and the federal agencies here.

They'll be up on Capitol Hill. They'll be at the Pentagon. They'll be at lots of places in between.

The trek to D.C. apparently will become an annual event.

Last year, dozens of FW folks did the same thing and it seemed to make quite a hit.

At one Capitol Hill get-together, about 200 Congress persons showed up. And, due to some especially good luck, they were scheduled at the White House the same time the president was rolling out the red carpet for a visiting foreign dignitary.

At the Pentagon, they rubbed elbows with some top military brass and they'll do that again this trip.

PLAINS TALK: The Star-Telegram's Jim W. Jones, by the way, has been to Jimmy Carter's other home — Plains, Ga. — and has filed a most-interesting tome about what's going on in the president's home town. You'll be reading about it before too long.

BUCKLING UP: It's traditional, of course, to present a U.S. President with 10-gallon hats and such when he comes to Texas.

But Jimmy Carter already has a Texas belt buckle, courtesy of Tarrant County's very own Pct. 1 commissioner, Dick Andersen.

Andersen passed the buckle along to the president last summer when that first plane load of FW leaders went to D.C.

The commish had one of the belt buckles he handed out as president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association. Andersen wondered if it would be frivolous to offer the president one of the buckles.

But a Carter aide said, shucks no. The president can't wait till the weekend to shed his suit and don jeans and he could sure use another belt buckle.

So Andersen passed the belt buckle along.

Andersen was hardly back in FW before he received a hand-written note from Carter, thanking him for the buckle, which, among other things, has a seal of the State of Texas on it.

WRITE ON: When the president sends along those hand-written notes, by the way, he signs them simply, "Jimmy."

MEDIA MATTERS: Tom DeFrank,



DICK ANDERSEN  
... belt buckle for Carter

who spends quite a few of his waking hours on Air Force One (some of the news types call it Airplane One) keeping track of the president as a member of Newsweek's Washington staff, got into FW Town early, spent some time with relatives in Arlington. He grew up there, went to school there. Matter of fact, he once upon a time pounded a S-T typewriter. And one of his very first assignments was rushing to Austin to help cover the infamous UT Tower shooting.

CBS' Bob Schieffer was back in his home town with the president but had to keep moving to other parts of Texas with him. But Bob and wife Pat will be back before too long, one reason being to enroll a daughter in a summer camp in Texas.

SUMUP: Now that the California tax quake has sent tremors to Texas, some here are hoping to get the Los Angeles businessman who worked more than 15 years to bring it all about, Howard Jarvis, to come to Texas to preach his Holy Grail: lower taxes and less government spending.

A local lawmaker says that since legislators get paid annually and have year-round staffs, that special session on taxes would cost about \$5,500 daily in per diem for legislators, plus some travel money.

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Dear Commissioner Anderson:

I want you to know that I will never again question your ability to smoke a cigar and have pie thrown at you at the same time. You did a fantastic job. You were a very popular participant in our booth. I can only say that my appreciation to you is sincere, and without your support our benefit would not have been a success.

Again, let me say that I, the Child Welfare Board, our staff and our foster children thank you.

Sincerely,

*Wayne Hargrove*  
Wayne Hargrove  
Lead Program Director  
Child Protective Services

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"AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"



# Andersen objects to plan for 1980 hospital tax rise

By RON HUTCHESON  
Star-Telegram Courthouse Writer

Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Friday he wants no part of a plan to postpone a hospital district tax increase until next year, but the compromise apparently has enough votes to pass anyway. Under a tentative agreement worked out this week, the hospital district, which runs Peter Smith, would drop plans for a tax increase until next year. Although court members denied making definite commitments to approve a tax hike next year, at least two members have said they think the increase will be justified. Andersen seemed irritated Friday by talk of a tax increase next year. "They (hospital officials) have absolutely no commitment from Commissioner Andersen to raise anything next year, the year after that, or any year in the future," Andersen said. He called talk of a 1980 tax increase totally premature. County Judge Mike Moncrief and Commissioner Jerry Mebus, both of whom participated in negotiations leading to the compromise, said they believe the increase will be justified next year.

Officials at the hospital district have said they need a 3-cent increase in the district tax rate of 56 cents per \$100. The tax is based on a 50 percent assessment ratio. Although neither said anything about a 1980 tax increase, Commissioners Lyn Gregory and B.D. Griffin expressed satisfaction with the compromise. The issue was scheduled to come to a vote July 9, when Commissioners Court sets tax rates. In other action at Friday's Commissioners Court meeting, County Purchasing Agent Ed Smith said the county faces a shortage of diesel fuel in July. The diesel fuel powers heavy equipment needed to maintain county roads. Smith said a diesel shortage recently forced him to buy 2,500 gallons of the fuel on the open market at 77 cents a gallon. The county has a contract for diesel with Exxon. On another issue, Commissioner Griffin questioned plans for the restoration of the old county courthouse. The court is scheduled to start looking for an architect for preliminary work on the project next week. Griffin said he favors the restoration project, but thinks the court should decide exactly what it wants to do before hiring an architect.

# Andersen Singing New Budget Blues

County Commissioner Dick Andersen is considering handing the entire county budget back to the county auditor when commissioners go into session again Friday morning. Andersen said Thursday he feared the county was headed for "financial disaster." Part of the problem, he said, is the number of new employees requested by various departments. "There must be 100," said Andersen.

HE SAID MANY of the employees are not scheduled to come on the payroll until late in the year, so the sums requested in new salaries appear small. But for every wacker who comes on the job in mid-year, the county will be faced with paying a full year's salary in 1975, said Andersen. The commissioner said he was seriously pondering a plan of "declaring King's X on what we've done so far and giving the whole budget back to (County Auditor) Jack Benson."

HE SAID HE had already discussed the possibility with Commissioners George Richardson and Jerry Mebus. He said he would like to declare a total "freeze" on new hiring in the 1974 budget. The commissioners said there are budgetary factors aside from the employment aspect which disturb him. The county, he said, is rapidly "getting involved in programs we have no business in."

As examples, Andersen pointed to the request for \$53,000 from the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and the \$10,000 pledge to the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm which Benson has re-

ferred to as a place to house the "revolving door drunk." "The farm is Skeet's (Richardson's) pet project," said Andersen. "We ought to give them a case of scotch whiskey and a bus ticket to Midland." THE MANAGEMENT of the farm is not particularly interested in affording residents anything other than a place to dry out, he said, and has already turned down a chance to get a large federal grant to upgrade its program. Andersen pointed out that the county has been called upon to up its ante to the museum by \$7,000 in 1974 under a program of increased yearly payments which is expected to last for several years. In approving the expenditure at a recent budget session, Andersen said, the county, in effect, "has obligated itself to pay the museum \$100,000" sometime in the future. He also said he feared the effects federal revenue sharing is having on county finances.

For two years now, said Andersen, the county has put revenue sharing money into budget activities other than capital improvements which require a one-time-only payout. HE SAID HE was wondering where the county will get money to prop up its budget "when the revenue sharing program ends." A further complication, he said, is the tax exemption for property owners more than 65 years old. Older landowners need the exemption, he said, but the loss of revenue will amount to a five-cent tax cut.

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# Andersen offers a solution to Oak Crest drainage woes

Drainage problems in the old Oak Crest Addition in Kennedale will be eased if the utility companies approve lowering the water lines in that area, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Monday. Andersen said a complete overhaul of the drainage system is needed to ease flooding problems that have plagued area residents for years. The problems have been caused by lack of adequate safeguards to protect residents from less-than-quality development in the area, he said. Andersen said his Precinct 1 work crews can ease the drainage problems

within two days after the district attorney's office obtains approval from Texas Utilities to lower the water lines. Andersen said drainage improvements for the two-block area would not affect another drainage problem at the home of George Taylor of 6801 Oak Crest Drive. Taylor said he has attempted to correct the problem himself with makeshift cans, but said county inspectors have threatened him with arrest. Andersen said Taylor is draining water away from his property and spilling it over onto his neighbor's property. That situation has created friction between Taylor and his neighbors, Andersen said.

# Man gets sympathy, no promises

A Tarrant County homeowner who claims the streets in his subdivision "aren't fit for man or animal" took his problem to county commissioners Monday, apparently without much success. Ron Beauvais, who said he has been working on street improvement for more than four years, got a large dose of sympathy, but no promise of roadwork from commissioners. County officials said it would be against the law for them to work on the private roads in South Shore Acres subdivision. "I feel for you, I really do," Commissioner Dick Andersen said. "We, as commissioners, cannot work on private property. I could be a millionaire in Acapulco right now if we had that kind of leeway." Commissioners said the only way they can work on the road is if it is deeded to the county. Before the county can accept it, however, the road

must meet minimum standards. Andersen told Beauvais he should take his complaints to the subdivision developer. The property is located near Southlake, Westlake and Keller in Northeast Tarrant County. Commissioner B.D. Griffin, who represents the area, said he has been working with residents of the subdivision to try to get the road under the county's jurisdiction. But he emphasized that he has no plans to improve the roadway until it is brought up to standard and deeded to the county. "Do you know what that would cost us?" Beauvais asked. "That is another matter, sir," Griffin said. "There is no way I can work on those roads as they are now. That's private property." The commissioner offered to meet later with Beauvais to discuss the problem.

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# Airspace bill for center nears passage

Action would allow hotel construction on county land

FORT WORTH — Commissioner Dick Andersen said Friday that a bill giving the county permission to lease its air space around the Tarrant County Convention Center has cleared its last major hurdle in the legislature. The action would allow construction of a private hotel adjacent to the center.

Andersen, who has been plugging for the legislation at the county level, said a state senate committee approved the bill 7-0 Thursday.

It will be placed on the uncontested senate agenda Saturday, where it is expected to be approved without debate.

"Unless the governor vetoes it, we now have the opportunity to look at some alternatives," Andersen said.

Existing state law, he said, bars the county from allowing private property to be erected on public lands. The law, he contended, has been responsible for killing plans by several large hotel chains to build a hotel adjacent to the center.

The center's board and commissioners have been working for four years on plans to expand the center and to locate a new, major hotel nearby.

Andersen said a third committee has been named by County Judge Mike Moncrief to study the kind of expansion the county should undertake. The two other committees which operated over the past several years recommended expansion if new hotels were built downtown.

Andersen said expansion to the center should not conflict with the hotel. The hotel should be allowed to build major meeting and banquet rooms.

In another matter, Commissioner Jerry Mebus predicted the county will ask for bids on construction on the new, 5-story county office building in August.

The county has purchased a block of property between Weatherford, Calhoun, First and Main streets for the new building.

Mebus also suggested that county officials stop referring to the building as the "Records Building." He said the building will house county offices, rather than records.

The county hopes to complete construction by late 1980 or early 1981.

# County wants 'air' control

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — Court-house officials will ask the legislature for authority to lease "air rights" over county-owned land near the Tarrant County Convention Center, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Thursday.

Andersen said the legislation would help commissioners get a new hotel in the convention center area.

"We would be able to permit the construction of a hotel above a parking garage or other facility on land which we own," Andersen said. "We don't have that authority now."

Andersen said county commissioners across the state also will renew efforts to persuade the legislature to give commissioners courts broad powers to adopt ordinances, but they expect opposition from real estate interests.

"We have commercial and residential developments taking place outside city limits in urban counties throughout Texas," Andersen said. "We need to have some powers to adopt policies covering building standards and zoning. We have control over septic tanks now, but that's about all."

Andersen also challenged the fairness of laws that permit the legislature or district judges to require county commissioners to spend substantial amounts of money.

"We're the ones who have to come up with the tax cash," the commissioner said.

# Tarrant County faces U.S. fund cutback

FORT WORTH — Fourteen U.S. counties, including Tarrant, that receive federal community development money face a cutoff if congress approves the Carter administration's plans, Commissioner Dick Andersen warned Friday.

He told commissioners the money could be cut in half initially and later dropped entirely from the federal budget.

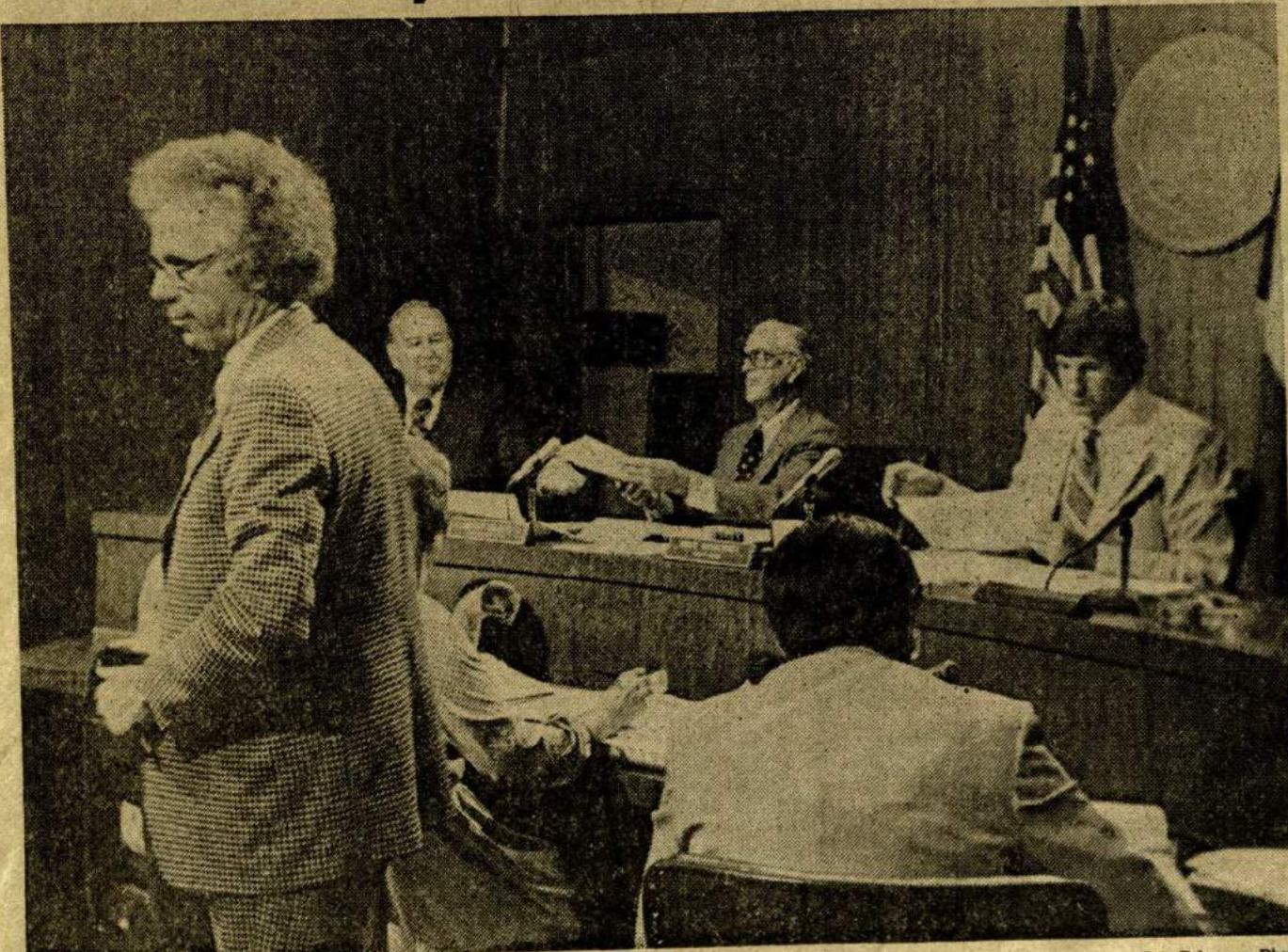
Andersen said that as a member of a national counties organization, he plans to participate in

efforts in Washington to stop the proposed cutbacks, if commissioners did not object. Tarrant County, he said, has received \$7.5 million in community development money in the last several years and has passed it on to smaller suburban cities that otherwise would not have qualified for the funds. Commissioners backed Andersen by pledging unanimous adoption of a resolution opposing cutbacks in community development funds.

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# County commission action



REDISTRICTING PROPOSED — Fort Worth lawyer Don Gladden, left, passed out a map showing proposed new Tarrant County commissioners' precinct boundaries Monday.

day. Receiving the copies, in background left to right, are commissioners Dick Andersen and Jerry Mebus and County Judge Mike Moncrief.

—Star-Telegram Photo

From the Desk of:

JESS JOHNSTON

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al found this  
in my goat

Farm Folder from  
last president - no

Wonder they're always  
asking me to work on you

# Andersen seeks decision on hotel

Fort Worth Bureau of The News  
**FORT WORTH** — Commissioner Dick Andersen called on commissioners court Friday to decide whether the county will allow construction of a private hotel on Tarrant County Convention Center property.

Andersen asked county legal adviser Marvin Collins to draft proposed state legislation that would lift the present ban on turning over

county property to a private company to build a hotel.

"If we're going to do something, we should have the tools to do it," Andersen said.

State laws barring the county from giving up its air rights or leasing land for private construction of a hotel adjacent to the convention center "have been a stumbling block" to efforts to attract a new major hotel to Fort Worth for four years, he complained.

The center board almost signed an agreement with former Fort Worth Mayor Cliff Overcash last year to study the feasibility of building a 500-plus room hotel on a center parking lot.

But the plan fell through when then-county legal adviser Cue Lipscomb ruled the county could not give Overcash air space rights.

Andersen said he is not advocating any particular plan. Rather, he said, the center's board should have the opportunity to pursue whatever course is recommended in a study on the center's future — a study expected to be released in the next several months.

Andersen said Fort Worth needs another hotel and if one cannot be built adjacent to or near the center, the county should abandon plans for expanding the center. Officials have discussed expanding the meeting rooms, exhibit area, parking and restaurant and concession facilities.

Commissioner B.D. Griffin said he opposed any "blanket" or "prior"

approval by commissioners permitting the center board to work out a deal allowing construction of a hotel on county property.

County Judge Mike Moncrief said he opposes any attempt to move the county into the hotel business. But, he added, he would entertain a Collins proposal that would allow county land to be used by a private company.

# Take Party Out of County Vote?

By MIKE KINGSTON  
Editorial Staff Writer  
**TARRANT COUNTY** Commissioner Dick Andersen isn't going to hold his breath. No miracles are expected overnight. But he is right when he suggests that county commissioners — and other county officials, for that matter — should be elected on a non-partisan basis.



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"We perform many of the same functions as city councilmen, and they are chosen on a non-partisan basis," Andersen said recently. "I can see strong advantages in the public balloting on us as individuals, considering our qualifications and views, instead of basing decisions on whether we are Democrats or Republicans."

Tarrant County's legislative delegation will be so informed by Andersen, although he acknowledges there is no groundswell of support for the idea.

But it is an idea that has been kicked around from time to time.

The practice of electing county officials on a partisan ballot is another of those anachronisms county government in Texas is forced to endure. Perhaps there was a time in the distant past that there was some reason for it. Perhaps the parties did at one time construct platforms for the operation of local government. But if so, that time is long past.

Aside from the responsibilities dic-

tated to county government by the state constitution and the statutes — and these are many — few of the problems faced by the jurisdiction lend themselves to partisan consideration. There is, as has been said time and again, no Republican or Democratic method of constructing a road or of providing other services.

These are functions in which the personal views of the individuals holding county offices prevail over any attitude of the political party to which they belong. And, as we said, neither party has come up with a platform for operating local government.

Take Dallas County's commissioners, for example. Commissioner Jim

issues, undistracted by state and national politics.

But, like Commissioner Andersen, we won't hold our breath for any revolution out of Austin this year. A good idea like this one is usually just tucked in the back of the legislators' minds — way, way back.

## Mini Views

Jackson is a rockribbed Republican and Commissioner Roy Orr is a hardshell Democrat. But there is little difference between the two when it comes to spending county tax money. In fact, one of the few times that partisan politics comes into play is when the commissioners court is required by law to fill a judicial vacancy or some other elected position.

The great danger in electing local officials on a partisan basis comes from the fact that the races might hinge on the electorate's attitude toward presidential politics, and not on the performance of the local officeholders. If Jimmy Carter's popularity doesn't improve markedly before 1980, would it be fair to clean out the Dallas County courthouse because the President has not performed up to voters' expectations?

In fact, even holding these elections in presidential election years too often obscures important local issues that should be debated on their own merits.

In addition to being on a non-partisan basis, as Tarrant County Commissioner Andersen suggests, the elections should be in odd-numbered years so voters could concentrate on local

## Who Said That?

"Out of sight, out of mind," when translated into Russian by a computer, then back again into English, became "invisible maniac." —Arthur Calder-Marshall.

# Third hotel firm indicates 'interest'

A third hotel firm has joined the list of companies interested in building near the Tarrant County Convention Center, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Monday.

Although he declined to name the firm, Andersen said the company operates a nationally known chain that is "well respected, well financed — a household word."

He said the company is considering a hotel in the "600-room range."

The Precinct 1 commissioner has been a strong advocate of legislation that would clear the way for a hotel near the convention center.

Andersen wants the 66th Legisla-

ture to approve a bill that would let the county lease "air space" near the center to a private firm.

Under the proposal, the firm could build its hotel on county property, without technically using public property for the private endeavor.

Two other firms reportedly interested in the idea — Four-Way Properties of Fort Worth and the Radisson Corp. of Minneapolis — have been involved in previous negotiations with the county.

At least one commissioner said he is skeptical about hotel prospects, saying he doubts the firms are as serious as Andersen indicated.

# Commissioner questions plan to erect \$5 million building

Fort Worth Bureau of The News  
**FORT WORTH** — Commissioner Dick Andersen questioned a plan Monday to build a \$5 million office building adjacent to the 50-year-old Globe Building which a county committee is recommending be kept for storage space.

Andersen said he has serious reservations about keeping the Globe Building because of what he considers serious foundation problems.

The building is located on an Ellison Building lot, south of the old court-house.

At Komatsu, the county's architect, said that because of the need for warehouse space and because of construction costs, plans to build a 4-story building with a basement have been dropped.

Instead, he recommended that the county build a 5-story office building, with all floors above ground.

The initial plan, Komatsu said, called for the county to raze the Globe Building and build the new office building on the south half of the city block.

Now, he said, the new building would be on the north half of the block and the Globe Building would stay.

Andersen convinced commissioners to examine the Globe Building closely before deciding whether to save it to house various county records.

County Auditor Jack Benson indicate a new building may have to be built, at a cost of \$10 a square foot, if the Globe facility is razed.

Benson projected ground-breaking for the new office building will be in August, with completion expected in 1981.

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# Third hotel offer revealed

## Major chain wants to build next to convention center

By PAT SVACINA  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News

**FORT WORTH** — A third hotel chain is interested in building a 600-room, "1st-class" hotel in Fort Worth if commissioners can convince the legislature to pass a bill allowing construction of private buildings on public property, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Monday.

Andersen told commissioners a nationally known hotel chain, which wants to remain unidentified for now, said it would like to build a hotel in Fort Worth if it could be adjacent to the Tarrant County Convention Center.

"They are not interested in building elsewhere," he said.

Andersen used the new offer to argue that commissioners should support his efforts to write a bill, to be introduced in the legislature, giving the county permission to rent a convention center parking lot to a private company for constructing a hotel on the land.

Andersen said commissioners several weeks ago that a state law prohibiting the county from leasing its property to private companies was responsible for the rejection of offers by Four-Way Properties, a company owned by

former Fort Worth Mayor Cliff Overcash, and Radisson Hotels.

He said he will meet with County Legal Adviser Marvin Collins and the convention center board's hotel commission within the next few days to work on a bill.

While Andersen is urging the county to rent its large parking lot on the west side of the convention center, county Judge Mike Moncrief indicated he is talking with Urban Mass Transit Administration officials about letting Fort Worth build Citran Plaza on the land. This would be a center proposed by the city staff for a city bus service center, a senior citizen center and an athletic center. The city, in return, would build the county a 2,000-car parking garage atop the new city center.

Andersen contended the county can drop plans for expanding the convention center if it fails to obtain the legislation necessary to allow hotels to build adjacent to it.

New hotels away from the center, Andersen said, will not help it nearly as much as one next door.

Other cities and counties around the nation and the state have the legal right to lease their land and air space, he said.

The hotel committee, which was appointed by the center board, is working with consultants to determine how much new exhibit space and how many meeting rooms, restaurants and concessions should be added.

Fort Worth businessman Sid Bass has announced plans to construct a 500-room hotel on the north end of downtown, as part of his \$25 million downtown revitalization effort. He is planning to spend several million dollars renovating old downtown buildings along Main Street, which the city hopes to beautify with a multi-million dollar federal grant.

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# Commissioners may name JP replacement Friday

Tarrant County commissioners may name a replacement for the late Justice of the Peace W.W. Matthews Friday. County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Tuesday.

As the commissioner representing Matthews' precinct, Andersen is expected to play a large role in the selection of a successor.

"Nobody has the inside track," Andersen said Tuesday. "I really don't know what we're going to do on that."

County officials have been swamped with applicants since Matthews was found dead at his home Feb. 4.

Five were added this week, bringing the list of prospective justices of the peace to 20.

Latest applicants are:

- Vince Panzera, a Haltom City city councilman;
  - O.E. "Buck" Buchanan, an automobile salesman and unsuccessful candidate for county treasurer;
  - William R. Henson, a civilian employee with the Fort Worth Police Department;
  - William E. Burdock, attorney;
  - Lawrence F. Blais, attorney.
- Andersen said he hopes to get the rest of the Commissioners Court to discuss the selection in a closed session Friday morning.
- The position pays \$27,024 a year, plus fees from weddings.

# Hotel study contract stalls again

By LYNNA WILLIAMS  
Star-Telegram Correspondent

The contract authorizing a Fort Worth investment group that includes former Mayor Cliff Overcash to conduct a feasibility study of a proposed major hotel complex adjacent to the Tarrant County Convention Center is going back to committee — again.

The feasibility study, to be conducted for the county by Four-Way Properties, was authorized earlier by County Commissioners, but a contract has yet to be signed.

Difficulties arose in November over some wording in a proposed contract and the matter ended up back in the Hotel Committee of the Tarrant Convention Center Advisory Board.

While that problem apparently was worked out at a later November meeting, County Legal Advisor Cue Lipscomb said confusion had arisen at a meeting of the advisory board Wednesday.

"It's still not together," Lipscomb said, "so it's going back to the Hotel Committee which will meet with Four-Way."

"It's relatively minor but it does have to be settled," Lipscomb said.

Lipscomb said the confusion surrounds exactly what the feasibility study is to study — the proposed hotel and additional parking on the convention center's west side and expanded exhibit space and parking on the east side or just the hotel and parking.

Four-Way had made a commitment that if the feasibility study shows it would be a success, it will undertake to build the hotel and parking on the west side.

Jim Brown, vice chairman of the advisory board, said he thinks the confusion can be cleared up without too much difficulty.

"It's just a question of making it clear to them (Four-Way) what it is we want studied," he said.

Brown said the problems that have delayed the start of the study are "frustrating but hopefully they're won't be too many more."

County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Wednesday he does not understand why problems continue to occur that delay the contract being signed.

"I'm upset frankly that we can't get started on this," he said.

"We've been working on it a long time and it's something that is important for the future of the convention center," he said.









# Sidewalk Completed by County Workers

An asphalt sidewalk from the Souder Elementary School in Everman to the Heritage Heights Addition in Forest Hill was completed last week by County work crews.



County workers put finishing touches on sidewalk.

The project, which has been in the mill for several months, was authorized by County Commissioner Dick Andersen after several residents approached him about a hazardous situation. School children from Forest Hill and Fort Worth were forced to walk along Forest Hill Drive which is narrow and has no improved shoulder. When Commissioner Andersen was told of the situation, he agreed to supply the manpower and equipment to build a sidewalk. The materials for the sidewalk were paid for by the three cities which were involved: Forest Hill, Everman, and Fort Worth.

The project had been delayed for quite some time waiting for the city of Fort Worth to allocate funds for the sidewalk. Forest Hill and Everman were ready to pay their share from the

inception. Several children have been injured while walking to and from school in the area.

Plans for further development in the area will increase the number of children walking to and from the school. Recently plans for 96 single-family attached dwellings and a mobile home development

which will contain over 400 spaces have all been approved by local governing bodies.

Residents of Heritage Heights and Woodbridge Additions in Forest Hill were especially grateful for the sidewalk since they live further away and their children are ineligible for bus service to the elementary school.

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# Computer election outfitter lambasted

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

County Commissioner Dick Andersen today slapped a California-based computer election outfitter for omissions and misspellings in last week's absentee ballots.

Andersen took Tom Eschberger, district manager for Computer Election Systems, to task over several omissions on the ballots that CES set up for punch-card voting in the final week of absentee balloting. "It was a mess," Andersen told Eschberger.

Even so, the court voted to stick with CES during the runoff elections and County Judge Mike Moncrief acknowledged that the county is moving slowly toward replacing all its lever-type voting machines

with punch cards and optical scanners.

"There were some mistakes made," Eschberger admitted, to which Andersen angrily said, "We don't pay for mistakes."

The commissioner noted that on the Precinct 4 ballot, incumbent Commissioner B.D. Griffin's name was left off, forcing his supporters to request paper ballots.

And on some ballots in the Republican primary, the referendum issues were deleted.

Eschberger told the court that because of the recent redistricting changes in county voting precincts, he had little time to proofread the freshly printed ballots before they were distributed to the polling places.

Andersen said that was no excuse,

Moncrief was optimistic CES could eliminate problems in time for the runoff elections resulting from Saturday's primary.

"Certainly in the runoff, with ample time to prepare, a similar thing won't occur," he told the court.

After court adjourned, the judge said he still is convinced that automated voting systems are the future for Tarrant County.

"I, for one, cannot see the county continuing to use these lever devices as the sole mechanism for voting," he said. "I think we must look to the future and consider other devices similar to those that have been

adopted in Dallas and other major cities in the state of Texas."

Moncrief said he would not be surprised if the county's voting machine committee brings a recommendation to sell some of the used Shute lever machines that were recently purchased and use the money to buy punch card and optical scanning equipment.

In other business, the commissioners set the annual county retreat for June 8-9 in Commissioner Lyn Gregory's Precinct 3. Each year, the court and county department heads meet for several days to discuss county programs.

## editorials

# Drawing on common sense

Common sense can add up to dollars. Last week, county officials were told they would have to fork over another \$70,000 to relocate a sewer line as part of the rerouting of Commerce Street in connection with a convention center expansion.

County officials demurred. No, they did more than that. They blew their governmental stack. Not one penny more, they said, in so many words. Back to the drawing board. Common sense prevailed.

The city relaxed some design requirements. Now, the county not only will not have to pay the \$70,000 but it will realize a net savings of \$10,000.

As County Commissioner Dick Andersen asked after the dust had settled and everything had been worked out:

"What would have happened if we had said on Monday (when the county was told it would have to pay another \$70,000) 'Boy, that's terrible but that's all we can do?'"

Indeed. How easy it is to run to government at every level and say, "It's going to cost more money." And how easy it is for government to shrug and say, "That's the way the ball bounces."

Well, that must stop. It is the people's money.

Government should not be so quick to sign the check.

The only thing it should be quick about is to do as the Commissioners Court did and send 'em back to the drawing board.

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# Commissioners eye outside legal firm

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

Commissioners Court today looked into whether it might hire a Fort Worth law firm, bypassing District Attorney Tim Curry's office, to represent the court in an increasing number of suits filed against the commissioners.

County Judge Mike Moncrief said the court wants to hire former Fort Worth City Attorney S. G. Johndroe Jr. and his firm of Cantey, Hanger, Gooch, Munn & Collins. Moncrief emphasized, however, that the decision must be made by Curry.

"I don't think the court wants to get in a game of hardball with Tim Curry," Moncrief said. Moncrief said Johndroe and members of his firm would be called on to defend the commissioners when lawsuits are filed against the court and not the county.

"It would be in the case of someone

suing the commissioners court jointly and individually, if someone was after the commissioners court per se," Moncrief said.

Commissioner Dick Andersen said the move to hire outside counsel is one the court has long discussed, but serious consideration has taken place in the weeks since the court's former legal advisor, Marvin Collins, was appointed as a criminal-court judge.

"We're getting enough lawsuits now that we're going to need someone just to handle us," Andersen said.

Andersen questioned the need for a team of assistant district attorneys to advise the commissioners court in legal matters. "Personally, I don't think there is any need to have four assistant district attorneys sitting over here to advise the court," Andersen said. Andersen said federal-court lawsuits and contractual affairs with other cities might make it valuable to have a large law firm.

# Meet County Commissioner Dick Anderson

This, the first in a series of articles on Commissioner Dick Anderson, is designed to acquaint the people of the South side of Fort Worth with Commissioner Anderson. In articles to come, we will interview him on his varied responsibilities in office, and through this we are sure you will find that Commissioner Anderson is a dedicated county official who feels very strongly about his job and who is willing to give more than 100 percent to each task which comes to him.



In 1946, a youngster from Illinois came south to play a little football at TCU. Thirty-six years later, Dick  
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# Tarrant to seek bids on Poly subcourthouse

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — Tarrant County commissioners are ready to advertise for bids on construction of the Poly subcourthouse they promised blacks in a compromise a federal judge approved in December, Commissioner Dick Anderson said Tuesday.

"Our architect has provided us with the plans and specifications we need to seek bids," Anderson said.

County auditor Jack Benson said bond funds are available to finance construction of the subcourthouse on a site the county has purchased at 3310 Miller Ave. The building will house county offices to serve the predominantly black Poly area and other parts of Southeast Fort Worth.

Attorney Don Gladden said Monday that black clients have asked him to seek a court order requiring com-

missioners to accelerate the schedule for building the subcourthouse. But Anderson said commissioners have not delayed the project.

Gladden, a former legislator and longtime liberal leader, charged in a U.S. District Court suit last year that commissioners discriminated against blacks. The suit led to the compromise approved by Judge David Belew.

The agreement specified that commissioners would redraw boundaries of commissioner and justice precincts to increase the political clout of blacks. Commissioners also agreed to construct the subcourthouse.

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## January, 1981 Meet a builder



DICK ANDERSON

Richard "Dick" Anderson is a developer member of the Builders Association, serving as the chief executive officer of the Anston Development Corporation.

However, Dick is best known as Tarrant County Commissioner, having just recently been elected to his fourth four-year term.

Anston Development Corporation was founded in 1962 and develops residential communities, industrial parks, office buildings and apartment projects.

Dick is an extremely active citizen-developer and recently worked extremely hard in an effort to provide prospective Tarrant County home buyers with tax-free bond funds which would have enabled many citizens to qualify for a home of their own.

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# Builders of the year, all



Former Builders of the Year, eight in all, gathered with the 1980 winner, John Campbell, center, on the occasion of John's being announced as the 26th winner.

Shown here are, from left, Bill Youngblood, 1979; Mike Thompson, 1965; John Parish, 1978; J. B. Sandlin, 1971; Campbell, Herman Smith, 1970; Walter Browning, 1967; Gus Jackson, the first winner in 1955 and R. C. Findlay, 1972.

# Commissioner Dick Anderson

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Anderson finds himself one of the best-known county commissioners in the state.

His present job is more grueling than any number of football games. According to Commissioner Anderson, his average work day lasts between 12 and 14 hours, and even when he arrives at home, the nightly phone calls never seem to end.

But he finds a great deal of satisfaction in his duties. During his 14 years in office, he's had the opportunity to help people of all ages and backgrounds: "From when they're born to the day they die, from marriage to first homes. The County Commissioner isn't as visible as the rest of the City officials, but we're more involved with the individual than anyone else."

Anderson began his career in public service as a city

councilman in Everman. He next ran for the state legislature, opposing Gordon Gray and Cordell Hull. "I ran a bad third, but Gordon, Cordell, and I became good friends. Cordell ended up going to the legislature, while Gordon and I went on to be County Commissioners, earning more than he does. Now Cordell says he wonders if he really won anything!"

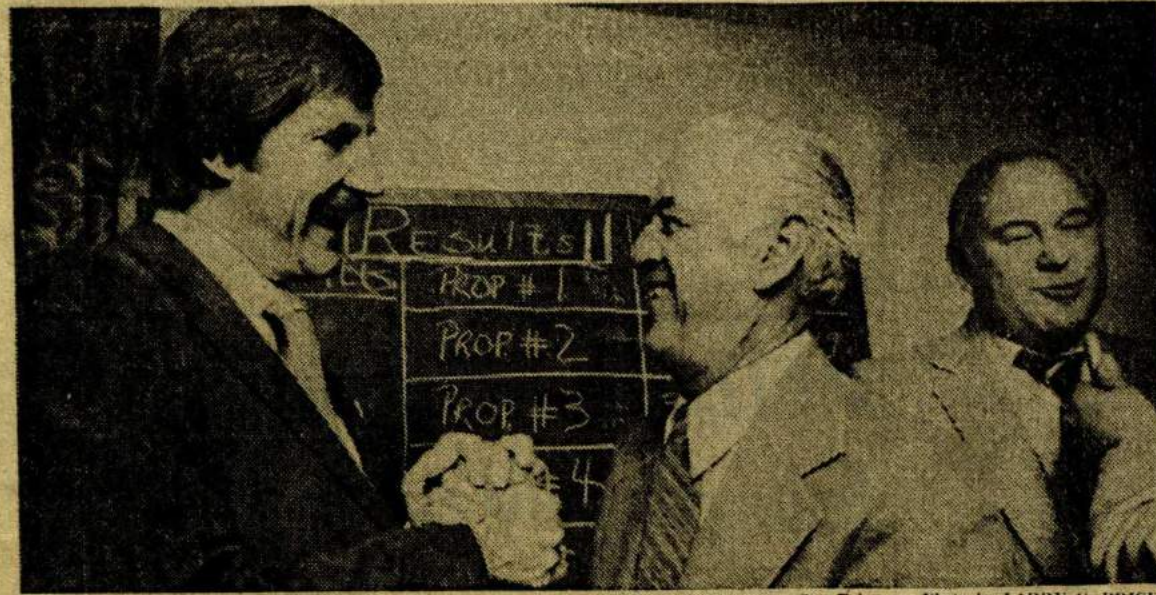
Anderson was surprised by suggestions that he run for County Commissioner, and even more surprised when he won. Reflecting, he says that it's his opinion the County Commissioner's office should be the subject of non-partisan election, since the commissioner works for all people, not strictly Republicans or Democrats.

Working out of Precinct Line Garage or the South-

west Sub Courthouse, Anderson feels he's made some positive contributions to the public good while in office. For instance, after working with the city on ways to cut costs, he felt some pride when the new court house was finished under budget.

Anderson expects to run for one more term as County Commissioner, then "retire" to a self-owned hunting and fishing lodge in Alaska. He already spends a portion of vacation time serving as a hunting guide on that state. At home in Fort Worth, he has outdoor feeders spread liberally in his yard, and calls himself the proud father of four mallard ducks.

His construction company has erected many homes in Wedgwood, and his wife has a self-owned real estate business in the same area.



WINNERS . . . left to right: Mike Moncrief, Jerry Mebus, Dick Andersen  
Star-Telegram Photo by LARRY C. PRICE

## County bonds OK'd

By ALICIA MEDINA  
Star-Telegram Courthouse Writer

Fewer than 15,000 voters turned out Saturday to overwhelmingly approve a \$20.3 million package of capital improvements for Tarrant County.

Unofficial totals from the county's 240 precincts showed a nearly 3-to-1 approval rate for the five bond proposals. Propositions involving the county juvenile center, the County Courthouse and suburban subcourthouses each captured more than 10,000 of the 14,872 votes cast.

The only sign of opposition came in Arlington, where some precincts rejected an \$11.5 million proposal for expansion of the Tarrant County Convention Center. Some Arlington civic leaders had campaigned against the pro-

posal, saying it would hurt chances for a convention center in Arlington.

Tarrant County officials cheered the election results at a party at the Ramada Inn Central Saturday night.

"I'm sorry that apathy plays a major part in the democratic process, but I'm very grateful for this tremendous victory for Tarrant County," County Judge Mike Moncrief said.

The turnout for the bond election was substantially less than had been predicted. Moncrief had estimated as many as 30,000 voters would turn out to support the bond program.

County Clerk Madrin Huffman attributed the low turnout to the cool weather and competition from the Stock Show. He said voters also apparently took less interest in the bond pro-

gram because it does not involve a tax increase.

Commissioner Jerry Mebus, whose Precinct 2 includes Arlington, said he was disappointed by the vote on the convention center, but added, "I'm very gratified. This isn't a victory for just Commissioners Court, it's everybody's victory, and there were no losers."

"It's a tribute to the citizens of Tarrant County for a job well done," Moncrief said. "The committee (Committee for a Greater Tarrant County) that worked so hard was successful in convincing the people of the future needs and to be prepared to meet those needs."

Included in the bond package approved Saturday are:

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## County taking first remap step

County Commissioners plan Monday to take the first step toward living up to a promise to redraw justice of the peace lines to will give blacks a chance to elect a black to that office.

Commissioners will vote on hiring demographics expert John L. Bean, a professor at North Texas State University, to update information on the county's population, minorities, registered voters and trends, Commissioner Dick Andersen said.

Bean provided similar services and computer programs last October that helped commissioners settle out of court a redistricting suit brought by blacks.

Under that compromise, new boundary lines were drawn that gathered blacks from three commissioners' precincts into Andersen's Precinct 1, concentrating their political clout. They also won a commitment from the court to redraw justice of the peace district lines.

Andersen said commissioners will discuss the alternatives with blacks who filed the suit and with their attorney, Don Gladden, after Bean completes his research. Among the alternatives is the possibility of redrawing lines for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and adding a Place 2 position.

Commissioners also could combine parts of Precincts 7 and 8 and create two new districts that would include Fort Worth's black community.

"It's the first logical step in a process that has to be done. I don't want any guesswork. It has to hold up in court," Andersen said.

## Applause

I am writing to applaud the actions of Tarrant County commissioners who recently approved a \$52.6 million budget. I was extremely pleased to read in the Star-Telegram that the commissioners had approved funding for a special prosecutor to handle cases of abused and neglected children.

I think this action should be recognized as progressive and as one that clearly demonstrates concern for abused and neglected children in Tarrant County.

Children are the most important resource this nation has. The decision by commissioners recognizes this by protecting those children who are the victims of violence and neglect so that they may have a better chance to serve the community in a constructive way as they grow to maturity.

PAUL H. GLASSER  
Dean  
Graduate School of Social Work  
The University of Texas  
Arlington

## County race

A board member of John Peter Smith Hospital has filed for County Commissioner Precinct 1.

Republican Robert L. McAfee will oppose incumbent Dick Andersen, a Democrat, for the Precinct 1 post he has held for 12 years.

McAfee heads his own public accounting firm and was appointed to the hospital board by County Judge Mike Moncrief.

Andersen, the senior member of Commissioners Court, represents a precinct that includes the majority of blacks in Fort Worth as a result of a redistricting suit by blacks that was settled last year. In that out-of-court settlement, commissioners agreed to redraw precinct lines to transfer thousands of black residents into Andersen's area.

After redistricting based on the 1980 census, Precinct 1 will be dominated by a black constituency.

## Vote won't mean increase in taxes

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- \$3.5 million for an office administration building across the street from the County Courthouse. It will house nine county departments, including Commissioners Court and its staff. The building is scheduled for completion in July 1981.
- \$3 million for restoration of the County Courthouse. Commissioners hope to restore the courthouse interior to its original condition. The building has undergone several changes over the years to accommodate a growing county government.
- \$11.5 million for convention center expansion. The bonds will finance construction of 100,000 square feet of additional exhibit space and an 800-vehicle parking garage across from the center on Commerce Street.
- \$2.1 million for expansion of subcourthouses in Precincts 1, 2 and 4 and a new subcourthouse for Precinct 3 in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford area. Precinct 1 in southwest Tarrant County will get a new service center.
- \$250,000 for a new dormitory wing at the Lynn W. Ross Juvenile Center, 2701 Kimbo Road.

## Incumbents to have priority in precincts

Incumbent peace justices and constables will get top priority for appointments to new precincts scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, County Commissioner Dick Andersen says.

Under a proposed plan to redistrict all justices of the peace and constable precincts, commissioners have the power to decide who will occupy the new posts.

Andersen told a group of about 40 persons at his Precinct 1 garage that commissioners will not ignore the results of this year's general election in making that decision.

"We're going to take whoever wins in that precinct," Andersen said. "The tough decisions are in Precinct 6 and Precinct 7 where there are many friends lumped together."

Constables Jim Patty of Precinct 7 and Herman Daniels of Precinct 6 will compete for the post in the new Precinct 6.

In the new Precinct 3, commissioners will have to choose between Justices of the Peace Floyd Gray and Doyle Lee in existing Precinct 3 and Bob Blevins from existing Precinct 4.

Andersen said those cases will take a lot of "soul searching" and added, "I hate the day that we're going to have to do it."

Under the new redistricting plan, black voters will be in the majority in electing a justice of the peace and constable in Precinct 8, largely comprising the Southeast portion of Fort Worth. The plan is part of an out-of-court settlement reached in the lawsuit against commissioners.

The last hearing on the proposed plan is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the North Richland Hills subcourthouse at 8000 Bedford-Euless Road.

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**REPUBLICANS SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER DICK ANDERSEN**

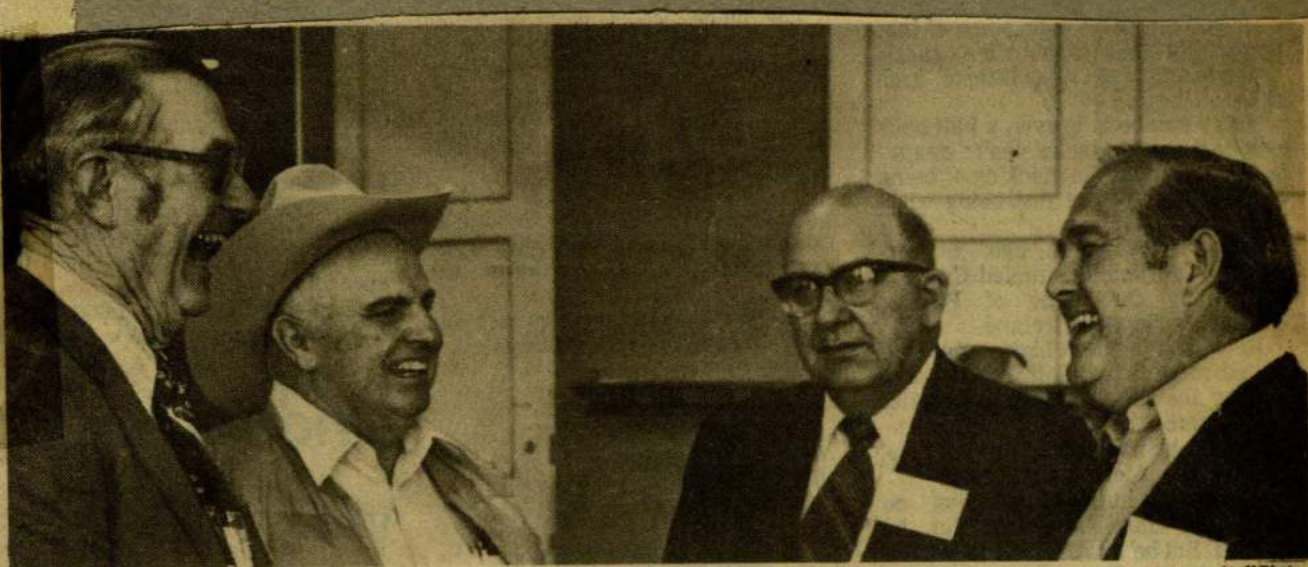
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Getting together at the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association convention here are, from the left, Pecos County Commissioner Leslie Bowman of Fort Stockton Reagan County Commissioner Lester Ratliff of Big Lake, Randall County Judge Woody Pond of Canyon, and WTCJA President and Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen of Fort Worth. The convention opens today. Registration was Wednesday.

## County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Dick Andersen



Experience is the telling factor that should convince voters in Tarrant County Precinct 1 to re-elect Commissioner Dick Andersen on Nov. 4.

The Precinct 1 contest is one of those bright spots on the ballot that pits an incumbent, Andersen, with a proven record of accomplishment and accountability against an attractive, articulate opponent, Bob McAfee, with fresh ideas about conducting the county's business.

Whether the Democrat, Andersen, or the Republican, McAfee, wins, Precinct 1 and the whole county should be well served.

Nevertheless, the three terms during which Andersen has served with distinction as a member of the Commissioners Court provide solid evidence of his ability to do the job. Any first term commissioner would have to undergo an extended period of on-the-job training.

Some of the most important decisions in Tarrant County's history are now pending at the courthouse. The edge that experience gives is needed to make those decisions. Andersen is the man for the moment.

## City hosts judges, commissioners

Registration for the West Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' Association convention continued this morning at the Midland Hilton, with more than 260 persons registered during Wednesday registration.

This is the first time the association has held a convention in Midland, County Judge Barbara Culver said.

This morning's session included welcoming addresses by Culver, Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo and Midland Chamber of Commerce President Harrell Feldt.

Reagan Brown, special assistant to Gov. Dolph Briscoe the keynote address.

Greetings were given by Rockwall County Judge Derwood Wimpee, president of the state association; Bell County Judge Harold Harris, president of the North and East Texas association; Commissioner John Gayle of Brazoria County, president of the South Texas association; Potter County Judge Branch Archer, president of the Panhandle association, and Commissioner Joe Brigrance of Brazoria County, president of the Texas Association of Counties.

Before the adjournment for lunch, addresses were given by Ector County auditor Billy Hicks, El Paso County Judge Udell Moore and Sam Cloutis, executive director of Texas Association of Counties.

This afternoon the resolutions committee, nominating committee and conference city for 1978 committee met.

During a banquet which starts at 7 p.m. tonight, the outstanding county judge or commissioner will be named.

# Team still calls Will Rogers home

By **BUD KENNEDY**  
Staff Writer of The News

Ice hockey belongs in Will Rogers Coliseum and that's where the Fort Worth Texans will stay, team president Dick Andersen says.

Andersen, a county commissioner, and John McMillan, a member of the Tarrant County Convention Center governing board, are two of 10 men who bought the team July 16. Within days the Texans' schedule was released, listing two games at the Tarrant County Convention Center, where the team once set Central League attendance records with crowds of more than 10,000.

The Texans had not played in TCCC for six years, staying at smaller



**DICK ANDERSEN**

"Real pleased" about schedule.

Will Rogers, the city's 44-year-old arena. But the 2-game return to the county building was planned when Andersen and McMillan bought the team, they said.

The city receives \$500 per game — \$20,000 for the season — in rent from the Texans, Andersen said, but will not lose any money because the rent is paid by the year. The team will plunk down an extra \$2,000 for two nights at the convention center.

"One of the problems they've always had is the long road trip during the rodeo (the Southwestern Exposition Fat Stock Show and Rodeo, in January)," Andersen said. "Playing at Tarrant County was already in the works when we bought the team, and I'm real pleased we were able to set it up."

But I don't think we could ever move the team there for an entire season. Really, ice hockey just lends itself much, much better to Will Rogers. Our goal is to fill it up."

McMillan, a Fort Worth beer distributor, was torn on the subject. "I wasn't aware we had any games scheduled at the convention center," he said. "But I can see, looking at it from the team's viewpoint, how it could be beneficial to play there."

"From the standpoint of the convention center board, though, I have to say I don't think we can handle an entire season of hockey games. And if ever a conflict comes up between owning part of the team and serving on the convention center board, I'd have to let the hockey go. To tell you the truth, I have not been very active in the running of the team anyway."

The \$2,000 for the convention center is the going rate, Andersen said. "Actually, even though John and I are involved, it's costing us just as much as anyone else to rent the convention center. And the charge there is about twice what it is at Will Rogers."

The Texans could have played the games Jan. 24 against Dallas and Feb. 5 against Houston at Will Rogers on

other dates as part of their season contract but wanted to play at the convention center as "kind of a trial run," director of promotions and marketing Dan McDonald said.

"Last year we ran into a conflict during the playoffs that we don't want to happen again (when the Texans had to play two games in Dallas)," he said. "Tarrant County wasn't sure if they could get their facility ready. We want to have a couple of dry runs in case we need it in the playoffs."

Don Magness, director of the Will Rogers complex, said the city "is not going to lose anything."

"They're the ones who will lose," he said. "I told them it was a super building for rock events but a bad building for hockey."

"Even with their rent, the county will lose money putting in the ice, taking out the ice and doing everything else to set up. It's not a very good deal for the county. But for us, that's two more nights we can rent this building for something else."

Andersen said the Texans' rent agreement on Will Rogers is settled and awaiting city council approval. "I guess I should have thought of that before I went so hard about the city-county jail costs," he said.

"But, heck, I don't want anything to overlap between my county business and my hockey. If there ever was even a hint of conflict I'd be the first to step down. And there are four or five guys mad at me right now for not offering them parts of the team when we broke it up 10 ways."

# Council Considers Replacing Bridge

By **Jean Harper**

A work session of the Everman City Council was held Monday night to discuss re-channelization of Chambers Creek at a cost of \$45,000, matching a \$45,000 proposal offered by County Commissioner Dick Andersen to be applied toward replacement of the bridge on Enon/Forest Hill Dr.

With all members present, and a capacity crowd in attendance, Mayor Bill Blalock, before opening the meeting, stated he would like to clear up a "misinterpretation" by some citizens in the community. "The word was going around that (Councilwoman) Jackie Criss and I were against it (the re-channelization project)," The rumor, according to Blalock was "absolutely untrue."

"We want to do anything on this creek to help, but my only concern is 'where is the money coming from?'"

Criss declined commenting on the matter. A presentation, complete with "before and after" maps of the Everman flood plains, and demonstration of proposed re-channelization was conducted by City Engineer Hank Hensley.

He informed that a HUD grant which the city had applied for, had been held up, and there was even a possibility the funds might be cut. "I talked to the Tarrant County Planning Department today, and HUD is still not giving an answer, but they feel like it will be approved," he said, advising if approved, the funds could still be used in another "impact" area.

Hensley stated he had met with Commissioner Anderson, and been in-

formed he was concerned about the channelization program. "The proposal he made was, in effect, that in his bridge program which the County has, so much is set up for each Commissioner in each district to help with bridge projects. He has committed \$45,000 from that fund to apply toward replacement of the bridge on Enon and Forest Hill Drive and he would do the channelization and any work he could in that area."

"Now then, the other part of that is that the bridge will cost about \$90,000, which leaves another \$45,000 which the city of Everman would have to pay."

The Community Development Funds (HUD), according to Hensley, could be moved up to the impact area. Demonstrating the 100 year flood plane map, he said, "With the channel improvement program going, after the channel work is completed, this is what your 100 year flood plane will look like."

"For that \$45,000 alone standing by itself, we would probably accomplish about \$150,000 worth of work," he said, advising that the work definitely needed to be done.

He further stated that Commissioner Anderson needed to know within the next 60 to 90 days, what action the city intended to take.

Councilmen Joe Sample and Charles Baxter indicated clearly they were in favor of the rechannelization. "The bridge at Enon and Forest Hill Drive needs to be replaced. I think we need to go ahead and invest the money and correct the problem," said

Sample. Baxter agreed, saying Anderson had helped Everman many times in the past, "but who knows? After next election Dick Anderson might not be over there."

To put the plan into action, Hensley said the city would need to apply to Austin for a public hearing. "With approval of the planning from the state, we would then need to get the drainage easements and channel easements. Jim and I have talked to two or three of the property owners, and they seem very cooperative about it."

He added this was a good time for a project of this nature, since "there are lots of hungry contractors around now."

He also advised the city to contact Andersen to have his staff start on the channel easements. "Then we need to get the overall concepts plan and have the public hearing for the entire improvements at one time, and if they don't have any negative response they will hold the hearing in Austin. If there are negative responses, it will be held in Everman."

Hensley was questioned by Councilman David Bailey concerning the width of the proposed new bridge, and was told, "It's set up to have 30 feet clear, and that is pretty standard by today's requirements on a two-lane road," adding that the existing bridge, built in 1932, is 16 feet wide.

When further questioned concerning the entire channel improvement, and the estimated cost should the city pay for it unassisted, Hensley said a good estimate was "\$695,000."

At the conclusion of his presentation, the floor was opened for a question and answer period for those attending.

Several citizens complained about piles of dirt placed in the flood plane by Everman Products, Inc., expressing fears it would hamper the flow of water during severe rains.

"In case it came a big rain, and I am talking about four, five or six inches, would Everman Products be responsible for that dirt?" one citizen asked. Bankston replied, "They, of course, have put themselves liable for any flooding." He added he had been informed by representatives from the company that the dirt would be moved back up to the edge of the flood plane soon.

Another citizen thanked the city for assistance given. "I would like to say something for the city. They did a lot of work in the creek and I think that work helped during the last rain. It lapped up against my porch and I am assured that it would have been in my house. I would like to commend them for the work they did, and I would like to tell you how much we appreciate the work you did widening that gutter."

The council unanimously agreed, with no commitments on the part of the city of funds, Andersen could be notified to start preparing the channel easements.

Following discussion with Chief of Police Randy Sanders, concerning minor needed improvements to the City dog pound, Mayor Blalock adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

# Variety the ice of life

By **JOHN STURBIN**  
Star-Telegram Writer

A butcher, a baker and a candlestick maker would have rounded out a complete set.

But the 10-member group which assumed ownership of the Fort Worth Texans Hockey Club recently is, as one investor suggested, "putting up the grocery money" in hopes that their shared occupational and diverse occupational and social backgrounds will add up to a box office success this season.

The group assembled by John Choyle under the banner of Tarrant County Ice Sports Inc. includes an accountant, a beer distributor, and a retiree. They range in age from 23 to 70, and Choyle, executive vice president and general manager, thinks that mix of youthful exuberance and mature experience will fix what's been ailing the city's Central Hockey League franchise.

"We've got some hockey fans and some very successful business people involved," Choyle observed. "We've got some younger people, middle-age, and older people and we wanted a cross-section of people. That was my idea, because more people have more time to spend."

"Younger people have got a little more energy, but time is the key to being able to contribute. Some people are more business-oriented than others and some can't do some of the things others can do. They're the ones that keep it on an even keel."

Choyle, the 49-year-old former Texan coach, first demonstrated his ownership interest at the annual CHL Board of Governors meetings at the Amfac Hotel at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport June 18. The parent Colorado Rockies were interested in him, too.

Almost immediately, Choyle turned to Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen, whose friendship extends to the 1972-73 CHL season when Choyle first coached here. One phone call later Andersen was in and Choyle noted "that's when we got started."

Andersen, a 10 percent owner when the Texans were affiliated with the New York Islanders, contacted Hans Annarino, Kraig Summerford, Harry Purser, Kraig Harris, and John V. McMillan.

Choyle dealt with Chuck Ault, Paul Bolinger, Miles Hildebrand, and M.J. Whaley. Choyle said it took about four days to get the group assembled; then it was on to bargaining. The Rockies first asked for \$110,000, which Colorado General Manager Ray Miron had said was in line with what other National Hockey League clubs were receiving from their CHL offspring. Choyle initially offered \$85,000, the same figure former owner Cliff Overcash Jr. paid last season.

They settled on a base of \$100,000 — "Right at the end of the line," Choyle said — plus a bonus arrangement. "The bonus deal is a separate thing. But there is a bonus and let's leave it at that," Choyle said.

Choyle, 49, and his group eventually won out over the clients being represented by Hank Faulder, former Texans public relations director. Like Choyle, Faulder brandished a bulging CHL resume, but even Choyle played down the effect of his general managerial background as a factor.

"As far as my experience," he said, "I've done both jobs in a lot of the cities so I know that end of the business as well as coaching."

Choyle's hockey portfolio goes Please see Texans on Page 4



**JOHN CHOYLE**  
... pleased with mix



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# Texans in many hands

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back to the 1960's, when he coached in the Major Junior A ranks from 1963-69. Most of the last decade was spent in the CHL, including coaching and general managerial stints at Kansas City and Albuquerque. He held the same jobs with Denver of the Western Hockey League.

During the 1974-75 and 1975-76 seasons, Choyle was director of player personnel for the NHL's Kansas City Scouts — the franchise that would eventually flee to Denver and become the Rockies.

Last season, Choyle served in the interesting position of manager-coach with the Dallas Black Hawks while Ed Terhune served as general manager. Choyle said he had charge of the team's on-ice business, and so it was his head that rolled on Jan. 21 as the defending Adams Cup champions labored in seventh place in an eight-team league.

Choyle was fired and replaced by John Muckler, who guided the Hawks into the cellar.

His dismissal left Choyle "really upset, and you start second-guessing yourself. I was wondering if it was me or the players. I wasn't sure. Everybody was telling me it was me — my parent club (Vancouver) was indicating it was my fault. If you hear it enough, you're gonna start wondering."

For the present, Choyle said his group is "well-fixed financially" and thinks they will prove quick students of the hockey business. Each owner put up \$5,000 and a \$5,000 letter of credit.

The investors:  
■ Dick Andersen, 51, serving his 12th year as Tarrant County commissioner. Andersen has been involved with hockey for 15 years here under various owners and said matter of factly, "We're willing to put the grocery money up to make sure hockey stays here."  
■ John V. McMillan — 66, chairman of the board, Coors Distributing Co. of Fort Worth. McMillan said he hopes to remain in the background. Interestingly, he was one of those originally interested in backing the Dallas Mavericks franchise in the National Basketball Association. "But when they changed, I changed too," McMillan said in reference to the stricter demands the NBA made on down payment and interest terms.  
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firm here the last 11 years. Annarino, a native of Germany, said his duties will "mostly be in helping to promote the team — with season tickets and developing some promotions."

■ Gerald Summerford, 44, an assistant district attorney here for nearly eight years. He has followed hockey here since the days of the Fort Worth Rangers in the late 1940s, and has been active as an official, coach and board member with the Fort Worth Amateur Hockey Association for eight years.

■ Harry Purser, 54, an administrative assistant to Andersen. Purser, with an accounting background, will see that the club's fiscal policies are carried out.

Serving as directors are:  
■ Chuck Ault, 23, sports writer for the *Arlington Daily News*. "Being the youngest member of the group," he said, "I can relate to the younger crowd."

■ Paul Bolinger, 60, owner of The Paul Bolinger Co., wholesale distributors of office copy products, for the last 20 years.

■ Kraig Harris, 27, manager of Johnston Employment Staffing Services in Arlington and Fort Worth. Harris hopes to move the team closer to the average fan.

■ Miles Hildebrand, 38, one of three co-owners of American-National Advertising in Dallas. Hildebrand said of his role, "I see myself as coming up with new ideas for promotion and advertising sales and new ways to market tickets."

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# Court injects humor into Moncrief's hospitalization

Saying he has been "trying to cover too much ground in too short a time," County Judge Mike Moncrief checked into All Saints Hospital on Wednesday for treatment of pneumonia.

Moncrief, who testified in Austin on Wednesday to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, said a sinus condition had turned into bronchitis, which evolved into pneumonia.

"I just got run down, trying to cover too much ground in too short a time. I got bronchitis and it got down into my lungs," Moncrief said.

In Moncrief's absence, Commissioner Dick Andersen chaired the Commissioners Court's informal meeting today

and suggested a little mischief while the judge was away.

"While he's gone, let's think about something we can do," Andersen said with a devilish grin. County legal adviser Gerald Summerford suggested: "Like abolishing the county judge's office?"

Andersen and the other commissioners suggested splitting Moncrief's substantial wealth among the commissioners present.

County Personnel Director Bob Popplewell then asked the court, in mock seriousness: "Were we able to confirm he is not seeking an abortion at John Peter Smith Hospital?"

When informed of the commissioners' plans to abolish his office, Moncrief coughed: "Good riddance."

# Andersen blasts increase in price tag of restoration

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

County Commissioner Dick Andersen said he is appalled by a revised \$7.5 million price tag on restoration of the historic county courthouse, even though County Judge Mike Moncrief ordered \$500,000 be cut from the figure.

"What happened to the court order that said we could only spend \$5 million?" Andersen said. "How could he (Moncrief) do that? He hasn't got the authority to do that. I think it's out of the question, and I don't know how we'll ever pay for it."

County Auditor Jack Benson questioned several of the increased costs included in the revised estimates presented to Moncrief and the courthouse restoration committee Thursday.

But Benson said the court agreed to pay for the project with money from the general fund.

The revised budget figures are \$1.5 million higher than previous estimates of the cost of restoring the 85-year-old granite building.

Commissioners Court recently voted to finance a \$5 million restoration project, using \$3 million from the voter-approved 1980 bond election and the remainder from the county's general fund. However, during Thursday's meeting, it was clear the price of the project had escalated.

"OBVIOUSLY, THE cost of the project will go as high as we let it go," Moncrief told the committee. "I think the court and the public had anticipated a round dollar figure of \$7 million, including professional fees. In the two weeks you have, this committee expects you to come back with that figure and hold the line."

Despite Andersen's reaction, Moncrief said, "I didn't think the numbers presented today come as a surprise to anyone. They know how expensive it is in a restoration project of this magnitude. The cost was originally \$6 million, and we knew they were going to be over that when we added some additional courtrooms."

Joe Walker, one of the owners of Walker Construction Co., the county's construction manager on the courthouse and convention center bond projects, said a thorough restoration of the courthouse will save money in the long run.

"Our feeling is any prudent business person would look at it and say, 'If you do it, do it right,'" Walker said.

WALKER SAID the estimates he submitted Thursday show a construction cost of \$8,922,052, to which construction manager's and architect's fees of about \$600,000 must be added.

"We're looking at \$9.9 million, and architect and construction management fees of around \$600,000. So right now, we're looking at \$10.5 million, so we have to get it down to \$7 million."

During and after the committee meeting, Walker pushed to place the remaining work out for bids.

"If we hit the market at the right time, that will take care of a lot of problems," he said. "If we procrastinate and wait for committees and things like that, we'll lose 60 days, and inflation will set in. The (construction) market right now is very competitive. We feel very confident the bids will come in under what we're budgeting."

So far, the county has awarded a \$1.16 million contract for the first phase of the courthouse project to install elevator shafts, mechanical equip-

ment, fire stairs and restrooms. That contract was awarded for \$120,000 less than Walker budgeted.

The second phase of the project, the complete restoration of the exterior of the building, recently was awarded for \$348,000. Phase 2a, which the court will consider Monday, is to replace flat surfaces of the roof and repair the copper roofs. Walker and architect Ward Bogard said they will recommend a \$49,604 low-bid contract with Acme Roofing.

BOGARD PREDICTED that when the remainder of the project is placed for bids, the competitive bidding process will lower the price tag.

"It may be that just the bidding process will cure our problems. I've seen bids come in with a 20-percent range between the high and the low bid," he said.

The architect said he and Walker have been able to secure estimates on some of the 200 budget items on the construction list and cited installation of a marble staircase leading from the first floor to the second.

Originally, a staircase flanked each side of the lobby beneath the rotunda; but the staircase on the west side was removed several years ago to install elevators.

"The staircase is a major item, and I don't think it ought to be taken out," Bogard said. "It's a very specialized thing, and we've only had one estimate on it. We've got to find some other people willing to build it so we can get some competitive bids."

Bogard said to build a replica of the existing staircase, an artisan would have to build special molds to cast the iron and then plate the railing with copper.

# Tarrant OKs new jail plans

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

Commissioners Court today approved a new set of plans for the \$20.5 million Fort Worth-Tarrant County jail complex after a slide presentation by architect Al Komatsu.

Komatsu, who was hired to draw up new jail plans after architect Lawrence White was fired this summer, told the court that the project is "a little bit ahead of schedule and a little under budget."

He added that invitations to bid are scheduled to go out to contractors on May 13.

During a brief presentation by Komatsu's associate, Johnny Firestone, the court was shown drawings of a seven-story, rectangular building that will be linked to the existing criminal courts and jail building at the corner of Belknap and Taylor streets.

Firestone also told the court that a

four-level parking garage will be built just south of the complex.

The current plans call for a basement entrance to jail holding areas. Floors one through four will house the city police headquarters. The fifth, sixth and seventh floors will house single and multiple occupancy cells, a laundry, a law library for inmates and a medical facility.

Firestone told the court the top level, which he called the "pent-house," would house most of the mechanical equipment for the facility, plus two outdoor recreation facilities.

Commissioner Dick Andersen asked Sheriff Lon Evans if the plan met with his approval.

"I think it's a very efficient plan. It seems at this point it will work very efficiently," Evans said.

Andersen reminded him that the time to voice concerns or complaints was now.

"It's like getting married. Speak up now, or forever hold your peace," Andersen told the sheriff.

After the court voted unanimously to approve the Komatsu plan, the architect promised the building would not run into the same construction cost problem White's proposal had encountered.

"I'm extremely confident that we have control of the building expenses," he said.

"Unless there is a catastrophic rise in the cost of living, which I don't anticipate, we will be able to control the building costs."

Komatsu, who will be paid \$1,282,500 for a complete redesign of the project, said he will give the city and county a no-frills structure that is cheap to operate.

"It's basically a very simple building with economical building costs," Komatsu said.

# Dead end reached in courthouse costs

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

In a session full of finger-pointing Monday, Commissioners Court tried to deal one more time with \$2 million in unexpected costs for restoring the County Courthouse.

Commissioner B.D. Griffin and County Auditor Jack Benson tried to blame each other for the problem and Commissioner Dick Andersen wanted to pressure architect Ward Bogard.

But when the dust settled, the court once again hadn't done anything.

Last week, Bogard and construction manager Joe Walker told County Judge Mike Moncrief and the county restoration committee that estimates on the project had escalated to \$8.9 million.

Noting that a July 1981 court order to expand the scope of the restoration project was recommended by Benson, Griffin pressed the auditor.

"You're trying to put all the responsibility on me, and I don't mind," Benson replied. "But if you ask me, I'll ask you why did you approve it?"

Andersen chipped in by repeating his contention that Bogard be forced to stay within the \$5 million budget.

"I think we ought to take this court order and nail it on his chest and say, 'Do whatever you can do, but this is as far as you go,'" Andersen said. "Five million dollars goes a long way; you can do a lot with it."

Moncrief said he was confident the restoration price tag will be reduced, but added that the court will not go back on its promise to county voters, who passed a bond issue calling for a restored

courthouse and not one that has been remodeled.

"I could not support a half-baked effort and come out with a semi-restored building that would lose the historical designation we started out for," he said.

"I'm not going to push the panic button as to this estimated overrun," Moncrief said. "Nothing has been approved, and nothing is going to be signed for Phase 3 until it is brought before the court."

Moncrief was referring to the last phase of the restoration job, which should be begun this year. The court already has awarded contracts that came in below the budget estimates for Phase I and Phase 2, including money to cover the installation of elevators, bathroom facilities, mechanical equipment and the cleaning of the building's facade.

What happened with Phase 3, he said, was that an expected federal grant suddenly "disappeared" and left commissioners holding an empty bag and a partially restored courthouse.

Walker has urged the court to put Phase 3 out for bids and see what comes back before doing anything more. Moncrief said the court will decide next week whether to accept that advice.

Commissioners also got some good budget news Monday during a luncheon with city officials and architect Albert Komatsu, who told the officials the \$20,500,000 city-county jail project was \$35,000 under budget and ahead of schedule.

The project is scheduled to go out for construction bids in June, and a contract is to be awarded July 1. Komatsu estimated construction will be complete in 22 months.

# County studies donation cuts to trim budget

By JIM MORRIS  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County, losing ground each year in its effort to stay within its budget, probably will phase out annual donations to facilities such as public libraries, a museum and a center for rape victims, County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Thursday.

During departmental budget hearings, Andersen blamed the anticipated cuts on "tough times" and court rulings that require counties to provide services and improve facilities.

The announcement came as a shock to representatives of the county's 19 public libraries, which collectively received \$378,078 from the county last year and are scheduled to receive the same amount in 1983.

Library officials said that if county funding is eliminated, library

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users may have to start paying fees. Irvin Farman, president of the Fort Worth Public Library Board, said records show that about 103,000 county residents living outside city limits used the Fort Worth Public Library in 1982. The county contributed \$272,572 to the library last year.

If county funding is cut off, Farman said, library operating hours and services would be reduced and fees might be charged.

"I would hate for people to have to pay money to check out a library book," he said.

Farman said he is aware that some public officials do not consider libraries essential. "But," he said, "those of us who believe in libraries, please see County on Page 2."

# County might phase out donations

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feel they are a very vital part of life."

Use of the Fort Worth Public Library has increased by 33 percent in the past three years, Farman said.

"We've received reports that during times of recession, usage goes up. We've had a bad economy for the past couple of years, and people have less to spend on entertainment."

Andersen, chairman of the commissioners court's Services Committee, said the proposed cuts also would affect the Museum of Science and History, which received \$104,500 from the county last year.

Curator Richard Norris said the museum has never charged admis-

sion but may be forced to if the county discontinues its yearly donation, which last year comprised about 10 percent of the museum budget.

Andersen said the committee probably will recommend to commissioners that donations to a number of facilities — such as group homes for juveniles — and organizations — such as the Tarrant County Historical Commission — be phased out over a five-year period and that commissioners concentrate on paying for services that they must provide by law, such as courts and law enforcement. Such rulings that have proved costly, he said.

County Judge Mike Moncrief said

the county has set aside \$1 million this year as a precaution in case it loses a case filed by local banks, challenging the county's right to tax bank stock.

Andersen made the announcement after library representatives asked commissioners to increase 1983 funding by \$173,000. "You can all shoot me if you want to," he said, "but I think it's going to be the recommendation of the Services Committee to the court to phase out supplemental services that are not provided for in the (state) constitution."

"We've got some tough times," Andersen said. "It's an unpleasant thing, but it's the real world."

Commissioners traditionally have been generous when asked for donations by such organizations as the Rape Crisis Center. Director Karen Perkins praised the officials at Thursday's session, saying the county's \$12,000 contribution last year kept the program from folding.

Contacted later Thursday, Ms. Perkins said the loss of county funding "would hurt us. We would either have to cut services or get the money from somewhere else. Money's not just laying around."

Ms. Perkins said 126 rape victims living in Tarrant County but outside Fort Worth were counseled at the center during 1982. Another 299 city residents were counseled, she said.

# City, county to work on joint jail's legal tangle

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County Commissioners court returned from a closed meeting and announced plans to meet later to try to work out a legal roadblock in order to build the controversial city-county jail.

After an hour-long closed session, County Judge Mike Moncrief announced that Mayor Woodie Woods, City Manager Robert Herchert, and Councilman Bob Holen, who heads a special committee working on the jail, would meet at 2 p.m. today with commissioners and the commission legal staff.

Moncrief said the meeting would be aimed at settling the legal problem that arose last Friday when Assistant District Attorney Marvin Collins indicated a proposed settlement would be illegal. Collins said the joint jail

could not be given to the low bidder without again posting the job for bids.

Collins cited two recent Texas attorney general's opinions in which public bodies illegally awarded contracts to low bidders after negotiating for a new design.

Moncrief also announced that the county has decided to build a medium-security jail facility near the existing county jail. He said three alternative sites under study include the central garage, the agriculture building and a federally owned housing project.

Commissioner B.D. Griffin explained that recent federal legislation might make the Ripley Arnold project project available for use by the county in an emergency session.

Griffin told the court that further investigation was needed to determine if the housing project option is available. He said he would report

**"What they (the city) really ought to do is redesign the whole thing, rebid it and keep it within budget." — Dick Andersen**

back to the court next week.

"I am pleased to say that Commissioners Court is not going to act in haste or in panic, we do feel cool heads must prevail," Moncrief said.

"Our real problem is we've got to solve our jail space problems," Commissioner Dick Andersen said, referring to overcrowding at the county jail. "We're looking for some alternatives because we're really under the gun."

The county jail already has received several variances from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, which regulates jail conditions.

Collins' bombshell came last Friday when it appeared that an answer

might be near to the problem of getting a low bidder to trim a \$9 million overrun from the project. Collins said too many changes had been made in the project to award it to the present low bidder.

"I'm convinced that members of this court feel that the taxpayer would be the loser if the joint jail project fails," Moncrief said. "It doesn't make any sense to build two jails, no matter how you slice it."

But Andersen said he questioned the entire process of negotiating to trim a huge cost overrun.

"What they (the city) really ought to do is redesign the whole thing,

rebid it and keep it within budget,"

he said. Andersen said he doesn't see the sense in the city's commitment of \$5 million to fund overruns and staying with the original design simply because it has paid the original jail architect \$1 million.

Instead of spending \$5 million, the city should write off the \$1 million architectural fee and start over, he said.

Andersen said the court agrees with Collins and does not intend to violate state law.

"We're in agreement with Marvin Collins and we're not going to violate the law. As it stands right now, it won't work unless they completely redesign it," he said.

Collins told the court and other officials that a 1981 opinion from Attorney General Mark White found that negotiations with a low bidder on a

public project without later submitting the revised project for new bids violates the law regulating governmental contracts.

Collins' legal memo began with a description of negotiations with the low bidder on the jail. "It appears that the city is proposing to effectuate 108 separate changes, some major, some minor, in the project as bid in order to reduce costs approximately \$5.7 million," he said.

Noting that those changes would amount to more than 20 percent of the cost of the jail, Collins said the law prohibits the city from negotiating the alterations without placing the final design out for bids again.

He said that the law would allow any resident of Fort Worth to file suit and prohibit the city from building the jail if current negotiations do not lead to a second round of bidding.

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Dick Andersen ... "I don't think we need to make any radical changes."

## Plan worries commissioners

### Consolidation could save money, report says

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and I think this would curtail speculation, rumor and hearsay," Griffin said in January.

Griffin's plan also would create a supervisory position that would control the commissioners' purse strings and set priorities.

The road supervisor would oversee one or two garages, where equipment would be distributed to work sites.

The committee report said administrative and equipment costs could be cut by as much as \$500,000 annually. But committee members peppered their enthusiasm for the

anticipated savings with redactions that the system would spawn a multitude of problems.

"All you would be doing is reducing bookkeeping and administrative people, and the \$500,000 approximate savings would disappear with the movement of men and materials (across greater distances) and inefficiencies of the plan," the report said.

Opposing commissioners said the system would usurp their ability to serve citizens in their precincts.

"The way things are now, if someone calls me about a chukole, I can send someone right out to fix it. If we turn everything over to one man,

we'll have to have six yellow copies and six pink copies. It will just be a lot of red tape," Mebus said.

Gregory said the county was too large to have only one or two garages.

"Tarrant County is a pretty good size now. To have a central garage and have to move all this equipment from one area to another, in my opinion, would only cost more money," he said.

Gregory also indicated he was concerned about voter backlash.

"I'm responsible for the people that put me in office, and I think I should have the power to take care of them," he said.



B.D. Griffin ... Introduced "central garage system" in January.

## Bond plan not slowed by threat

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

Despite an "eleventh hour" threat of a federal court suit by NAACP President Ray Bell, directors of Tarrant County's bond corporation said Thursday they will proceed with a \$85 million low-interest bond program to finance construction of 18 to 20 apartment complexes.

Board members of the Tarrant County Finance Corp. had finished approving requests from nine financial institutions for \$73 million in construction loans when Bell and Fort Worth attorney Louis Sturns said no provisions have been made to ensure that minority businessmen get their fair share of the bond money.

"We request that the Housing Finance Corp. and the Tarrant County commissioners immediately re-evaluate their criteria for issuing these tax-exempt bonds and allocate a fair share to blacks and other minority housing entrepreneurs," Sturns said.

Bell, in a letter Sturns read to the bond board, stated that if the corporation fails to take blacks and other minorities into consideration, "we shall have no recourse other than to pursue our legal remedies in Federal Court to challenge the tax-exempt status of the bonds."

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## Threat of suit doesn't obstruct bond program

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Sturns acknowledged the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's involvement in the bond program came "at the eleventh hour."

"We had assumed at the outset that you had established criteria to insure participation by all segments of the community," Sturns said.

Commissioner Dick Andersen, one of three county commissioners on the board, told Bell and Sturns that he had discussed one minority apartment venture with former State Rep. Leonard Briscoe.

Andersen said that all requests for low-interest loans will be screened and awarded on their own merit. He also said that black businessmen are at no disadvantage.

"Everyone has an opportunity to participate in this program," Andersen said later. "The criteria for selecting the projects included in the bond issue will be strictly a business decision based on the strength of the developer, and the viability of the project submitted."

Andersen also said that although tentative commitments have been made to developers who have submitted applications to banks and savings and loans, he said at least \$20 million in 13 percent loans is still available.

Commissioner Jerry Mebus, who chaired Thursday's meeting, said he didn't think the NAACP request would prevent sale of the bonds scheduled for Dec. 30.

"I don't think anything will come out of it. The letter itself (from Bell) was pretty standard. They wanted a piece of the pie, and I don't blame them," Mebus said. "Anyone who can meet the criteria and the requirement can come in. There'll be plenty of money left over."

## Garage proposal worries officials

By Robin Stringfellow  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — Tarrant County commissioners fear they would lose control of road and bridge crews if the four precinct garages are consolidated.

Members of a committee appointed to study consolidation have told commissioners that the county could save \$500,000 a year by consolidating the existing four garages under one or two roofs.

The committee also said the savings would be offset by the cost of moving road crews over longer distances.

The committee's mixed findings has fueled opposition to the "central garage system," a plan introduced in January by Commissioner B.D. Griffin.

The other three commissioners predicted the plan never would pass.

"I don't think we need to make any radical changes right now," Commissioner Dick Andersen said. "I don't care what the report says." Andersen admitted, however, that he has not read the report.

Commissioners Jerry Mebus and A. Lyn Gregory both said the precincts employ a cost-saving, cooperative purchasing program similar to one used in Bexar County, where the central garage system has been a success.

Griffin said the will help solve problems un-

covered in his precinct during a grand jury investigation. Another commissioner said, however, that Griffin introduced the plan "to shift attention away from the problems in his own garage."

Griffin, whose former road supervisor was indicted on theft charges during the investigation, said he would not comment on the report until the garage proposal is put to a vote later this month.

Griffin has said the central garage system would cut down on payroll fraud and the use of county equipment on private projects. The plan also would save taxpayers millions of dollars through the reduction of personnel and heavy equipment.

In a confidential report last month to commissioners, investigators said payroll fraud and personal use of county employees, equipment and supplies are possible in all precincts. The investigators urged commissioners to establish "uniform rules."

Griffin has not ordered any changes in his district. He said he is waiting for results of the consolidation report.

Part of the consolidation proposal, which Griffin introduced one week after the close of the grand jury investigation, concerned the central computerization of all administrative, personnel and purchasing functions currently handled in each precinct.

"There is a possibility of abuse in any system. See PLAN on Page 4.

## Bid to appoint black is lost

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County Convention Center Director Lou Owen may have killed the nomination of a black man to the center's advisory board, one informed source says.

Commissioner Dick Andersen lost his bid to expand the 11-member board by one and appoint James Clemons to the new slot Monday when Commissioners Court voted him down three to two.

A source said the vote was the payoff for an intense lobbying effort staged by Owen, who reportedly objected to an appointment of a "free-thinker" who might challenge his management style.

Owen could not be reached for comment Monday.

Had Clemons been appointed, he would have been only the second black ever to serve on the panel.

Andersen was joined by County Judge Mike Moncrief in trying to muster support for the appointment of Clemons, a Fort Worth bondsman.

Another black man, Charles Griffin, was on the board until he was appointed justice of the peace for Precinct 8 in December 1980.

"I think the minority interests ought to be represented on the board," Andersen said. "We're trying to get this NAACP convention to come here, and we don't have any blacks on the board—that's not a very good selling point. Blacks make up 20 percent of the population of this county, and they have a legitimate right to be on that board."

Andersen said Monday's vote was "incredible" in light of U.S. District Judge David Belew's recent advice that county officials take steps to assure that minorities are included in county programs. Belew made his comments during a hearing in a case filed by local attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to

block the sale of \$85 million in low-interest loans for apartment development.

"I certainly think that if we're ever in that court again, that would certainly reflect on the attitude of the court," Andersen said. "And I certainly didn't hear one good reason for not expanding the board."

He said it would be a good time for the court to also consider appointing a Mexican-American to the advisory board.

Discussion preceding the vote centered, however, not on whether a black should be appointed, but whether the board should be expanded.

One commissioner said a 12-member board could cause increased absenteeism, and another said an even-numbered board would result in many tie votes.

Andersen scoffed at both arguments.

"They're not worried about having a tie vote," he said.

## Tarrant feud reignited at meeting

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Tarrant County Convention Center.

"I have to assume that the Moncrief-Jackson Corporation was formed so Ed Jackson could administer and front Moncrief's investments," Griffin said before making a motion to have his letter read into the record and a copy forwarded to the Tarrant County district attorney's office.

Griffin's motion was met with silence by the other commissioners but was seconded by Moncrief, af-

ter he said, "I've got nothing to hide." The motion was defeated with only Griffin and Moncrief voting for it.

Following the meeting, Moncrief called Griffin's accusations "an obvious attempt ... to divert attention from his wrongdoing to something else." He said the charges were "absolutely ridiculous."

The corporation formed with Jackson was for the purpose of possible development in the Willow Lake project, Moncrief said, and

had nothing to do with the hotel. The plans did not materialize, he said, and the corporation "has remained dormant—inactive—for some time."

In other business, commissioners received a preliminary budget request from county Auditor Jack E. Benson for \$70,878,021 and an additional \$2,100,000 for a 7 per cent cost of living adjustment, the largest request in the history of Tarrant County. In a letter accompanying the preliminary budget, Ben-

son said the combined \$72,978,021 figure was more than \$3 million over the estimated income available.

"It's going to be very difficult to reduce that amount," Moncrief said. "No doubt we're going to have some disgruntled people ... There's going to be some necessary programs that aren't going to get the money they need."

A balanced version of the budget soon will be prepared by the auditor's office, Moncrief said.

## Tarrant feud resurrected

By Ed Timms  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — County Judge Mike Moncrief and Commissioner B.D. Griffin renewed their longstanding political feud Monday with a name-calling session during a commissioners' meeting.

The fireworks began when Moncrief proposed that all county-owned vehicles be identified with a seal and that tighter controls be placed on the autos' use. The proposal also would replace full-size vehicles with compacts or sub-compacts when practicable.

Moncrief accused Griffin last week of misusing a county vehicle by assigning it to his personal secretary, Diane Curtis, who also sings in Griffin's band.

Following some pointed verbal sparring at the meeting Monday, Commissioner Dick Andersen asked to "get the politics out" of the issue and asked that a 5-member,

"blue-ribbon" committee be appointed to review the use of county vehicles.

"We've got a lot of cars just going to and from work," Andersen said. "There's no county work involved ... We've got a lot of people ... who really don't drive enough on county business to warrant the expense."

Andersen's proposal was approved 3-1 but did not put an end to bickering.

In a letter Griffin read to the court, Griffin said Moncrief's attempt to "insinuate that I have granted improper favors to female employees exemplifies his perverted mind."

Griffin also questioned the "association" between Moncrief and county Planning Director Ed Jackson during the unsuccessful attempts to finance a hotel for the

See TARRANT on Page 20A.

## Andersen loses fight for black appointee

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

County Commissioner Dick Andersen said Monday that minorities and the county as a whole lost when the Commissioners Court failed to appoint a black to the advisory board of the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Andersen, joined by County Judge Mike Moncrief, tried to muster support at Monday's regular meeting for the appointment of Fort Worth bondsman James Clemons and expand the 11-member board to a dozen places.

If Clemons had been appointed, he would have been the only black on the advisory board and the second black in county history to hold that position. Charles Griffin was a member of the board until he was appointed Justice of the Peace in Precinct 8 in December 1980.

"I think the minority interests ought to be represented on the board," Andersen said. "We're trying to get this NAACP convention to come here, and we don't have any blacks on the board—that's not a very good

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— County Commissioner Dick Andersen

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One informed source said Monday's court vote was a result of intense behind-the-scenes lobbying by convention center Director Lou Owens, who reportedly did not want a "free-thinker" on the board who might challenge his management style. Owens could not be reached for comment.

Andersen said Monday's vote was "incredible" in light of U.S. District Judge David Belew's recent advice that county officials take steps to assure that minorities are included in county programs. Belew made his comments during a hearing in a case

filed by local attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to block the sale of \$85 million in low-interest loans for apartment development.

"I certainly think that if we're ever in that court again, that would certainly reflect on the attitude of the court," Andersen said. "And I certainly didn't hear one good reason for not expanding the board."

He said it would be a good time for the court to also consider appointing a Mexican-American to the advisory board.

During the discussion, one commissioner said a 12-member board could cause increased absenteeism, and another said an

even-numbered board would result in many tied votes.

"They're not worried about having a tie vote," he said.

But Commissioners B.D. Griffin, Jerry Mebus and Lyn Gregory told Andersen that members of the board they had appointed opposed a 12th seat.

There was no opposition to Clemons voiced at the meeting, but commissioners opposed expanding the board to allow another at-large position.

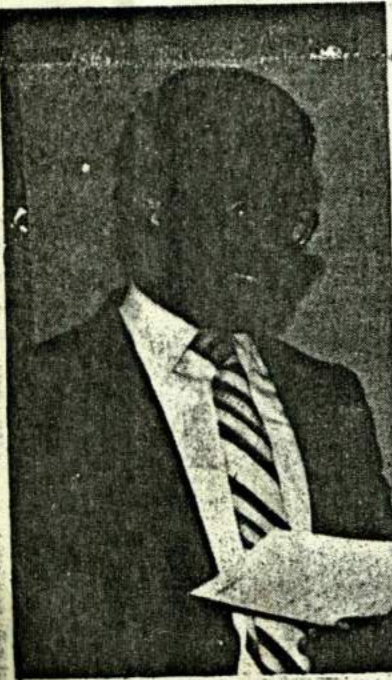
The discussion came when Andersen attempted to pass a substitute motion to create another at-large position on the board and to avoid displacing James Fuller, who was appointed to the seat by Griffin.

When Andersen failed to get a second from fellow commissioners, Moncrief seconded the motion.

The proposal was defeated 3 to 2, with Moncrief and Andersen voting for. Each member of the court appoints two persons to the advisory board, and an 11th board member is voted on by the full court

Dee Jennings of Forest Hill Leads Fight

# Redistricting Sought for County Precincts

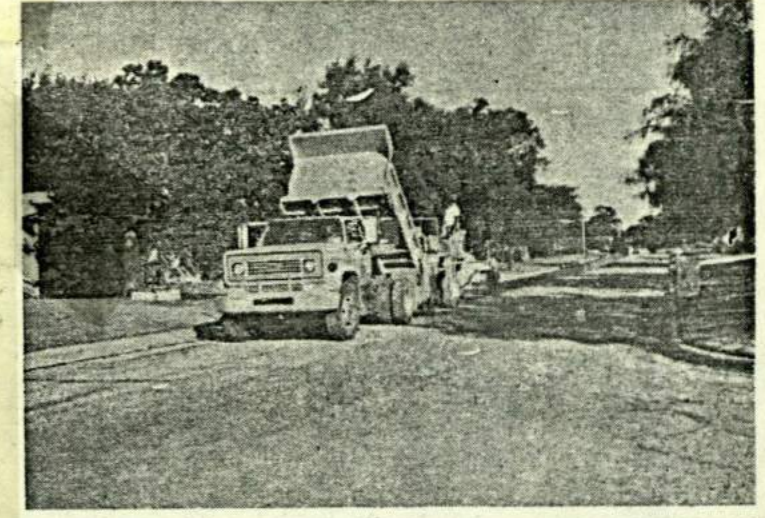


Dee Jennings

A Forest Hill resident presented a plan to Tarrant County Commissioners on Monday, August 8, outlining a plan for redistricting county precincts giving minorities a chance at unseating longtime Commissioner Dick Andersen.

The plan would meet the guidelines of a federal mandate which states that minority voting strength cannot be diluted. The plan, which was drawn up by black leaders last week, follows guidelines set forth in a voter discrimination lawsuit two years ago. The guidelines were intended to give minorities greater voting strength in county elections.

# County Works on Streets



County Crews finish the last street in the College Oaks area.

While many drivers are considering getting their cars ready for winter by adding anti-freeze or the like, Forest Hill recently got several streets ready for winter weather thanks to County Commissioner Dick Andersen's crew. An intense week of work was completed last Friday when streets targeted as a main arteries into several areas were sealed and graveled to help them withstand the upcoming cold weather.

# Cars Must be Moved for Street Paving

Forest Hill Mayor Maurice Oakes announced last week that county crews will be in the city the week of September 19 to overlay certain streets with rock and tar. Oakes requested that residents on those streets move their vehicles from the street for the entire week so that paving can be done.

# Citizens Ask for Wichita Street Improvements

A petition has been presented to County Commissioner Dick Andersen requesting that Wichita Street from Loop 820 south to Enon Street be widened and receive smoother pavement, reports Forest Hill Acting City Manager Rebecca Stark.

# Andersen wants trailer park halted

By JAMES PINKERTON Star-Telegram Writer With his constituents "absolutely up in arms about" a trailer park under construction on the banks of Village Creek between Kennedale and Everman, County Commissioner Dick Andersen says he wants an injunction to halt work on the park in the creek's flood plain.

# Andersen supports aide for post

Commissioners are undecided on election official

By DAN MALONE Star-Telegram Writer County Commissioner Dick Andersen wants to break the deadlock over who will be the county's first election administrator by naming his administrative aide to the job.



DICK ANDERSEN HARRY PURSER

"I think they're at a Mexican standoff. They all want their own man. I'm going to suggest (Purser) as an alternative."

— Dick Andersen

man wants his chief deputy, Robert Parten, to be named. And Tax Assessor-Collector Reed Stewart favors the head of his voter registration department, Jerrie Reynolds.

# Flooding at 820 Business Park to be Studied

County Commissioner Dick Anderson, Harry Purser, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner, Forest Hill City Manager Ron Morain, County Supervisor Weldon Hardin, and Darrell Johnson of Rady and Associates met Friday morning at the Forest Hill City Hall with Larry Blackman, developer of 820 Business Park about drainage problems in the area.

# Andersen Hires Precinct Administrative Assistant

County Commissioner Dick Andersen of Precinct 1 has hired Harry C. Purser as an administrative assistant at \$947 a month.

rector of planning and management at \$24,096 a year, started with the county Oct. 1, 1971, as Andersen's administrative assistant.

# Andersen calls for clearer road-paving policy

By JIM MORRIS Star-Telegram Writer County Commissioner Dick Andersen today called for a clarification of the county's road-paving policy, and complained that stringent contractual requirements adopted last year may penalize taxpayers.

Marvin Collins said this morning, the city must pay the county "fair compensation" for its work. "Andersen said he has made it a policy to pave streets in poorer city neighborhoods. If the city did the paving, he said, residents would have to be charged for the work under city ordinance.

the policy is "a big pain in the tail and cuts the efficiency of my entire operation." He said he wants to pave 8.1 miles of city streets this year and asked his colleagues to make a decision Monday.

# Tarrant OKs remap plan; black leaders disappointed

By Robin Stringfellow  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — Tarrant County commissioners angered black leaders Thursday by adopting a redistricting plan that dealt lower-than-expected voting power to minorities in Commissioner Dick Andersen's Precinct 1.

Acting under a court order, commissioners unanimously approved a plan that increases the number of black voters in Commissioner Precinct 1 from 32,069 to 44,698. One of seven alternative plans would have raised the number to 51,852.

The redistricting stemmed from a 1979 lawsuit in which a coalition of black Democrats won a court-ordered switch of four black neighborhoods from Precinct 2 to Precinct 1. The switch was aimed at bolstering minority representation in Precinct 1, which already takes in most of the black and Hispanic neighborhoods in the downtown and near South Side areas.

Although the plan adopted by the all-white, all-Democratic commissioners court complies with the court order, black leaders complained that commissioners splintered the black vote by transferring a key black neighborhood



Dick Andersen in Precinct 1 to Commissioner B.D. Griffin's Precinct 4.

A predominantly white West Fort Worth neighborhood in Precinct 4 was switched to Precinct 1. Black leaders said they viewed that as decreasing the chances that a black candidate could unseat Andersen.

"We can't win unless we get a coalition of voters with the same interests together," said Timothy Stewart, a black leader and one of

the plaintiffs in the 1979 lawsuit. Stewart also said black leaders were unhappy because they were not given enough say in the planning process. Stewart proposed three of the seven redistricting plans.

But Andersen pointed out that no plan submitted to commissioners gave blacks more than about one-third of the total vote in Precinct 1.

"Some people think that you should concentrate enough votes in a precinct to win on the basis of race, rather than ability," Andersen said. "Hopefully, we will never elect anybody to the court on that basis."

Republican Party leaders, who submitted the plan that would have given blacks the most voting power in Precinct 1, said the plan adopted by commissioners was designed to minimize the threat of a black opponent in a race with Andersen.

"We feel like it's a typical outcome where you have a Democratically controlled commissioners court, with commissioners looking out for their own self-interests," said Charles Lundelius, chairman of the Tarrant County Republican Party.

# Andersen, Griffin irked by warehouse proposal

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — Commissioners Dick Andersen and B.D. Griffin had words Monday for county officials who are urging that the proposed new 5-story office building be relocated and the 50-year-old Globe Building be preserved for county warehouse space. They accused the officials of being "shortsighted" and called the idea "stupid and ridiculous."

The two commissioners agreed to delay a decision on whether to keep the Globe Building, located on the southeast corner of a block of county land at Weatherford and Main, or construct a new office building.

Commissioner Jerry Mebus, who supports the new plans, said the space committee he chairs scrapped the original proposal to tear down the Globe Building and build the office building on the south half of the lot to obtain much needed storage space for county records.

THE PANEL recommended that commissioners instruct architect Al Komatsu to design a building for the north half of the lot and suggest an inexpensive face lift for the Globe Building.

Commissioners agreed with Komatsu to build all five levels of the new building rather than undertake expensive excavation work to put one floor below ground.

Komatsu said he opposes keeping the 50-year-old Globe Building because the county would have to tear it down in "six to eight years."

Andersen said he thinks it's

"insane" for the county to use prime downtown land for warehouse space.

"You are messing up a \$1 million piece of property," he said.

Andersen also said it would cost too much to refurbish the Globe Building.

Griffin said that the space committee is dropping original plans to build a functional office building as well as one with a pretty courtyard.

Like Andersen, Griffin said downtown is "not the proper place for a storage building."

IT IS "STUPID and ridiculous to make" the building into a warehouse, he said.

Komatsu said businessman Sid Bass, who has announced plans to spend \$27 million building a new hotel and renovating old buildings along Main Street downtown, is concerned that a major development he is planning for the land south of county property will be harmed by a county storage building.

Commissioners decided to take another week before deciding, to give the staff time to give County Judge Mike Moncrief and Commissioner Lyn Gregory more facts about the cost of refurbishing the Globe Building.

Gregory said if original figures calling for \$8,000 to \$10,000 for renovation work are accurate, he is leaning toward leaving the building. But a more costly renovation project is not worthwhile, he said.

Moncrief expressed similar feelings.

County officials said they need 18,500 square feet of space for the county clerk's permanent records and for an absentee voting site.

# FW black leaders offer plan to remap county

By David Flick  
Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH — Leaders of Fort Worth's black community Monday presented the Tarrant County Commissioners Court with a plan to redraw the precincts from which commission members are elected.

County Republican leaders, meanwhile, said they may prepare their own redistricting plan if they are not satisfied with proposals that are to be submitted to the all-Democratic Commissioners Court later this week by county staff members.

The commissioners are under a court order to redraw precinct lines in order to switch four

black neighborhoods from Precinct 2 in the southeast corner of the county to Precinct 1 in the southwest, thus increasing minority clout in commission elections.

In addition, the lines must be redrawn to bring the four commission precincts to within five percent of an exact balance in population.

There are also political implications. The plan submitted by black leaders Monday attempts to put a black on the commission for the first time in its history. The Republican plan will try to carve a Republican district. For either group to be successful, one member of the all-white, all-Dem-



Dick Andersen

ocratic commission would have to leave office — and none of them wants to.

The black plan is aimed at Please see REMAP on Page 16A.

# Remap of precincts proposed

FW black leaders say plan needed

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redrawing the lines of Precinct 1, now held by Commissioner Dick Andersen. The minority plan would bring in black and Hispanic neighborhoods to the east of the precinct's present boundary lines and give up Republican neighborhoods to the north.

"It would give us the opportunity to elect a black commissioner," said Dee Jennings, the president of the Minority Leaders Council of the NAACP, who presented the plan to the commissioners. "I think the commissioners realize this community is ready for a change."

Jennings said the plan would give minorities a 55 percent majority of Precinct 1 and said there were at least three minority candidates — whose names he refused to divulge — who are interested in running.

John Bean, the North Texas State University geography professor hired by the Commissioners Court to recommend new boundary lines, questioned whether the black plan would give blacks the majority they were seeking.

"It's not 55 percent minority," he said of the plan. "there's no way you can come up with a 55 percent minority population in that district."

Andersen, however, answered "of course," when asked if adoption of the black plan would put him in political jeopardy.

Should redistricting result in a contested primary, Andersen said, "I hope we have a good old-fashioned political fight. And I hope whoever is elected is not elected on the basis of race."

Other commissioners criticized the plan because it could place the Precinct 1 garage in another precinct.

"I don't think we ought to let garages get in the way of justice," Jennings countered.

Bean is expected to present a series of options to the commissioners at next Monday's meetings, although those plans may be available to the public later this week.

Among those who will be watching Bean's proposals closely will be Nick Acuff, chairman of the Tarrant County Republican Party's redistricting committee.

Although Republicans have no representation on the Commissioners Court, they feel they have more than 40 percent of the county vote and that breaking up Democratic hegemony is simply a matter of time.

"If we like what we see, we may go along with them," Acuff said. "If not, we may come up with proposals of our own."



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January 27, 1983

The Hon. Richard T. Andersen  
Tarrant County Commissioner  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Richard:

I am enclosing for your review a copy of the review, summary and recommendations of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission regarding the Texas Department of Community Affairs. I anticipate that different versions of legislation to continue this agency will be introduced during this 68th Session of the Texas Legislature, and I would appreciate having your comments on these recommendations.

Be sure to come by the office for a visit whenever you are in the Capitol.

Very sincerely yours,

*Bob*  
Bob Glasgow

Monday morning

Hot spell. . . Mostly sunny days and fair nights with a high Monday in the upper 90s and the low Monday night in the mid-70s. Weather data on Page 10B



Sun melting Texas' hope for pennant? 1c



FW's Jan Stephenson wins US Open 1c

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## GOP precincts: hot potatoes in county remap

By JACK Z. SMITH  
Star-Telegram Writer

Voting Precinct 151 lies in the prosperous Woodhaven section of east Fort Worth, an area filled with middle- and upper-income residents.

Republicans are thicker than a good beef stew. Nearly 70 percent of the precinct's 1,637 voters backed Republican Bill Clements in the 1982 governor's race, though he got only 46 percent of the statewide vote.

Precinct 151 is one of several voting jurisdictions that could become a political battleground within the next few weeks. It's all part of a quiet, largely behind-the-scenes

war that will be fought with maps, statistics, computers and political consultants.

At stake is the political future of three Tarrant County commissioners — Lyn Gregory, representing Precinct 3 in the county's northeast quadrant; S.J. Stovall, of Precinct 2 in the southeast; and Dick Andersen, of Precinct 1 in the southwest.

All three Democratic commissioners are hoping to keep their jobs, which pay \$51,188 annually, plus about \$4,000 in car allowance. They're getting involved in a process — redistricting — that could help shape their success at the polls in 1984.

In the process, commissioners

must redraw their precinct boundary lines to reflect population shifts of recent years. Each precinct must wind up with roughly 215,000 residents.

That's where voting precincts like Woodhaven's 151 enter into the picture.

It lies in Gregory's commissioner's precinct. Gregory, as a Democrat, hopes to wind up with as many Democratic constituents as possible when the commissioners approve a new redistricting plan. He thus wants to shed himself of precincts such as 151.

The political perils of redistricting become evident, however, when one realizes that all four county

commissioners are Democrats. That means none of them wants any more Republican constituents.

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"I can tell you how everybody voted in every (voting) precinct I've got," acknowledges Gregory, who says there must be considerable "give and take" among commissioners if redistricting is to be done without bloodletting.

Republicans, mindful of past efforts to sabotage them, are watching.



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## Black Commissioner In 1984 Likely Here

By FRANK PERKINS

A delegation of Fort Worth black political leaders headed by State Rep. Reby Cary will appear before the Tarrant County Commissioners Court today (Monday)

with their own redistricting plan shifting four voting precincts and some 22,000 voters from Precinct 2 to Precinct 1, setting the stage for an all-out effort to elect a black county commissioner in 1984.

The commissioners have set Aug. 15 as the deadline for selecting a redistricting plan for Tarrant County.

Voting precincts 106, 127, 188 and 211 were shifted into Commissioners Precinct 2 in a ruling by federal judge David O. Belew in a 1979 redistricting suit brought against the county by Cary and Fort Worth City Councilman Jim Bagsby and the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



Rep. Reby Cary

In his ruling, Judge Belew ordered those precincts returned to Precinct 1 by 1984.

The four voting precincts are bounded on the east by Loop 820 and Lake Arlington, on the south by Wilbarger Street, on the west by Amanda and Miller Avenues along Ramey Street and on the north by Rosedale Street.

"We're using the guidelines drawn by attorneys Louis Starns and Don Gladden who represented us in that suit," Cary told a group of citizens and black leaders in a Friday meeting at the Southside Multipurpose Center. "Our redistricting plan moves those 22,000 voters in those excluded precincts back into Precinct 1 and ends the dilution of the black vote in that area."

Cary said the shifting of the predominantly black boxes into Precinct 2 was a compromise "which I did not like, but agreed to at the time." In return, the Poly Courthouse was built in the area and a JP court established there.

To balance the loss of the 22,000 voters in Precinct 2,

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## County to Get Black Remap Plan

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Cary's plan calls for shifting Everman from Precinct 1 to Precinct 2, thereby restoring demographic balance.

"Everybody wants to know who we are running for county commissioner in 1984," Cary said, "and while that is something we will be acting on very quickly, our main concern right now is to redraw these lines so that the black or minority vote is not diluted. And, if the county commissioners attempt to do that in their redistricting plan, we are prepared to go back in federal court and fight for our rights."

Attorney Fred Schattman of the District Attorney's office—charged with overseeing the county's redistricting—said "The county commissioners are aware of Judge Belew's ruling and I am certain they will not approve any reapportionment plan that is at variance with his 1979 ruling."

Asked if the black political community had a candidate in mind for county commissioner in '84, Cary said "We have some suggested ones, some possibilities of those candidates who could win. We can't preclude anyone from running but we have made some assessments of those we think have a good chance of running and winning."

## GOP watching county remap very carefully

By JACK Z. SMITH  
Star-Telegram Writer

Since all four Tarrant County commissioners are Democrats, they shouldn't have any trouble agreeing on a redistricting plan to suit themselves, right?

Well, yes. Except that there are such hot potatoes as voting Precinct 151, a prosperous section of Woodhaven in east Fort Worth where Republicans are thicker than a good beef stew. No Democrat wants them, but somebody's got to take them.

And except that the Republicans, mindful of past efforts to sabotage them, will be watching very carefully over the next few weeks as commissioners try to redraw their districts. Republicans have even formed a redistricting committee, headed by lawyer Nick Acuff, to monitor commissioners.

"There's a substantial conservative Republican population in the county," said County Commissioner Charles Lundelius. "We're not going to stand idly by if it becomes clear that redistricting is totally politically oriented."

At stake in the quiet, largely behind-the-scenes war that will be fought with maps, statistics, computers and political consultants is the political future of three Tarrant County commissioners — Lyn Gregory, representing Precinct 3 in the county's northeast quadrant; S.J. Stovall of Precinct 2 in the southeast; and Dick Andersen of Precinct 1 in the southwest.

All three Democratic commissioners are hoping to keep their jobs, which pay \$51,188 annually, plus about \$4,000 in car allowance. They're getting involved in a redistricting process that could help shape their success at the polls in 1984.

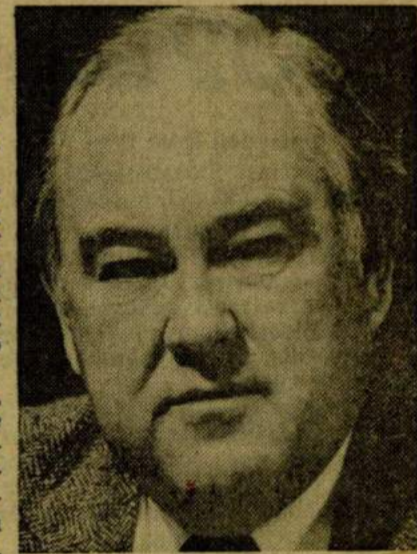
In the process, commissioners must redraw their precinct boundary lines to reflect population shifts of recent years. Each precinct must wind up with roughly 215,000 residents.

That's where voting precincts like Woodhaven's 151 — where in 1982 almost 70 percent of the precinct's 1,637 voters backed Republican Bill Clements for governor, compared to only 46 percent statewide—enter into the picture.

It lies in Gregory's commissioner's precinct. Gregory, as a Democrat, hopes to wind up with as many Democratic constituents as possible when the commissioners approve a new redistricting plan. He thus wants to shed himself of precincts such as 151.

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# County building under budget, ahead of time

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

The Fort Worth City Council would do well to follow Tarrant County's example in holding down construction costs on current projects to a reasonable level, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Monday, comparing Fort Worth's jail project already \$6 million over budget with the county's administration building below budget and ahead of schedule.

Calling the jail project a "Mickey Mouse deal," Andersen said architects who exceed the budget on a county construction job get the ax.

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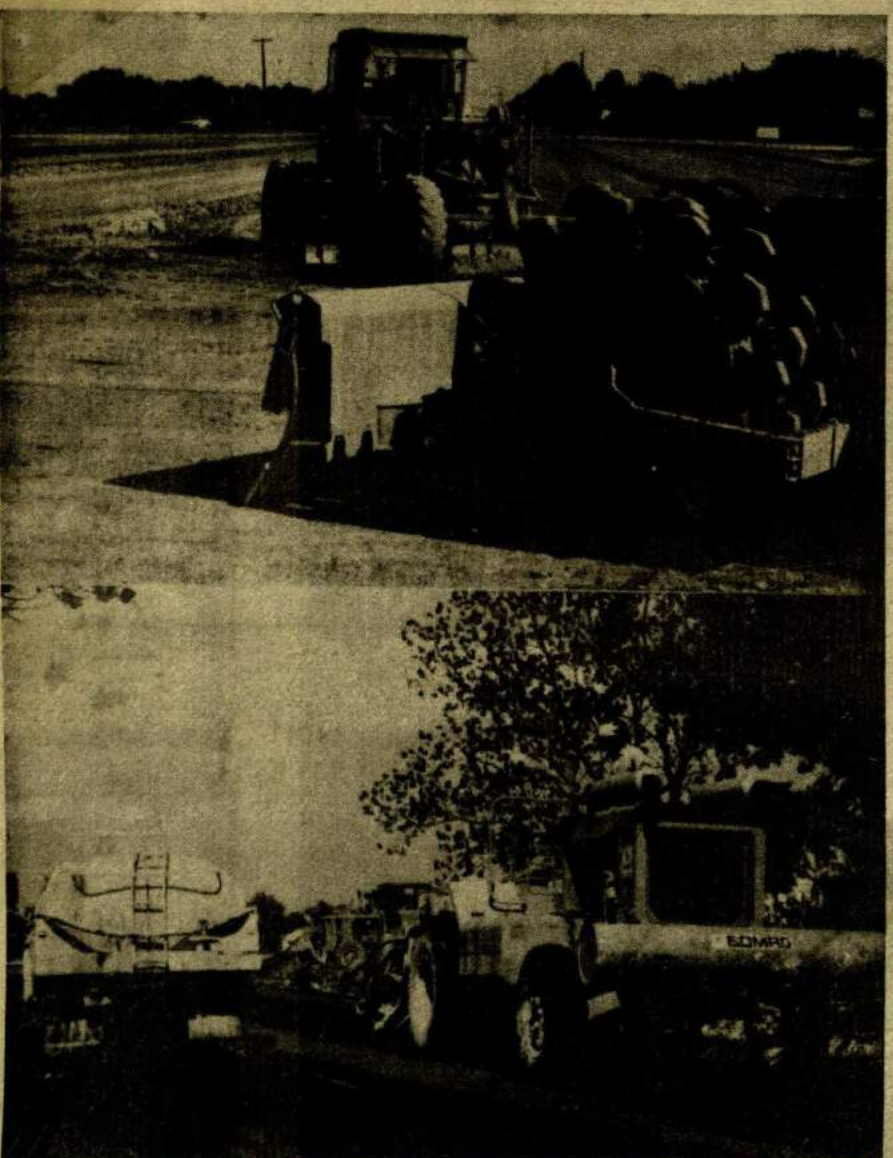
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**BUSY BULLDOZERS** + Dirt is flying in Everman this week as Precinct 1 crews resurfaced the parking area at the Dick Anderson football field between Wichita and Race Streets (above), and not far away another crew with heavy machinery works on King Street, part of the street improvement project.



## Relief for the courthouse

### CISSY

When the Tarrant County Courthouse restoration project officially was launched recently with ceremonies on the east lawn of the courthouse, the occasion was commemorated by Walker Construction Company and Ward Bogard and Associates, architects, with special brass belt buckles with the Tarrant County Courthouse in relief.

The first buckles were presented to County Judge Mike Moncrief and County Commissioners B.D. Griffin, Lyn Gregory, Jerry Mebus and Dick Andersen, House Majority Leader Jim Wright and State Rep. Lanny Hall.

A limited number of buckles will be sold to the public at \$25 each with proceeds benefitting North Fort Worth Historical Society and Thistle Hill. Anyone interested in obtaining a buckle can call the Society at 625-5082, or Thistle Hill at 336-1212.

### This one's little more elaborate

Speaking of buckles, Alexis Kirk, showing his collection of belts and buckles at The Clothes Horse here, says he has one of the ultimate Texas buckles. Just completed, and not yet in the line, the buckle is a map of Texas in solid

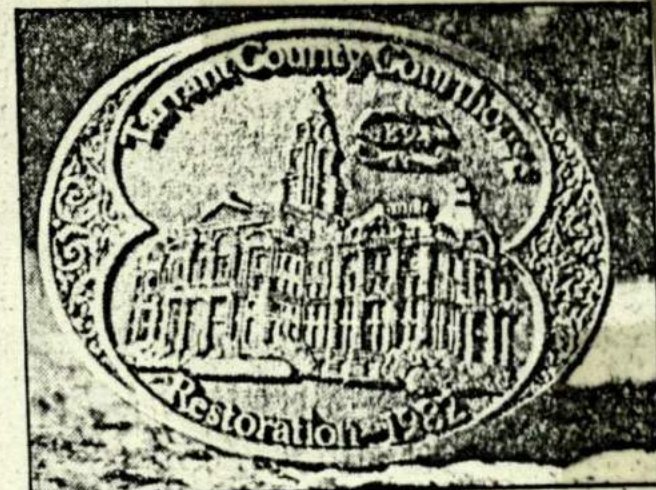
gold — 3.5 ounces of pure gold — circled by a platinum fence paved with diamonds. The asking price for this little item is \$20,000.

Kirk suggests that the purchaser also could mark his or her favorite city with a diamond. Or the buckle could be purchased with a medium size or small diamond marking one city — Dallas for example, with a small trail of diamonds marking the way to a second city — such as Fort Worth — marked by a large diamond.

He may adapt the buckle in more ordinary metals for the benefit of less affluent Texans later. Kirk says he wasn't born in Texas, but his wife, Suzanne, was and his mother-in-law, Margery Clevenger Samples of Midland, recently returned to Fort Worth for her class reunion at Paschal High School.

### New president for MS auxiliary

Mrs. A.L. Hensley has been installed as president of the Auxiliary of Tarrant County Multiple Sclerosis Association, a support group for the association which serves approximately 500 persons affected with MS in all sections of the county. The auxiliary manned a booth at



Commemorative courthouse buckle

Oktoberfest, sponsors a square dance benefit in March and a fashion show in the fall. Other officers of the auxiliary are Mmes. F.D. Lamb, vice president, Earl Overstreet, secretary-treasurer, and Gerd Kvam, historian.

### Friendship Bazaar is Saturday

Women of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church have made 97 stuffed red gingham apples to decorate for their Friendship Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Moncrief Hall. They have also loaned a number of heirloom quilts to perk up the booths. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. And a large friendship quilt with names embroidered on each block will be sold.

—Lloyd (Cissy) Stewart

# Andersen calling for new night court

By JIM MORRIS  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen says there is a need for a full-time night justice-of-the-peace court that could reduce the county jail population and enable small-claims litigants to settle their disputes without missing work.

Andersen tried to convince fellow commissioners today that a new court — which he estimated would cost \$62,000 a year — eventually could pay for itself through legal fees.

"It would generate a lot of business we don't even know is out there," he said.

Joe Davis, a former justice of the peace in Southwest Tarrant County who left office Saturday after being defeated in the general election, began holding occasional night court sessions in early 1982. The idea caught on and Andersen said that last week the court was "booked solid" with civil matters.

But, he said, the main reason for creating a full-time, downtown night court is the nagging, jail-overcrowding problem. At present, those arrested and taken to city jail have until 4:30 p.m. to appear before a justice of the peace or magistrate

and make bond. If they are arrested after that time, they are taken to the county jail and must spend the night.

Andersen said about 115 inmates are transferred in this fashion each afternoon. A justice of the peace working from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m., he said, could enable some people charged with minor crimes to make bond.

"They're non-violent people, and keeping them in jail overnight is a costly thing," he said. Andersen also said a night court could attract a large number of potential small-claims litigants.

"There's a lot of people that would aggressively seek small-claims remedies if they didn't have to take off work," he said.

Other commissioners, however, expressed concerns about money. County Auditor Jack Benson said he wants to study the proposal to try to determine if a night court would take away fees from existing day courts.

County legal advisers questioned whether the law allows a commissioner's court to create a new justice-of-the-peace position, but Andersen produced a copy of a statute saying it does.



**DICK ANDERSEN**  
... backs night court

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# County official sees need for night court

By JIM MORRIS  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen wants a night-owl justice of the peace.

And he plans to spend his every waking moment in the next two weeks trying to convince his fellow commissioners that the county should spend \$61,000 to hire a new justice and clerks to conduct night court sessions.

"I think this is one of the things I'm going to push real hard for," Andersen said.

Andersen said Monday that a court operating from 4:30 to 11 p.m., five days a week, could reduce the swollen jail population and attract small-claims litigants who otherwise might not have found the time to make an appearance.

Joe Davis, a former justice of the peace in southwest Tarrant County who left office Saturday after being defeated in the general election, started evening sessions in 1982. The concept caught on slowly, but by the end of the year, Davis' court was "booked solid" with civil cases, Andersen said.

**ANDERSEN SAID** A justice of the peace office and courtroom already is planned for the city-county jail and police administration building, due to open in mid-1984, and the night justice could use that office. Until the new building is completed, he said, the night justice could use the office occupied by Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace Manuel Valdez.

Andersen said if commissioners decide to create the new position, he

would recommend Davis for the appointment.

Other commissioners expressed interest in the proposal but were concerned about its cost. Commissioners, who are trying to trim more than \$2 million from the 1983 budget, were told Monday by County Auditor Jack Benson that the county will take in some \$500,000 less than expected because of a Tarrant Appraisal District error.

Andersen said a night court could pay for itself through legal fees charged litigants. Benson, however, said the night sessions could steal business — and fees — from the existing day courts.

Commissioners must make a decision by Jan. 17 — the date Benson has said the budget must be balanced.

Andersen said he became convinced of the need for a night court after learning that some people spend a night in the county jail only because they could not make bond before 4:30 p.m., when justices of the peace and magistrates go home for the day. After making arrests, police routinely take subjects to the city jail, then transfer them to the county jail before nightfall.

**AN AVERAGE OF 91** people are handled in this fashion each day and another 40 to 50 are brought to the county jail from outlying cities, Andersen said. He said those charged with minor offenses should be given a chance to make bond. "They're non-violent people, and keeping them in jail overnight is a costly thing," he said.

## Commissioner backs non-partisan voting

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

**FORT WORTH** — The legislature should provide for the election of county commissioners on a non-partisan basis, Commissioner Dick Andersen said Thursday.

Under his proposed plan, voters still would vote on candidates for the courthouse office, but the hopefuls would appear on ballots without party designations.

"We perform many of the same functions as city councilmen and they are chosen on a non-partisan basis," Andersen said. "I can see strong advantages in the public balloting on us as individuals, considering our qualifications and views, instead of basing decisions on whether we are Democrats or Republicans."

Andersen noted there also is a movement to provide for the non-partisan election of judges so candidates would not benefit from party labels and straight ticket voting.

Andersen said that while he plans to advise legislators of his views, he sees little chance of his proposal gaining approval during the 1979 session.

Andersen said the legislature could provide for special elections for officials chosen on a non-partisan basis since the November general election does not have a runoff.

Andersen is a Democrat whose precinct includes the southwest quadrant of Tarrant County. It has a heavy concentration of Republicans in affluent Fort Worth neighborhoods.

Thursday, August 25, 1983

# Commissioners' Precincts Re-districted in County

Tarrant County Commissioners voted unanimously Thursday on a re-districting plan to adjust precinct lines to conform to a federal court direction to reflect recent shifts in population.

Forest Hill and Everman will still be served by County Commissioner Dick Andersen. However, Andersen's district received the biggest change with four precincts from the

Stop Six area being placed under his jurisdiction. This brings the racial breakdown in Andersen's Precinct to 29.07 black, 7.06 percent Hispanic, and 65.84 percent white.

Andersen has more minorities than any of the other Commissioner's precincts. Precinct One has been targeted by blacks as the area they would like to elect a black commissioner. They have pledged to

give Andersen a "run for his money."

Harry C. Purser, Andersen's Administrative Assistant and a former Mayor of Forest Hill, stated last week that he thinks voters will not vote according to race, but will pick the man with the best background and experience for the job.

Andersen will be up for re-election in 1984.

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# County road policy questioned

By JIM MORRIS  
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Until Thursday, Tarrant County commissioners thought they understood the county's road-paving policy.

District Attorney Tim Curry warned commissioners last year that they were taking too many liberties with the law, which says that one taxing body must receive fair compensation when it performs work for another.

After some grumbling, commissioners agreed to start requiring contracts from the various cities for which they did work. Each commissioner brought the smallest of projects before his colleagues for approval.

Thursday, however, Commissioner Dick Andersen raised new questions about the policy when he tried to win support for a plan to pave 8.1 miles of streets in a low-income part of his South Side precinct. All the streets are in Fort Worth.

Andersen decided to start improving streets in poorer neighborhoods 14 years ago, shortly after he became a commissioner. Since then, he said, he has paved more than 500 blocks in Fort Worth.

The city always has done the preparatory work and the county has done the paving at no charge. If the city did all the

work itself, Andersen said, residents along the street would be billed, as mandated by city ordinance.

Andersen asserted Thursday that "we can save taxpayers money by combining equipment and machinery."

But, he was told, the situation is not that clear-cut.

State law says the county can perform free paving work for a city only if the Commissioners Court determines that the street is an "integral part" of the county road system or forms a "connecting link" between county roads.

If the street does not meet one of those criteria, county legal adviser Marvin Collins said, the city must compensate the county fairly for its work.

Commissioner B.D. Griffin, whose paving practices brought the recommendation by Curry last year, said Thursday that Andersen's arrangement with Fort Worth clouds the county's policy.

Griffin said that theoretically, any street in the county could be considered a part of the county road system and thus could be paved at no charge. If that is the case, Griffin said, the contract system recommended by Curry is meaningless.

"I cannot see the (Commissioners) Court having a policy where we're re-

quiring (smaller cities) to pay for materials and not having the city of Fort Worth pay for materials," Griffin said.

Andersen said the policy suggested by Curry is "a big pain in the tail and cuts the efficiency of my entire operation."

If commissioners vote against his proposal Monday, Andersen said, "I'll just tell the city that the Commissioners Court no longer wants to be cooperative."

Griffin said he has been following the paving policy "as closely as I can. I would like to know what the policy of the court's going to be. Every time we change, I have to change."

He asked if the county now is "going to go out and pave every road in every precinct. What we do for one city, we're going to have to do for another."

Collins said he could only keep commissioners aware of the law and that they would have to apply it.

Griffin indicated Thursday that his paving practices were brought to light by County Purchasing Agent Ed Smith. The remark drew an angry response from the usually controlled Smith.

Smith, the subject of a grand jury inquiry into the sale of surplus county property, told Griffin: "You dream too many dreams, B.D."

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Dear Dick:

We here at the City have asked for your help several times within the last few months and each time you have been gracious enough to come to our aid. We felt that perhaps a letter simply expressing our gratitude would be a change of pace.

The work in constructing the parking lots in the City parks, cleaning and repairing the drainage ditches and use of equipment at the old sewer plant are just a few of the things we thank you for. If you would pass along our thanks to the men who worked in Crowley on these jobs we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Dennis H. Woodard  
City Administrator

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November 24, 1980

R. T. (Dick) Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Precinct 1  
Rt. 1, Box 92  
Crowley, Texas 76036

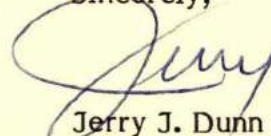
Dear Dick:

Let me take this opportunity to extend my personal congratulations to you on your re-election to Commissioners Court. Along with my personal thoughts I send the warmest regards from the members of the City Council.

Again the residents of Precinct One exercised great wisdom when faced with an important decision. As I reflect on your abilities, motivation, and character the result of the election was quite apparent before the race started.

If I can be of assistance to you, please let me know and also accept our best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,



Jerry J. Dunn  
Mayor

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# Fight for a paved road pays off for residents

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The major road, known as Bear Creek Road until a new sign recently went up calling it Werd Road, always has been a private road. However, some of the people living in the development thought it was a county road.

That's why Mrs. Lake went to the county courthouse in October 1979. She was tired of driving over what she called "no more than a cow path. If you had a new car in a couple of weeks the windows would be so loose from all the shaking that the dust would be coming in the car."

After working her way through county bureaucratic channels, she enlisted Commissioner R.T. Anderson's aid. The explanation he gave wasn't what she wanted to hear.

It appeared that Bear Creek Road was and always had been a private road despite the property

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— Homeowner Sherrie Lake

owners' idea that it was a county road. Apparently what had happened to cause that misunderstanding took place in the 1960s.

Bear Creek Club Estates dedicated Bear Creek Road to the county which the property owners assumed that meant the road became a county road. It didn't.

Anderson explained that just because a road is dedicated to the county doesn't mean the county has to accept it. Also, if the county chooses to accept it, the road must meet certain standards. Bear Creek Road never met them and therefore never was accepted.

"It's really been a seed of controversy for a long time," Anderson said. "It's hard to convince them (property owners) that they made a real bad deal when they bought because people don't like to admit to themselves that they've been taken advantage of when they bought in good faith."

What Anderson claims is that Bear Creek Development Inc., now headed by one of the original developer's relatives, Frances Chandler, sold lots for homes with the implied idea that the road was dedicated to the county and the county therefore would pave the road when enough people lived there to justify the expense. He added that he believed the developers apparently never intended to bring the road up to the county's minimum standards.

In order to get the road paved, residents had to band together, pay the cost of bringing the road up to minimum standards and then rededicate it to the county in hopes the county would accept it this time.

Anderson says the effect is that the property owners pay for the development of the road twice,

first in the price of the land with its accessibility, and again when they had to pay the cost of bringing the road up to minimum standards.

Ms. Chandler defended Bear Creek Development Inc., saying that Bear Creek Road always has been a private road and that she assumed residents of Bear Creek Club Estates knew that. Ms. Chandler, president of the development company, also noted that the Lake family bought their property from Brantly Pringle, to whom she had sold more than 30 acres adjacent to the Bear Creek Club Estates.

Pringle, a Fort Worth attorney, says that to his knowledge the land he bought from Bear Creek Development Inc. had never been platted for specific lot development. He explained that he has sold the land by agreement to size according to surveyor's notes and not by planned plat.

"I bought about 38 acres back around 1976 sometime, I don't remember the specific date," Pringle said. "If I understand it right, some of the land south of the road was platted for development but as far as I know the land north of the road, which I bought and sold part off to the Lakes, was never platted out."

Yet Mrs. Lake has an old copy of an Bear Creek Club Estates advertisement that shows the developers' plans for the area. In that ad, the land on which Lake family home now sits is platted for several lots. The ad also shows Bear Creek Road platted out to its end, which is in the Lakes' front yard.

Regardless of which party is correct in its recollection of the facts, Bear Creek Road has been improved by the private efforts of some of the residents along it and is now accepted by the county for maintenance from FM 1125 to its end in a cul-de-sac in front of the Lakes' house. Anderson says the paving project for the road, which is less than a mile long, will cost around \$5,000, not including the cost of county overhead (equipment and personnel).

Mrs. Lake explained that six property owners split the cost of adding enough gravel to the road to bring it up to the county's minimum standards. The residents spent more than \$200 each.

"We had to have the road paved," Mrs. Lake said, citing both physical and financial reasons. "I wouldn't sell this place for nothing in the world. We've got too much in it to sell it. But if we had to, we couldn't sell it. You can't get a loan to buy a house on an unpaved road so we wouldn't be able to find a buyer."

"I like living out like this, but during our monsoon season you couldn't even get up the road. I thought about taking this house, brick-by-brick, and moving it into town."

Anderson said the whole problem could have been avoided if commissioners court had ordinance-making powers over such developments.

"We don't have any ordinance-making powers but this is a prime example why we fight so hard to get it," he said. "I've known about it for 14 years I've been in office. There was nothing I could do to help them until they were willing to help themselves first. Mrs. Lake and Mrs. (Gina) Werd (another resident along the road) got the people out there together to do something about it. They are the ones who deserve the credit."

# Gymnastics meet coup for county trio

By ED HOUSEWRIGHT  
Star-Telegram Writer

At the World Gymnastics Championships in December, while most residents were congratulating Fort Worth for attracting such a prestigious meet, three men were already working on another coup: bringing the 1981 American Cup gymnastics meet to the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Lou Owen, executive director of the TCCC Board of Directors; and Dick Anderson, county commissioner, had heard rumors that the contract to hold the American Cup in New York City, where it had been for the five years of its existence, was expiring after the March 1980 meet.

They talked to Frank Bare and Jay Ashmore, two top officials with the United States Gymnastics Federation who were in attendance at the World Gymnastics Championships, about bringing the American Cup to Fort Worth in 1981.

"They gave us no encouragement," Owen said. "None whatsoever. But we have been up against bigger odds before."

ON WEDNESDAY, the USGF signed a contract with the convention center to hold the American Cup March 21-22.

"It wasn't a surprise because we thought we had done our homework well," Owen said.

Athletes from 14 countries, including Russia, China, Japan, Mexico and England will compete at the meet, which is generally considered the third most prestigious gymnastics competition behind the Olympics and the World Gymnastics Championships. The top two U.S. male and female gymnasts will compete in the invitational meet.

To host the meet, Fort Worth had to compete against not only New York,

but also Philadelphia, Indianapolis and Kansas City.

THE SUCCESS of the World Gymnastics Championships was the main reason Fort Worth was able to attract the American Cup, he said.

"We were banking on past performance," he said. "Without that it would have been very difficult to get the American Cup. They probably would have let us have a lesser competition to see if we could do it."

Owen said Fort Worth has better hotel accommodations, transportation and training facilities than New York.

Ticket sales from the American Cup will benefit the city enormously, Owen said, but the worldwide exposure given Fort Worth may in the long run prove even more beneficial.

Replays of the World Gymnastics Championships, showing Fort Worth and the convention center, are still being shown all over the world.

The contract signed Wednesday with the USGF has an option for 1982. Owen said he hopes Fort Worth can become the permanent home for the American Cup.

The USGF is moving its national headquarters from Tucson, Ariz., to Fort Worth on a temporary basis. Rogger Council, executive director of the USGF, has said the group plans to build a multimillion-dollar office building and national training center here if a fall fund-raising campaign is successful.



galyn wilkins

... is on vacation. His column will resume when he returns.

# Efforts finally pay off

## New paved road was worth all the fighting

By DAN REED  
Star-Telegram Writer

The wind sweeps across the near-barren hilltops, kicking up dust left by the work of county road crews. But at least one family living along what used to be known as Bear Creek Road south of Lake Benbrook is not bothered by the construction.

The new pavement means more than two years of effort finally has paid off. It has been a costly, frustrating and confusing experience but the 15 or so families living on this Southwest Tarrant County road finally will have the paved road they always expected.

Sherrie Lake wrote down the date—Oct. 17, 1979—when she first went to the Tarrant County Courthouse seeking information and assistance concerning the road that led to the house where she, her husband Thomas, and their children lived.

This January, county road crews began work on the road. Although the new road is an answer to efforts by her and some of her neighbors, their whole experience, a county

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— County Commissioner R.T. Anderson

commissioner says, is an example of lack of understanding between property buyers and developers.

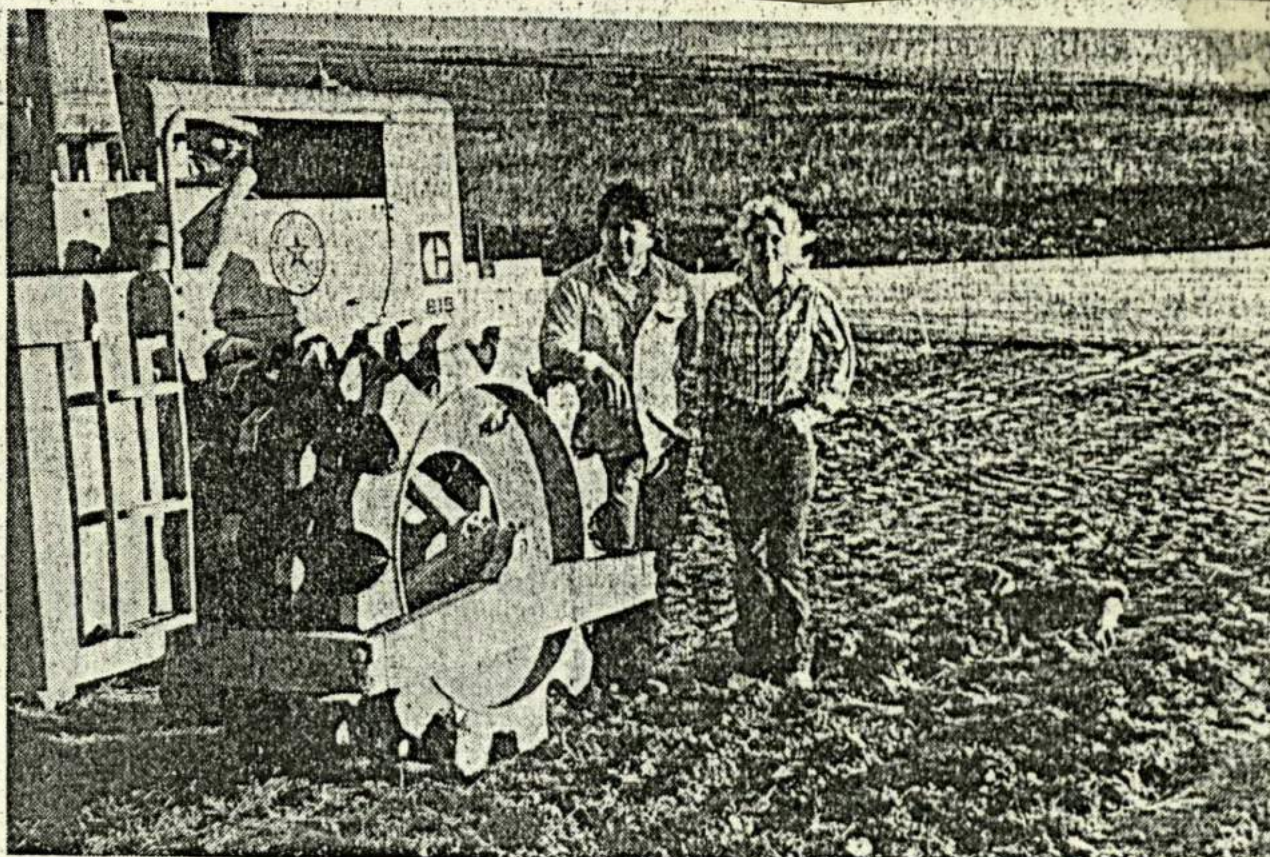
In the 1960s, two land developers, Frank Yeager and Jack Corn, formed Bear Creek Development Inc. They planned Bear Creek Club Estates along land bordering FM 1125 south of Lake Benbrook. It is a scenic place. Some of the largest hills in the county are there. Looking north from the hilltops one can look out over the lake's deep blue waters. To the east, there is gently rolling land towards Crowley. To the south and west are more rugged hills, molded much like

the Bear Creek Club Estates Hills, short and steep.

FM 1125 leads to FM 1187, which leads to U.S. 377, which leads to Benbrook, Fort Worth and more urban life. It was a splendid spot for development. People could live in a beautiful country home with lots of land and still be minutes from the city.

But less than 20 homes have been built in the development. And it's major road was never paved. A second platted road was never even developed to the dirt road stage.

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PAYING OFF... Tom and Sherrie Lake in front of county road equipment that is being used to pave Werd Road in front of their home. Mrs.

Lake led neighbors in a two-year effort to get the road paved after a misunderstanding with the developer left them in the dust.

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## 7 running for 3 Commissioners Court seats

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County Republicans believe they can win a seat on the Commissioners Court for the first time ever this year, but Democratic leaders are saying "fat chance."

That challenge—as well as a predicted record voter turnout—may make for one of the most interesting elections in county history. Issues range from how to cope with population growth and what to do about the financially troubled convention center to whether the proposed county-wide ambulance service is really needed. Three seats on the Commissioners

**ELECTION '84**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Court will be filled in the primary May 5 and general election Nov. 6. Here's a look at the candidates and their plans:

**PRECINCT 1**  
Voters in southwest Fort Worth, parts of southeast Fort Worth, Benbrook, Crow-

ley, Edgecliff Village, Everman and Forest Hill must choose between a longtime Democratic incumbent and his Republican challenger.

Commissioner Richard T. "Dick" Andersen, 55, is seeking election to a fifth term. Andersen envisions an expanded role for county government in providing health, library and park services and wants to be around to lead.

"One of our main problems is that we've had such fast growth in Tarrant County that we have a hodgepodge of (government) services throughout the county," Andersen said.

He sees a need for more countywide

administration of such services, many of which are now provided by cities, and he pointed to the proposed countywide ambulance system as an example. "That's the most logical way to handle these kinds of services," Andersen said. "Eventually you're going to have a lot of consolidation of these services."

After a stint in the Marines in 1946, Andersen moved from Chicago to Fort Worth to attend Texas Christian University. He graduated in 1951, eventually became president of Anston Development Corp. and now serves as its board chairman.



DICK ANDERSEN



BOB CRAFT

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Precinct 1 County Commissioner

## Andersen Seeking Another Term

By MADELINE WILLIAMS

Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen, who has just completed 15 years in the office, has filed for re-election as commissioner of Precinct 1.



He named himself as campaign treasurer and attorney C. Harold Brown as his campaign manager. Andersen said Commissioners Court, working as a team, had done an outstanding job in recent years to modernize county government while reducing its cost.

"We reduced taxes ten times in the 15 years I have been in office, and we have steadily increased services," he said.

Originally from Chicago, Andersen came to Fort Worth in 1946 after serving in the Marine Corps to attend TCU, where he earned his degree in 1951. Before his election to Commissioners Court, he was president of Anston Development Corp. He now is board chairman and his wife, Ava, who is in real estate, is president.

City-county cooperation with Fort Worth and other municipalities in the South and Southwest section of the county has been one of his major efforts, he said.

"When I opened Hulen Street to serve the people of Westcliff, I actually opened that vast Southwest area to development and added many millions of dollars to the tax rolls," he said.

Andersen said he and Fort Worth officials now are working together to build a large park on Benbrook Lake. "The city will design it and I will build and maintain it," he said. "This joint venture will afford better utilization of Benbrook Lake for everyone."

Andersen said he also was proud of developing Echo

Lake Park, the county's first park (it now has two) and one that affords recreational facilities to hundreds of families in that area of South Fort Worth. "I go out there in the summer and see those families having picnics and enjoying it, and I'm real proud," he said.

The Southwest and Poly Sub-courthouses also were built under his direction "to make our services more accessible," he said. He was a part of the county team that built the new County Administration Building, renovated the historic Courthouse and is working with the city on a joint jail and police administration building.

He and his wife are parents of two children.

## Craft to Oppose Andersen

## Ex-Editor in Commissioner Race

By MADELINE WILLIAMS

Robert G. (Bob) Craft, retired public relations officer with the Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is running for county commissioner of Precinct 1.

Craft, 61, who retired from the Corps July 1 as chief of its public affairs office here, is running as a Republican. The post is now held by Dick Andersen, a Democrat.

Craft, a former publisher and editor, named himself as campaign treasurer.

A native of Copeville in Collin County, Craft was reared in Alvarado, where he was graduated from high school in 1938. He attended Hillsboro Junior College and received his degree from North Texas State University in 1942.

He and his wife, the former Velma Rae Batemen, have lived at 4504 Rutland the past 30 years.

Craft served 39 months in the Navy during World War II and transferred to the inactive reserve in 1946 as a lieutenant senior grade. He attended graduate school at the University of Texas in Austin from 1946 to 1949. In 1949 he became publicity representative for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad in St. Louis. In 1953 he moved to Fort Worth to join the Quinn Printing Co. as editor of the Southwestern Railway Journal, Bicycle Journal and Southwest Holiday magazines. In 1956 he entered the public relations field and edited the Dallas-Fort Worth Construction Record until 1959.

He was co-founder of the Everman Times and Kennedale News in 1962 and served as editor for 12 years. Also in 1962 he joined the Corps of Engineers as chief of the technical liaison office, later changed to public af-

fairs office. He handled press relations in the district for the Corps, which operates 21 lakes in Texas and is building three more while supervising the design and construction at 28 Army and Air Force bases in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas with a \$400 million workload.

Craft is a member of Southcliff Baptist Church, the Fort Worth post of the Society of American Military Engineers, the Elks Club, the Petroleum Club and the Headliners. For the past 20 years he has been active on the board of the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm and has served as its president the past five years.

## Hot Election Contests Shaping Up

By FRANK PERKINS

The 1984 election year promises to be one of the hottest in the history of Tarrant County, highlighted by Republican candidates taking aim at what traditionally have been cinch Democratic Party offices.

With the Feb. 6 filing deadline only 15 working days away, County Clerk Madrin Huffman reported yesterday that 67 Tarrant County residents have filed for office or filed their intent to run.

"We expect that figure to go even higher as we get closer to the 4:30 p.m. deadline on Feb. 6," Huffman told the Fort Worth News-Tribune.

Republicans have filed in three Commissioners Court races to be contested this year.

Bob Craft, a retired Army Corps of Engineers public affairs executive here, has filed as a Republican for the Precinct 1 seat on the Commissioners Court now held by Dick Andersen, who is running for re-election.

In Precinct 3, two Republicans have surfaced to date—Bob Hampton and Tom Wilder—who hope to unseat A. Lynn Gregory who also is running for another term. Precinct 2 Commissioner S. J. Stovall of Arlington, who was appointed to the court last year after the death of Jerry Mebus, has filed for election to serve out the re-

mainder of the four-year term that expires in 1986.

Stovall, a former mayor of Arlington, has only one opponent so far, O. L. Watson of Mansfield, a Republican.

Twelve candidates have entered the Sheriff's race. The latest aspirant is Robert Calvert who filed Tuesday.

Others are former Fort Worth Police Chief A. J. Brown, O. E. (Buck) Buchanan, Manny Cabano, Don Carpenter, Jim Hunter, David Gary King, Kenneth Paul McMullen Jr., Johnny Prince, J. D. Sanders, Gary Lee Stinnett Sr., and former State Representative and County Commissioner (Skeet) Richardson.

Sheriff Lon Evans will not seek re-election after 24 years as the county's top law officer. He has not yet endorsed any of the men seeking his job.

Other offices with candidates so far:

**TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**

Haltom City banker Jack Bean has filed for the post, held by 82-year-old Reed Stewart who has indicated he may seek another term in spite of failing health. Bean was elected Country Treasurer in 1982 on a platform calling for abolishing the office.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 91**

Veteran Haltom City Mayor Johnnie B. Lee has filed for this post, vacated today by Rep. Lanny Hall, who will become a lobbyist in Austin.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 94**

Vince Sprinkle, defeated by Bean in the 1982 County

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## NY bond firm contributed to Andersen

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

Executives of a New York investment firm handling more than \$115 million in bonds for Tarrant County's housing board also contributed to the 1984 re-election campaign of Commissioner Dick Andersen.

Earlier this week, Andersen criticized former County Planning Director Ed Jackson's "horrible judgment" in accepting money from real estate investors involved with board projects.

A Tarrant County grand jury is investigating Jackson's business dealings and a similar contribution that the New York firm made to Commissioner A. Lyn Gregory's re-election campaign.

Meanwhile Thursday, State District Judge Toby Goldsmith said he would ask District Attorney Tim Curry to limit the grand jury inquiry to record-finding until the next jury is impaneled. The next grand jury will be impaneled in two weeks.

Goldsmith is seeking the delay in testimony because of the current grand jury foreman's past working relationship with Jackson. The foreman is Richland Hills Mayor David Ragan, who is a member of the Tarrant County Mayor's Council. Jackson coordinated the federal grants that the council administers.

"I don't want there to be anything that would even raise a suspicion," Goldsmith said. "I think the public already feels a lot has been swept under the rug."

Gregory and Andersen, who received contributions totaling \$1,500 from the New York firm and its associates, said they saw nothing wrong with accepting the contributions.

"I welcome all contributions," said Gregory, whose precinct includes northeast Tarrant County. "I have no problem. They're public record. It really has no bearing on anything."

"I got it in the mail and it was unsolicited," said Andersen, whose precinct includes southwest Fort Worth. "I think it's a courtesy thing they do. Five hundred dollars doesn't buy anything, believe me. That wouldn't even buy an ad in the Star-Telegram these days."

The firm, Lehman Brothers-Kuhn Loeb Inc. of New York, also has been linked to Jackson, who resigned from his job Wednesday after Curry initiated the grand jury investigation. The planning director and a vice president of the bond firm were partners in a now-defunct

downtown restaurant.

The county's housing board, called the Tarrant County Housing Finance Corporation, selects financial firms such as Lehman Brothers to handle its periodic bond issues. The bond money is then parceled out to real estate developers at a lower-than-market rate of interest for construction or renovation of houses, apartments and other board-approved projects.

Campaign finance statements Please see Andersen on Page 2

## Pair defend contributions by bond firm

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County Commissioners A. Lyn Gregory and Dick Andersen say there's nothing wrong with their acceptance of campaign contributions from employees of the New York investment firm that handles more than \$115 million in bonds for a county housing board.

Gregory and Andersen received contributions totaling \$1,500 from executives and a political action committee of Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb Inc. of New York.

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A Tarrant County grand jury investigating former County Planning Director Ed Jackson's business dealings has subpoenaed records of the contribution the New York firm made to Gregory's re-election campaign. No subpoena has been issued for records of the contribution to Andersen.

Lehman Brothers handles bonds for the county's housing finance board. The housing finance board approves the issue of low-interest bonds to real estate developers for apartment and housing projects.

One of the firm's vice presidents was an investor in Jackson's downtown Fort Worth restaurant called Soaps. Jackson, who resigned his job Wednesday, may have violated state liquor licensing laws by not listing his business partners in the restaurant on his Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission application, officials said today.

Jackson listed himself as the sole owner of the restaurant when he filed a signed affidavit for a liquor



DICK ANDERSEN

... "\$500 doesn't buy anything"

license in 1983, commission records show. The license was approved by Jackson's close personal friend and former colleague, County Judge Mike Moncrief. Moncrief could not be reached for comment.

"They must list all their partners," said Virgil Stephens, district supervisor of the alcoholic beverage commission. "If we find there is a violation there and can prove it, then we will take action. If they fail to answer this correctly, they could be held for perjury."

The restaurant is now closed. Campaign finance statements filed last December show that Gregory received three separate contributions totaling \$1,000 from the New York investments firm and its executives. Jackson's partner in the restaurant, Robert M. Brown III, vice president of the firm, contributed \$250 to Gregory's campaign. Another vice president, Jerry L.

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## Andersen given campaign funds

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filed last December show that Gregory received three separate contributions totaling \$1,000 from the investments firm and its executives. Jackson's partner in the restaurant, Robert M. Brown III, contributed \$250 to Gregory's campaign. Another vice president, Jerry L. McGregor, contributed \$250. The remaining \$500 came from the firm's political action committee.

Lehman Brothers executives and attorneys failed to return numerous phone calls placed by the Star-Telegram this week.

Andersen received \$500 from the New York bond firm's political committee. His records haven't been requested so far.

"Unless someone is mad at me I don't know why they would subpoena me," Andersen said. "There's nothing illegal about it. If they sent you a new Cadillac, that might be something different."

Meanwhile, grand jury investigators continued Thursday to delve into the financial dealings of former planning director Jackson by issuing a subpoena for his banking records at the Tarrant County employee credit union. Investigators already have requested records or personal appearances from Gregory, Jackson, the New York bond firm and three of Jackson's other business partners.

Jackson was a member of the county housing board at the same time he and bond firm vice president Brown were partners in the restaurant business.

Questions about Jackson's outside business ventures surfaced many times in the past but failed to spur legal action.

Courthouse sources said a group of criminal district judges forced the issue with District Attorney Curry after they learned of Jackson's involvement with the bond firm.

The judges met earlier this week and demanded an investigation in a letter to Curry, sources said. The letter was never delivered because Curry was already planning an investigation.

At a special meeting of the Commissioners Court on Thursday, Commissioner B.D. Griffin said he thought the county's housing finance organization should be dissolved. Griffin is the only member of the Commissioners Court who does not serve on the housing board.

Griffin said he has in the past refused appointments to the housing finance board because he is philosophically opposed to its operation. The investment firm did not make a contribution to Griffin's re-election campaign in 1984, according to campaign disclosure records.

Commissioner S.J. Stovall, who was appointed last year and is now seeking election, has not filed a list of campaign contributors yet. County Judge Mike Moncrief's campaign reports for the last two years do not show any contributions from the New York firm.

Stovall recommended that a "concise" ethics code be drawn up for county officials and that housing board membership be limited to people who are not public officials.

Commissioners even disagreed initially over a temporary replacement for the planning director.

Assistant Planning Director Cleo McAlister was expected to get the assignment, but the court instead unanimously voted to make Assistant Personnel Director Randall Hatley the acting planning director.

"It's really the usual procedure in businesses and large organizations to not appoint a person acting who is going to be considered for the (permanent) job," Stovall said.

Also contributing to this story was Star-Telegram writer Susan Aschaff.

## Courthouse restoration blasts off

By JAMES PINKERTON  
Star-Telegram Writer

After struggling into county jail coveralls Monday morning, the Commissioners Court administered a watery christening that launched a \$5.5 million restoration of the historic Tarrant County courthouse.

The baptism by waterhose was directed by County Judge Mike Moncrief and the four county commissioners as each donned white jail coveralls and began water blasting the east facade of the 85-year-old pink granite building.

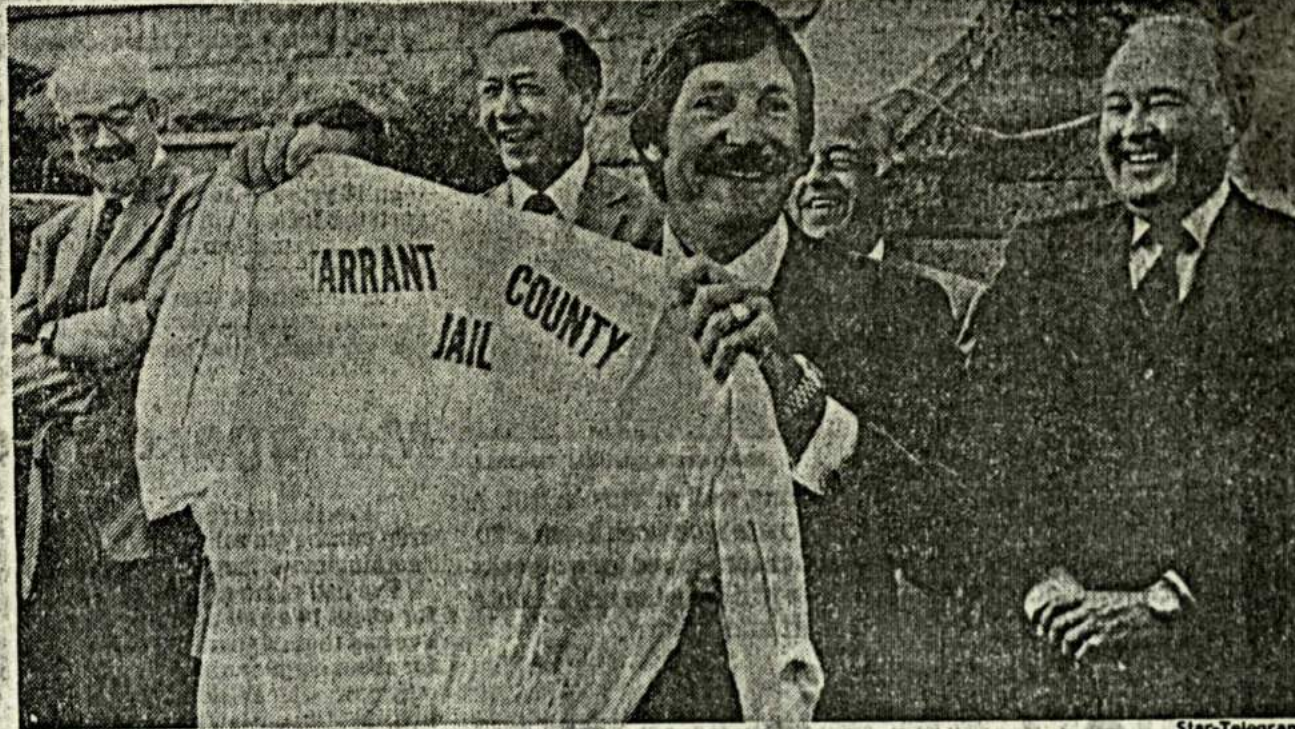
Moncrief told the gathering of county officials and employees standing on the east lawn that the court was going ahead with the full \$5.5 million project although the county doesn't have enough money to complete it.

"As all of you know, the bond money for this project is only \$3 million," he said. "We're going to get the other two-and-a-half million through the well-known financial wizardry of our county auditor, Jack Benson, on a pay-as-you-go basis."

Tarrant County voters approved a \$3 million restoration as part of the \$20 million capital improvements bond issue in 1980. County officials had counted on a \$3 million matching federal grant for the remodeling job, but it never materialized.

Moncrief welcomed House Majority Leader Jim Wright, and afterward the congressman said he was heartened by efforts to preserve part of the county's heritage.

"When we look around us, and see all the high-rise development going up, it is indeed refreshing to see the preservation of this building that has



ATTENDING THE CEREMONY, were, from left, County Auditor Jack Benson, Commissioner Lyn Gregory, County Judge Mike Moncrief and Commissioners Jerry Mebus and Dick Andersen.

been a symbol of strength and justice in this county.

"I think it's great. I'm really excited about the recently awakened spirit in Fort Worth to preserve our heritage. For a long time, the bulldozers of a ruthless progress plowed everything down," Wright said.

Wright referred to Moncrief's comments about a short-lived move in 1956 to raze the building after the Civil Courts Building was erected on the west side of the courthouse.

"It would have been a tragedy if they had torn this building down and put up an unimaginative cracker-box," Wright said.

Moncrief gave those present a brief historical sketch of the stately building, one of the largest courthouses in Texas and one patterned after the renaissance revival style of the state capitol building in Austin.

Work first began on the courthouse in October 1893, and a Kansas

City architectural firm selected the same pink granite quarried in South Texas for the state Capitol. The courthouse was one of the first buildings to use structural steel for support and featured open rotunda beneath a stained glass dome.

The building was completed in 1896, but county voters were incensed by the \$452,000 price tag and expelled the officials who were responsible.

"Shortly after its completion, the entire Commissioners Court was voted out of office for building such an extravagant monument," Moncrief said.

Wright later kidded Moncrief and Commissioner Jerry Mebus about the past "extravagance" of the court.

"They spent a heck of a lot of money, pal," Wright deadpanned. "Some \$452,000, by gosh. Even then, there were people who knew the cost of everything and the value of nothing."

Architect Ward Bogard called the courthouse "this grand old lady" and said the building became something special to him as he grew up in Fort Worth.

"It's always been special to me. My grandfather taught me to follow politics and the Tarrant County Courthouse has always been a symbol of the politics that went on in this building."

"I believe I can promise you that in a year or so, we'll have a building that the people of this county and the people of the entire state can point to with pride," Bogard said.

His firm and Walker Construction Co., the construction manager on the project, presented officials with some of the 250 brass belt buckles that they commissioned to commemorate the restoration. The remaining buckles will be donated to the Tarrant County Historical Commission for resale. Joe Walker said. Please see Restoration on Page 2

## Ducks in danger... patrols planned

Residents of the Echo Lake area in South Fort Worth are starting patrols to guard against people harming ducks at the lake, and a Little League group has volunteered to help later in the spring.

In addition, Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen has offered a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone harassing or harming the ducks.

The ducks have been found tied up in plastic six-pack holders in the last few weeks. The problem started last October and has resumed, Andersen said. He headed a movement about 10 years ago to get the county to build the park.

# Andersen Acts to Reverse Jackson Deal

By MADELINE WILLIAMS

County Commissioner Dick Andersen said yesterday he will try to halt an \$8.1 million tax-free bond deal that County Planning Director Ed Jackson put together for a finder's fee "because it is not a good, healthy, sound financial deal."

The county commissioner, a member of the Tarrant County Housing Finance Corp., was out of town when the board met two weeks ago to approve a letter of inducement as the first step in giving the low-interest mortgage bonanza to Dallas developers who want to rehabilitate the partially-burned out Casselwood Apartments near Ramey and Loop 820.

After inspecting the 504 units, Andersen told the Fort Worth News-Tribune he was convinced the letter of inducement should be rescinded.

"I would hate to see us approve it, especially after a fee was paid for locating it," Andersen said. "There's a big difference in helping a friend and making a deal. Those buildings must violate at least 10 building codes. The buyers say they are planning on spending an average of \$3,000 a unit to rehabilitate them, and they can't do it on that. Right now, I guess the ones that are being lived in would take about \$6,700 a unit to make them livable. And I wouldn't guess how much it would cost to make the burned-out ones livable."

Jackson, who had been appointed to the tax-free bond board when it was set up by Commissioners Court, resigned from the board Feb. 13, just a few days before the Casselwood project came up for the first step toward low-mortgage financing at taxpayer's expense. He admitted "finding it for a Dallas real estate firm for a fee."

The apartment project was originally known as Meadowbrook Village when opened in 1970.

The owner of the project was shown to be black developer Leonard Briscoe in the Real Estate Atlas of Tarrant County published in 1981. Briscoe, former Fort Worth councilman and state representative, was given \$41 million in tax-free bonds by City Hall last year plus a \$7 million grant from Uncle Sam, to finance his Regal Ridge apartments in that area.

The county also tried to give Briscoe some tax-free bonds, according to Commissioner Lyn Gregory, who is chairman of the housing board. "We issued Briscoe an inducement resolution for \$9.1 million on July 22, 1982," Gregory told the News-Tribune in December, "and gave him six months to get his finances together. Here it is a year and a half later and we have not heard from him yet."

Actual ownership of the properties favored with tax-free bonds that produce low-interest mortgages is often hidden in names of corporations and joint ventures.

Only County Auditor Jack Benson voted against approving the Casselwood project. County Judge Mike Moncrief, Commissioners S.J. Stovall and Gregory and County Personnel Director Bob Poppowell all voted for it.

The Tarrant County bond board approved the Casselwood project even though approval violated its own policy of not granting additional tax-free deals to companies merely seeking lower refinancing. The bonds were supposed to be restricted to new owners pledged to rehabilitate the project, according to Moncrief. David R. David told the board he was a principal in both 1001 Joint Venture, trying to sell the property,

and Casselwood Venture, trying to buy it with low-interest mortgages backed by tax-free bonds. Deed records at the Courthouse show it belonged to "Casselwood" in 1978 and in 1981 a deed of trust was malled to "1001 Joint Venture Ltd." in Dallas.

The three large issues of tax-free bonds, totaling \$115.5 million that were issued by the Tarrant County board, were given to Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb of New York City to market for a fee. Lehman's political action committee gave \$500 to Gregory's campaign last summer. A Lehman vice president, Robert M. Brown III of Darien, Conn., gave Gregory \$250 for his campaign. Brown also is a partner in other Jackson business ventures.

Before his resignation from his \$57,000 a year job Wednesday, Jackson also controlled about \$5 million in current U.S. Housing and Development money, including Federal Section 8 low-cost housing funds. Jackson said he had investigated the Casselwood project and found that it did not contain "any county Section 8 housing." It did have city Section 8 housing, he told the News-Tribune.

When Commissioners B.D. Griffin and Andersen called for his resignation Monday, Gregory and Stovall, both appointed to the court by Moncrief, voted with Moncrief to keep him on. Moncrief also had a number of business ventures with Jackson including paying him \$500 a month to be his personal handy-man about the Moncrief home. The two are neighbors. Jackson built Moncrief's home.

Before Jackson promised to give up his Moncrief sideline job, Joy Smith told Moncrief in court Monday: "I am disgusted by the \$500 you pay Jackson to Hop Sing around the condominium."

## Time tells the story at the courthouse

When it began, the time — according to the clock on the wall there in the Commissioners Court chamber on the fifth floor of the county administration building — was 11:25 a.m.

When it was over, a half hour had passed.

But more than just 30 minutes was gone.

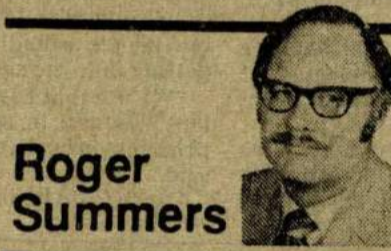
Ed Jackson was gone, too, although Jackson may or may not have realized it.

Oh, it would be two days before Jackson officially departed his county planning director's job — the one that had let him become increasingly influential in county government, the one that had let his pay rise close to the top of the county payroll heap.

But, as one courthouse standaround put it at the end of the 30 minutes, Jackson was through. It was, he opined, just a matter of picking the time and place it would officially happen.

The handwriting was there on the Commissioners Court meeting room wall for all to see.

Officially, for the moment, the break in the dike may have been plugged, albeit temporarily. There would be no immediate crash of the dam. Jackson had by a single vote survived a move to oust him, that single vote coming from County Judge Mike Moncrief, who has likened his relationship with Jackson to that of a brother.



Roger Summers

It was during that 30 minutes that Jackson had taken to the Commissioners Court podium to respond to expressed concerns about his private business activities.

Jackson read a letter in which he said he no longer would do some of the things he had been doing.

Then Commissioner B.D. Griffin had a thing or two to say. And that thing or two added up to the fact he had questioned Jackson's outside business activities in the past and thought Jackson should voluntarily clean out his desk there in the county's administration building or Commissioners Court should send him apackin'. And, for that matter, Griffin recounted the times Moncrief had called on certain office holders to resign for the way they had or had not conducted themselves and wondered why Moncrief, who has had certain business dealings with Jackson, did not resign too.

Jackson might have been able to shrug off Griffin's comments, for

Griffin often is the odd man out in things said and done in and around the Commissioners Court chamber.

But the words that surely stung came from Commissioner Dick Andersen, who said he had been close to Jackson, who said some of the strides made by county government are attributable to Jackson, who said the decision he had had to make and the words he was about to speak had kept him awake the night before but who also said he had lost faith in Jackson, that Jackson should move on.

In a little while, the motion was before the court, the one that said Jackson should resign or be terminated. Griffin and Andersen said "Yes." Commissioners S.J. Stovall and Lyn Gregory said "No." Moncrief was the swing vote. He said "No."

By a 2-3 vote, then, Jackson officially was still the planning director.

But not for long. A couple of days later, he resigned.

The courthouse standaround's predicted time and place had come.

Thus ended Jackson's ever-expanding role in county government, the one that began in the 1970s. He has had a major role in the direction Tarrant County government has taken. He has helped shape its course. He has helped set the agenda the county has followed in recent

years and the one it will follow in years to come. And, though he had his detractors, Jackson also has been praised for helping put county government on better footing, for improving it, for updating it.

And along the way, his role, his influence had broadened.

Indeed, there often was talk around the courthouse about bigger things in his future.

Some already viewed him as something of a county manager, although the county has no such official position.

And of late there had been mention of perhaps adding county public works duties to Jackson's responsibilities, with a sizable salary increase to add to the more than \$57,000 a year he was receiving.

There was even a time, in one courthouse scenario, when the possibility existed that Moncrief might move on to some state appointive position, and Jackson was mentioned as a possible successor to Moncrief as county judge.

But the clock ticked past all of that.

Now Jackson is gone. But the episode isn't. The district attorney will ask questions.

The grand jury will ask questions. Citizens are asking questions, too. And the political fallout could be far-reaching, long-lasting.

For instance, some insist Moncrief already is in trouble with the Democratic Party because he supported Republican Bill Clements in his unsuccessful bid for re-election as governor and they feel the Jackson matter could come back to haunt Moncrief in some future political ambition. They question the propriety of his business ties with Jackson; they wonder why he did not abstain, in view of his business connections with Jackson, from voting on the matter of having Jackson resign or be dismissed.

And some fault Stovall and Gregory for their votes on the Jackson matter, opining that since the two commissioners were appointed to their posts by Moncrief upon the deaths of other commissioners they feel they are obliged to support Moncrief on matters that come before Commissioners Court, though the county officials say that is not so.

And some Republicans, already feeling they have good opportunity this year to supplant a sitting county commissioner or two and thus break the long domination of Democrats at the courthouse, believe their chances of doing that are greatly enhanced.

The clock on the wall indicated it all took only half an hour.

But the clock misleads. For it was a long, long time in coming.

And it will be a long, long time before the effect of it all is over.

Roger Summers is a Star-Telegram columnist and editorial writer.

### Out of town

I wonder why it is when an important issue concerning the conduct of our commissioners comes up Dick Andersen is always out of

town? During the Ed Jackson situation, Andersen was out of town.

Now the Moncrief bribery allegations — in which Andersen plays an important part — and where is Andersen? He is out of town. It's a shame and a disgrace that we are governed by such a dishonest group.

But the biggest disgrace of all is that we continue to re-elect them. Andersen's election is coming up soon; however, I suspect he might be in town for that.

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Fort Worth

## Richard T. Andersen

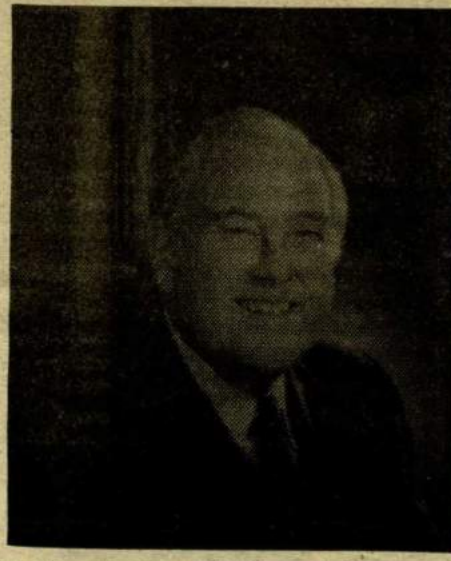
### County Commissioner

Richard T. "Dick" Andersen, a businessman-economist, brings his high-level training and expertise to Tarrant County government.

A graduate of Texas Christian University, Dick was elected to his first term of office in answer to a need to modernize Tarrant County government. His commitment to thoughtful planning, prudent spending and efficient government is evidenced by his accomplishments: in repeated instances of projects being completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

The first comprehensive plan for intergovernmental cooperation was presented to Commissioners Court by Dick over a decade ago. Cooperative efforts in the older sections of Fort Worth and Forest Hill, in Benbrook, Crowley, and Everman have eliminated the waste of millions of tax dollars caused by duplication of expensive equipment and services.

Decentralization of services to the Southeast quadrant of the county was furthered when the Poly Subcourthouse joined the Southwest Subcourthouse as a Precinct 1 facility. The Precinct Garage, used by thousands of persons yearly as a



meeting place, in conjunction with the subcourthouses, place county services within easy access to South Tarrant citizens.

Dick Andersen is well known as a sportsman and has provided recreational facilities throughout the Precinct: Athletic fields, bike trails, jogging trails, parks at Echo Lake and Benbrook Lake.

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Name James Clemons	Telephone Number 817/336-8481
Business or Residence Street Address 901 Evans Ave., Fort Worth, Texas	
Designation of Assistant Campaign Treasurer <sup>1</sup>	
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Business or Residence Street Address*	
Name of Candidate James Clemons	Mailing Address 901 Evans Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76104
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Office Sought* Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct # 1	Term of Office Sought* Jan. 1, 1985 to Dec. 31, 1988

*James Clemons*  
 Signature of Candidate

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 Signature of Campaign Treasurer\*

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 Signature of Candidate intending to follow  
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# Evans terms crowded jail 'dangerous'

By JIM MORRIS  
 Star-Telegram Writer

The Tarrant County Jail has become so severely overcrowded in recent weeks that more than 50 inmates are sleeping on the floor, Sheriff Lon Evans said Wednesday.

Evans said that if Fort Worth City Council members don't quickly decide whether a new jail can be built in conjunction with the county, conditions in the present jail will become "very dangerous."

"Any time you're overcrowded it causes problems," Evans said. "Temperatures flare. There are crowds while the inmates are sleeping and crowds while they're bathing."

Evans said the jail is designed to hold a maximum of 845 inmates, and, as of last Friday, had 904.

"We're getting critical," he said. "This time of year, the jail population builds up for some reason. This seems to be more than we've had in the past."

"I'd like to see (city and county officials) get this thing settled, because we need to know what to do."

Commissioner B.D. Griffin said county commissioners can take no action until they see what the City Council does. The fate of the beleaguered city/county jail project has been up in the air since the low bid came in \$9 million over budget.

The original architect on the jail project, Lawrence D. White, subsequently was fired and Albert S. Komatsu was hired to do a quick review of the project.

Komatsu is expected to make a recommendation to the council on Thursday afternoon.

Commissioners have said they will not hesitate to make plans immediately for a separate county jail if the joint project cannot be brought on line with the \$19 million budget.

Meanwhile, Griffin said Tarrant County judges are trying to expedite the trial process to reduce the number of inmates.

Commissioner Dick Andersen agreed something has to be done immediately about the crowded conditions.

Andersen said the county could break ground on its own facility in six weeks if the joint project falls through. The cost, he said, probably would not exceed \$6 million.

Andersen said the county could erect a building almost exactly like its recently completed administration building. Time could be saved by using the same plans, he said, and the

facility could be completed in 18 months.

Courts that occupy the first four floors of the present jail building could be combined with minimum security cells in the new facility, Anderson said. The vacant floors of the old jail then would be equipped with cells for all other inmates.

"It's in the city's hands and I guess we'll know real quick," he said. "We have to ride it out because we're committed to it, but we're not going to spend a dime more than we've committed."

Andersen said he has "a lot of faith" that Komatsu can keep the project within its budget.

But he said commissioners are "ready to move" on their own project if Komatsu is unsuccessful.

# Ditch is a voting precinct

## Redistricting is creating anomalies

By JAMES PINKERTON  
 Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County commissioners created a voting precinct Monday in a "hot water sluice."

Although no registered voters live in the sluice that handles runoff from the Texas Electric Service Co. generating plant, now there is a voting precinct.

"It's down in that warm water runoff area that I have a voting box," said Commissioner Jerry Mebus. "We have a number of those things, and it's just ridiculous, but our hands are tied."

The creation of the voting precinct in an industrial ditch is just one of many "weird anomalies" Assistant

District Attorney Gerald Summerford conceded occurred when the court voted Monday to redraw the county's voting precincts.

In all, 119 existing precincts had changes in their boundaries, and an additional 35 new voting precincts were created as more than 50 precinct chairmen crowded into the courtroom to learn the fate of their precincts.

Under state law, the court had until Monday to change the boundary lines to coincide with changes in the state representative, state Senate and congressional districts. But the court's work may have to be repeated if the redistricting plans are overturned in court.

Commissioner Dick Andersen had to create a new precinct in Everman that consists of the Everman high school football stadium and athletic complex. Like the TESCO sluice, no one lives in the new precinct. Andersen could not include the stadium area in the other Everman precincts, because to do so would cross a state senatorial district boundary.

"When you change up the voting precincts where people have voted for years and years, you cause confusion," Andersen said. "I thought the simplest thing would be for the federal government to realign the census tracts to coordinate with our voting precincts."

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# Remapping is creating anomalies in county

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 After the lines were drawn on the new voting precinct map, other commissioners wound up with odd precincts consisting of cemeteries, traffic intersections and railroad tracks where no voters live.

And when the Commissioners Court voted to approve the "official" redrawn map that now contains 296 voting precincts, the map itself was downstairs in the Public Works Department undergoing more last-minute revisions.

County Judge Mike Moncrief, who shepherded a half-dozen motions to legally implement the precinct changes, conceded the action was "an exercise in futility," since the redistricting plans are under attack in state and federal court.

"I think what we're doing is, in essence, an exercise in futility because there's no doubt in my mind whatever we do will be changed not once, but twice," Moncrief said. "However, we are in a legal bind because state law requires that we make the changes."

Although the revamping of voting precincts began early during Monday's meeting, the court recessed the item for two hours while Assistant District Attorney Fred Schattman and commissioners met with precinct chairmen who pointed out flaws in the map posted outside the courtroom.

One precinct chairman, Linda

Bachelor of Precinct 212 in Bedford, said the changes in her precinct crossed the city limit lines and would "create havoc" when city elections rolled around. After consultations with Commissioner Lyn Gregory, the lines were redrawn.

After the court voted to approve the changes, Assistant District Attorney Summerford was instructed to notify the Justice Department in Washington of the redistricting.

Andersen requested that Public Works Director Jim Stewart prepare enlarged maps of all 119 precincts affected by the redrawing so that precinct chairmen could have an accurate picture of the changes.

As the court adjourned, Commissioner Mebus noted that the county now has 296 voting precincts, or about 35 more than when the court began the session.

"But let me point out that some are cemeteries, railroad tracks... it's unreal."

# GREATER Wedgwood SHOPPING NEWS

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St. Bartholomew's  
Catholic Women's Club  
Bazaar on December  
13, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Southwest Recrea-  
tion Center, 6301 Welch. Featured will be  
gifts, decorations, boutique items, baby  
clothes and baked goods.

## UNICEF CARDS

The distinctive UNICEF Greeting Cards and  
Berry-Street Post Offices weekdays November 16  
through December 4 under the sponsorship of the  
Tarrant County committee for UNICEF. Volun-  
teers will be at the sales desks from 9:00 A.M. to  
3:00 P.M.  
The UNICEF Cards, which are sold for the  
benefit of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning United  
Nations Children's Fund, have helped provide im-  
mense relief to needy children with a chance for a better  
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## BLUE LUSTRE

SHAMPOO BUDS  
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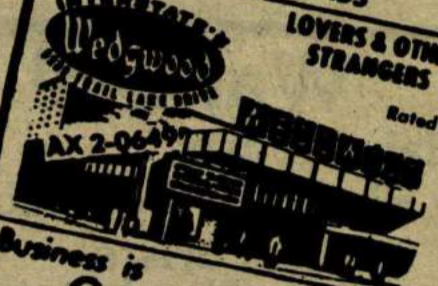
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## CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Retarded Children  
Services of Tarrant Coun-  
ty is selling Christmas  
Wreaths this year to en-  
able them to provide sum-  
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total cost of the wreath is \$3.00.  
Orders may be placed by calling Retard-  
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## Beverly's LOOK FOR FALL SPECIALS INSIDE



GIRL SCOUT  
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Nolan, Laura McAllister, Nancy  
Hall, Kathy Tomcik, Cathy  
Charla Livingston.



"RAGGEDY ANN HAS A CHRISTMAS  
PARTY theme at Westcliff Pre-school  
Hall, at 10 a.m., Dec. 9, in Parish  
from Santa. Each small guest should  
bring a \$20 gift for Santa's bag.  
Visitors are very welcome.

## CAMP FIRE SALAD LUNCHEON

All mothers, leaders, and anybody interested in  
Camp Fire are invited to attend the TCU District  
Annual Meeting:  
12:00 noon, December 7  
Westcliff Methodist  
• Door Prizes • Presentation of awards.  
Bring a family size dish of your favorite salad.



## SANTA'S COMING TO Bruce Shulkey Pre-school Party!

9:30 a.m., December 9,  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Church.  
For information and nursery  
reservations, call Mrs. Bob  
Carlson: 292-4290.

LOOK FOR YOUR NAME in inside ads for free tickets to  
Wedgwood Theater, free bowling; other goodies. Send in  
theater tickets from merchants who ad carries your  
name. Bowling tickets will be mailed to you

## Re-elect Bill Hobby Lieutenant Governor

P.O. Box 567  
Austin, Texas 78767  
512-473-8781

October 26, 1982

Mr. Dick Anderson  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Dear Dick:

Thank you very much for taking time to attend the luncheon at the Fort  
Worth Club recently. It was an honor to be with you and my other  
friends and I appreciate the warm hospitality given to me.

As you know, November 2 is almost here and it is imperative that we have  
a large Democratic voter turnout to ensure victories across the state.  
I want to encourage you again to exercise your right to vote and to ask  
your friends to do likewise.

With warmest regards, I am


Sincerely,  
*Bill Hobby*  
Bill Hobby

/s/

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26. Members of the Southside Little League Assoc. are having a dance - fundraiser in a strong support effort for Commissioner Dick Anderson, who is seeking re-election for County Commissioner.
- A. The citizens and children of Southside are very grateful for his enormous effort in making Echo Lake Park a reality.
- B. In early 1970 the citizens of Southside were struggling to find enough land to build a facility for their children which would include baseball fields and recreational areas. The City of Fort Worth was not convinced of such a need for this area.
- C. This need came to the attention of Commissioner Anderson. By working with the community, fighting obstacles, he helped make Echo Lake Park become a reality. Without him, this would never have taken place.
- D. That is why a large section of the Southside community is so grateful and why they will work hard in supporting him for re-election to the Commissioner's Court in November 1984 elections. For further information contact John Gonzalez at

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August 10, 1984

Dear Concerned Citizen:

In the early 1970's, the citizens of the Worth Heights area were struggling to find enough land to build a facility for their children which would include baseball fields and recreational areas. City planners were not convinced of such a need for our area. Our problem came to the attention of County Commissioner DICK ANDERSON, who after reviewing the situation, made the problem his own. He worked with us and fought for us to make Echo Lake Park a reality.

Commissioner Dick Anderson has always been a friend to the Hispanic community and now he needs our help. It is very important that we VOTE for him in November and assure his re-election to Commissioner's Court. He is our voice and without his support the concept of Echo Lake Park as we know it could change. The possibility of the Southside Little League being left without baseball fields does indeed exist.

To emphasize the importance of your vote and to show our strong support of Commissioner Dick Anderson, we are sponsoring a Get Out The Vote Dance on August 31, 1984, at the American Legion Post 21, 2301 Hemphill Street. It's a great way to start your Labor Day weekend and a good way to show our support for a good friend. Tickets are only \$12.00 per couple; free menudo will be served after the dance. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling one of the committee members.

Even if you cannot attend the dance, don't forget to vote on November 6, for Commissioner Dick Anderson. For those of you who can attend the dance, if you are not already registered to vote you can do so at this time. Voter registration cards will be available for you to fill out. Also, if you cannot get to the polls because of transportation problems call one of the committee members and someone will be available to pick you up and take you back home. It's important for us to stand together once again on this important issue. If you need further information, please call one of the numbers listed below and someone will be glad to help.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

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## Will the elephant pin tail on the donkey?

Could this be the year?  
Could this be the year Democrats lose their hammerlock on Tarrant County Commissioners Court?  
Commissioners Court, of course, now is composed of four commissioners and the county judge, all Democrats.



Roger Summers

In recent election years, the question increasingly has been asked — is this the year Republicans will break the Democratic stronghold on Commissioners Court? So far, the answer has been "No."  
This year, the question seems to come through louder than ever.  
And for some compelling reasons.  
For one thing, there has been some commissioner precinct realignment that some believe will give Republicans a better chance.  
For another, some of the precincts are said to contain more Republicans and conservative Democrats or independents who might vote with Republicans.  
For still another, there have been some problems in county government — the questionable dealings of the former county planning director being one, some problems in the county tax office (although Commissioners Court does not directly control the tax office, some citizens nonetheless tend to put some of the blame on the court for its problems) being another — and these problems and others surely will have

some effect upon the November Commissioners Court elections.  
Matter of fact, even some Democratic leaders and office holders here have said privately they would not be surprised to see the Democratic domination of Commissioners Court end.  
Three commissioners' jobs are up for grabs, those of Precinct 1 Commissioner Dick Anderson, Precinct 2 Commissioner S.J. Stovall and Precinct 3 Commissioner Lyn Gregory, (County Judge Mike Moncrief and Precinct 4 Commissioner B.D. Griffin do not face re-election until 1988.)  
Anderson faces Republican challenger Bob Craft, Stovall faces Republican challenger O.L. Watson and Gregory faces Republican challenger Bob Hampton.  
Our guess — and it includes input from Republicans, Democrats, office holders, courthouse stand-arounders and others — is that Gregory faces the toughest time at the polls. For one thing, his precinct may con-

tain the greatest number of Republicans. For another, opponent Hampton has had some two decades of community leadership, including service as mayor of Hurst.  
And a look backwards may provide another clue. In 1980, Republican challenger Jim Ryan got 33,698 votes to incumbent Gregory's 39,373 and Ryan did it with relatively little campaigning.  
Hampton, on the other hand, has been campaigning hard for many months.  
But, for that matter, so has Gregory and his gregarious, politically connected wife, Maybelle. And this team has proven effective on the campaign trail time after time.  
The next toughest challenge might come in Precinct 2, where former Arlington Mayor Stovall, appointed to replace the late Commissioner Jerry Mebus, will attempt to get elected to the commissioner's job for the first time. Stovall has been a popular vote-getter in Arlington, where a sizable number of the precinct's citizens are located. But this precinct also contains more Republicans now than it did in 1982, when Republican challenger Watson got 22,662 votes to Mebus' 28,414.  
Watson, a Mansfield businessman, recorded a respectable vote in Arlington against Mebus and, it should be pointed out, some black

boxes in the precinct — which supported Mebus — are no longer in Precinct 2 under the realignment of commissioners' districts.  
But Stovall as Arlington mayor did prove to be an effective vote-getter and since becoming a commissioner has made his presence felt in other municipalities within the precinct.  
Anderson may have the least problem trying to remain in office. In 1980, he beat his Republican challenger 40,753 to 22,577. And those black boxes that were removed from Precinct 2 are now in Anderson's precinct, which should help Democrat Anderson as they did Democrat Mebus when they were in Mebus' precinct. So Democratic votes should outnumber Republican votes in this precinct and, in addition to that, Republican challenger Craft, a retired federal employee, has not been as politically active as long as Gregory and Stovall's Republican challengers and thus he and/or his views may not be as well known to voters.  
One factor in the commissioners races could be the presidential race. The Ronald Reagan-Walter Mondale contest could cause more people to go vote here — indeed, the number of registered voters is at a record level here — and that could have a bearing on the commissioners elections. In 1980, Reagan carried Tarrant County against Jimmy Carter 173,466 to 121,068. On the one hand, it might be said Reagan failed to help put a Republican on Commissioners Court. But, on the other, it might be said he helped Ryan and Watson come as close as any Republican ever has here against Democratic commissioners.  
And should Reagan carry the county again, what might be the effect this time, especially with Republican chances at the commissioners posts perhaps already enhanced for the other aforementioned reasons?  
And what might be the effect on county government should a Republican win? Well, a Republican commissioner would have a strong say-so about the way millions of dollars in road and bridge money are spent in his precinct, would have a voice in other county spending, would be able to hire many precinct workers, would be able to make some appointments to boards and commissions and, of course, could influence county government in other ways through his votes and input.  
Is this the year it will happen?  
In fewer than 90 days, we'll know whether the elephant that has for so long stalked the donkey at the courthouse finally achieves its goal.

Roger Summers is a Star-Telegram columnist and editorial writer.

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## For sale: two county garages

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

All three Democratic Tarrant County commissioners seeking re-election this year are having garage sales of one kind or another.

While A. Lyn Gregory is hosting private garage sales to raise money for his campaign, commissioners S.J. Stovall and Dick Anderson are concentrating on selling their county garages.

The Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 county garages are located in what was once Tarrant County boondocks. But those areas now are prime real estate development areas. Commissioners say the county could earn a hefty profit if they sell the land and relocate the garages.

The county's four precinct garages house heavy equipment and road-paving supplies.

"It's worth considerably more than what property for a precinct garage should be worth," Stovall said of his Precinct 2 garage.

"If everything is in order we'll probably sell it at auction and move. This land use is not compatible with proposed use in the city of Arlington's long-range planning."

Stovall said his precinct garage, near the intersection of 120 and Matlock Road in Ari-

lington, is adjacent to a proposed shopping center and on land earmarked for commercial, office and industrial buildings.

Stovall, who said he has been planning the sale for a year, proposes using the profit from the sale to finance building a new county sub-courthouse in the Mansfield or Kennedale area.

Stovall's opponent, Republican O.L. Watson of Mansfield, said he agrees with the proposal. Watson contends, however, that he came up with the idea.

"He's a Johnny-come-lately trying to capitalize on my issues," Watson said. "I have been preaching it for two years. The garage is in a high-tech area and it's an eyesore. It should be sold. It should be moved to a rural area where land is less expensive."

Watson, a real estate and insurance agent, said he has long advocated a subcourthouse in Mansfield. Mansfield residents now must travel to Arlington to reach the nearest county tax office and health clinic.

Watson estimates that the precinct garage property is worth about \$2.5 million, but county commissioners have ordered an official property appraisal of both precinct garages

under consideration for sale.

Anderson said residential development is encroaching on his Precinct 1 garage on 22 acres at 4100 Columbus Trail in southwest Fort Worth. Also, Anderson said, redrawing of commissioner precinct lines last year pushed his garage from a central location.

"It's kind of non-functional because of the time it now takes us to get any place," Anderson said. "It needs to be centrally located."

Anderson has proposed a property exchange with Fort Worth as a means of centralizing the garage. According to the proposal, the county would trade its 22 acres for 14 acres of city-owned land near Oak Grove Airport. Fort Worth would then pay for construction of a new garage on the smaller parcel, Anderson said.

Watson said he thinks the county needs only two precinct garages instead of four because urban spread leaves fewer rural roads to be maintained. He said he thinks now is a good time to consolidate.

"As long as they're both up for sale they could combine the south half of the county," Watson said. "It would be a savings for taxpayers."

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# Partisan county races, issues promise large turnout

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

The partisan struggle for seats on the Tarrant County Commissioners Court and a predicted record voter turnout promise to make the 1984 election one of the more interesting in county history.

Issues range from how to cope with population growth and what to do about the financially troubled convention center to whether the proposed countywide ambulance service is really needed.

Three seats on the Commissioners Court will be filled in the primary May 5 and general election Nov. 6. Here's a look at the candidates and their plans:

**PRECINCT 1**  
Voters in southwest Fort Worth, parts of southeast Fort Worth, Benbrook, Crowley, Edgelynn Village, Everman and Forest Hill must choose between a longtime Democratic incumbent and his Republican challenger.

Commissioner Richard T. "Dick" Andersen, 55, is seeking election to a fifth term. Andersen envisions an expanded role for county government in providing health, library and park services and wants to be around to lead.

"One of our main problems is that we've had such fast growth in Tarrant County that we have a hodgepodge of (government) services throughout the county," Andersen said.

He sees a need for more countywide administration of such services, many of which are now provided by cities, and he pointed to the proposed countywide ambulance system as an example. "That's the most logical way to handle these kinds of services," Andersen said. "Eventually you're going to have a lot of consolidation of these services."

After a stint in the Marines in 1946, Andersen moved from Chicago to Fort Worth to attend Texas Christian University. He graduated in 1951, eventually became president of Anston Development Corp. and now serves as its board chairman.

Republican Robert G. "Bob" Craft, 61, is a newcomer to politics and wants to talk to more Precinct 1 residents in his door-to-door campaign.

before he decides on a platform.

He favors a work-release program that would allow county jail inmates out of their cells to pick up trash along roadsides. "I've been walking the streets in Precinct 1 and we've got a big problem of trash in this county," he said. Craft said he also supports the concept of a countywide satellite hospital system to relieve overcrowding at John Peter Smith Hospital.

"I'm not pushing too many issues right now because I'm trying to build a broad base in the communities I might be serving," Craft said. "I'm trying to find out what's on their minds."

Craft retired last year after 21 years as a public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth division. He is a native of Copeville and grew up in Alvarado. He has lived in Fort Worth for 30 years. He is a World War II Navy veteran and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

**PRECINCT 2**  
Incumbent S.J. Stovall, a Democrat, and Republican O.L. Watson are vying for the attention of voters in Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, parts of southeast Fort Worth, Kennedale, Mansfield and Pantego. The race is for the two-year unexpired term of Jerry Mebus, who died in office last year.

Stovall, 59, a former mayor of Arlington, was appointed to replace Mebus until this year's general election. He spent 1963 to 1983 on the Arlington City Council, serving as a councilman, mayor pro tem, acting mayor and mayor. He grew up in Galveston, where he joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a paving engineer. In 1950 he moved to Arlington and worked for 23 years in the corps' Fort Worth division. Stovall retired from the corps when he was appointed to Commissioners Court last year.

He is a member of the executive board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Tarrant County Housing Authority, the Regional Transportation Council and other civic and professional organizations.

Stovall said he wants to see more branch health clinics throughout the county and wants to establish an



DICK ANDERSEN BOB CRAFT S.J. STOVALL O.L. WATSON A. LYN GREGORY BOB HAMPTON TOM WILDER

additional source of money for the financially troubled Tarrant County Convention Center. Stovall, the commissioner who oversees the convention center, and other officials are considering a countywide hotel-motel tax to raise money for convention center operations.

Watson, 51, is a Mansfield real estate agent, insurance agent and rancher. He began his political career as a Democrat but decided in 1972 to support Republican state Sen. Betty Andujar and switched parties. As a Democrat, Watson was elected justice of the peace in 1960 and constable in 1964. As a Republican, Watson has served as a precinct chairman and a member of Gov. Bill Clements' Crime Stoppers Advisory Council and criminal justice advisory board.

Watson, who has lived in the Mansfield and Arlington areas for 45 years, is seeking the Precinct 2 post for the second time. He lost to Mebus in 1982.

"The biggest issue as far as I'm concerned is that there has never been a Republican commissioner in the courthouse," Watson said. "Tarrant County Commissioners Court as it now exists is a laughingstock in the state. They bicker among themselves and they waste taxpayers' money."

Watson attacked his opponent's voting record on issues such as cost overruns on the \$9.5 million restoration of the Tarrant County Courthouse and a proposed countywide ambulance plan. "I'm against the

county taking control of all the services," he said.

**PRECINCT 3**  
Northeast Tarrant County voters have more choices for county commissioner than other precincts, with three candidates on the ballot.

Democrat A. Lyn Gregory, 57, is seeking election to a third term. Gregory is a Haskell County native who has lived in northeast Tarrant County since 1945. He is chairman of the county housing finance, facilities and elections committees and is vice chairman of the Tarrant County Bail Bond Board. He also is a member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments executive board and various civic organizations.

"The biggest issue, I think, is trying to keep up with the services the county provides," Gregory said. "That's going to take someone who is fiscally conservative and can keep a close eye on things like that."

Gregory supports the concept of work-release for misdemeanor convicts to avoid overcrowding at the new city-county jail, which is expected to open in June. "I'd still like to implement a program using jail trustees to help keep up some of the roads and parks and things like that," he said.

Although Gregory voted in December to approve a \$10 million countywide ambulance plan, he now says he supported only the "concept" of such a plan. "Right now in this area everyone is happy with the ambulance service they've got," he said. "I don't regret working

for (the countywide service). We had to have a starting point to see what people were thinking."

Republican Bob Hampton, 52, was mayor of Hurst from 1970 to 1980. He worked as an engineer at Bell Helicopter-Textron for 25 years, leaving in 1977 to open Hampton Jewelers in Hurst. He is a 1951 graduate of North Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in science.

Hampton criticized the court's handling of the \$100 million county budget for 1984. "The chief worry with that budget seemed to be how to give the county employees a pay raise of 8 percent in spite of the 4.6 percent inflation rate in the Metroplex," Hampton said. "They should have looked at who needs the raises instead of granting an across-the-board increase which applies to the highly paid appointed and elected officials."

He accused Gregory of using "good-ol'-boy cronyism" in administering road maintenance programs. "Road assistance to cities by the county commissioners is always treated as a personal favor," Hampton said.

Hampton said he could help plan for commuter rail systems in northeast Tarrant County if elected. His experience on the National League of Cities' Transportation Policy Board and the Regional Transportation Council would be an asset in transit planning, he said.

Hampton has lived in Hurst since 1960 and served as a planning and zoning commissioner, councilman and mayor for almost 20 years. He became a Republican in 1975.

Republican Tom Wilder of Euless is a real estate broker with the firm of Commercial Real Estate Development & Brokerage. Wilder, 40, has lived in the Fort Worth-Dallas area all his life. He was a Texas delegate to the 1980 Republican convention and belongs to several party organizations.

Wilder wants to centralize county road maintenance operations if elected. The operation of separate road maintenance staffs and equipment in each precinct results in duplication and an unfair burden on taxpayers, he said. He favors hiring a road maintenance administrator to oversee the program throughout the county.

"A central system will need less labor and less equipment," Wilder said.

He also advocates establishing a countywide 911 telephone emergency number for all police, fire and medical services. The emergency number system was included in a countywide ambulance plan approved by Commissioners Court, but Wilder said residents need the number regardless of whether the ambulance plan is implemented.

Wilder opposes a countywide ambulance system which is administered by a board of appointed officials. "Why would a taxpayer want to deal with a bureaucrat who is not elected and who is not responsive to citizen protest?" he said. "I'm for keeping that kind of thing in the city. That way a taxpayer who doesn't like how the money is being spent can tell elected officials."

## Politics in brief

### Reagan whips Mondale, Hart in poll

President Reagan crushed both of the leading Democratic presidential contenders, former Vice President Walter Mondale and Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, in a statewide survey done last week by New York pollster Arthur Finkelstein.

The poll showed Reagan whipping Hart 55.4 percent to 37.4 percent, with the remainder undecided. Reagan beat Mondale by an even more lopsided margin, 62.6 percent to 31.6 percent.

The survey also asked respondents with Democratic leanings to choose between Hart and Mondale. Hart received 41.4 percent of the vote and Mondale 36.6 percent.

The poll, a random telephone survey of 605 registered Texas voters, had a margin of error of 4 percent, Finkelstein said.

The poll was commissioned by Conservatives Acting for Texas, a Dallas-based political action committee that contributes to conservative politicians. The PAC is headed by Dallas businessman Richard Collins, head of a conservative think tank called the Texas Foundation for Conservative Studies.

### Krueger's county touts carry clout

Bob Krueger has a politically potent roster of Tarrant County supporters.

Fort Worth lawyer Dennis Sheehan heads the steering committee for the former congressman from New Braunfels, who is the Democratic front-runner for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by John Tower. Among Krueger's Tarrant touts are:

Fort Worth City Councilman Jim Babsby, Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen, Coors distributor John McMillan, lawyers Tom Law and Jim Barlow, Texas Coalition of Black Democrats Chairwoman Deralyn Davis, Fort Worth Assistant City Manager Vernell Sturms, public relations executive Jane Schlansker, businessman Manuel Jara, Como political leader Wilma Philpott, Texas Electric Service Co. executive Devoy Jennings and the Rev. L.B. George, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

### JFK years to be explored at SMU

Camelot myths aside, what the Kennedy administration really like, and what did it achieve?

That will be the topic of a March 29-30 symposium at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Guest lecturers will include those who worked in the inner sanctums of the Kennedy administration and those who wrote about it in depth. Among the featured participants are: Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., a special assistant to Kennedy and author of *A Thousand Days*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning reflection on the Kennedy administration; Theodore Sorensen, Kennedy's special counsel and chief speechwriter; Sargent Shriver, head of the Peace Corps at its founding in the Kennedy years; and David Halberstam, author of *The Best and the Brightest*, which explored Kennedy's recruitment of his administrative team and the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

All symposium events are open to the public. All events, except luncheon programs, will be free. Call 214-692-2440 for luncheon reservations and additional information.

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## Hot Election Contests Shaping Up

**By FRANK PERKINS**

The 1984 election year promises to be one of the hottest in the history of Tarrant County, highlighted by Republican candidates taking aim at what traditionally have been cinch Democratic Party offices.

With the Feb. 6 filing deadline only 15 working days away, County Clerk Madrin Huffman reported yesterday that 67 Tarrant County residents have filed for office or filed their intent to run.

"We expect that figure to go even higher as we get closer to the 4:30 p.m. deadline on Feb. 6," Huffman told the Fort Worth News-Tribune.

Republicans have filed in three Commissioners Court races to be contested this year.

Bob Craft, a retired Army Corps of Engineers public affairs executive here, has filed as a Republican for the Precinct 1 seat on the Commissioners Court now held by Dick Andersen, who is running for re-election.

In Precinct 3, two Republicans have surfaced to date—Bob Hampton and Tom Wilder—who hope to unseat A. Lyn Gregory who also is running for another term. Precinct 2 Commissioner S. J. Stovall of Arlington, who was appointed to the court last year after the death of Jerry Mebus, has filed for election to serve out the

remainder of the four-year term that expires in 1986.

Stovall, a former mayor of Arlington, has only one opponent so far, O. L. Watson of Mansfield, a Republican.

Twelve candidates have entered the Sheriff's race. The latest aspirant is Robert Calvert who filed Tuesday.

Others are former Fort Worth Police Chief A. J. Brown, O. E. (Buck) Buchanan, Manny Cabeno, Don Carpenter, Jim Hunter, David Gary King, Kenneth Paul McMullen Jr., Johnny Prince, J.D. Sanders, Gary Lee Stinnett Sr., and former State Representative and County Commissioner (Skeet) Richardson.

Sheriff Lon Evans will not seek re-election after 24 years as the county's top law officer. He has not yet endorsed any of the men seeking his job.

Other offices with candidates so far:

**TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**  
Haltom City banker Jack Bean has filed for the post, held by 82-year-old Reed Stewart who has indicated he may seek another term in spite of failing health. Bean was elected Country Treasurer in 1982 on a platform calling for abolishing the office.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 91**  
Veteran Haltom City Mayor Johnnie B. Lee has filed for this post, vacated today by Rep. Lanny Hall, who will become a lobbyist in Austin.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 94**  
Vince Sprinkle, defeated by Bean in the 1982 County

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## What Goes On Here

with BOB CRAFT

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OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Dick Andersen appeared on Channel 8's News-8-Probe program Sunday evening, and discussed his championing of combination of county and city services to save money. Dick feels like if the county and city got together and combined equipment and personnel that there could be a saving to the taxpayer. He said that he has shaken up a few people with the thought that they might lose their jobs. Dick has a good idea, which has been discussed by many students of government over the years, but he sure is kicking a political beehive. Lots of luck, though, Dick.

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# Stock Show

## Officials dedicate building

Show pays tribute to Amon Carter Jr.

By WORTH WREN JR.  
Star-Telegram Writer

About 1,500 people jammed the west entrance of the \$16.3 million Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall Thursday as officials dedicated the building to the late *Star-Telegram* publisher during the 88th Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

Carter and his father, Amon Sr., spent decades as promoters and officers of the Stock Show. Amon Carter Jr. died of a heart attack in 1982.

"On behalf of myself and the family, I thank you for the tribute you've paid Amon by naming the exhibits building for him," George Ann Carter, the widow of Amon Carter Jr., told the crowd.

The hall in the Will Rogers Memorial Center replaced a 40-year-old structure that was once only a horse barn. It was used as a pilot training center during World War II and later became an exhibits hall.

It was torn down last year after city voters approved the new facility.

The non-profit Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Inc. agreed to pay the city an increase in rent of more than 700 percent to help offset the building's cost and upkeep and to improve the sur-



AT DEDICATION ... George Ann Carter speaks at ceremony

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rounding livestock barns and coliseum.

The increase in annual payments from \$25,000 to \$220,000 will allow use of the Will Rogers Complex during the show and for exhibit hall offices year round. The city also can rent the facility for other events.

Outside the hall, the lifesize

bronze statue of the famous bucking bronc Midnight stands as a memorial to the livestock that pass through the nearby Stock Show barns each year.

Only nine men managed to ride Midnight during the horse's tour of the rodeo circuit from 1923 to 1933.

Artist Jack Bryant sculpted the statue.

The new building, designed by Fort Worth architect Lee Roy Hahnfeld, contains more than 100,000 square feet of exhibit space, plus the Round Up Inn, offices, meeting rooms and underground parking.

## Town hall topics include discrimination, politics

State Rep. Reby Cary, in an informal town hall meeting Saturday, is expected to discuss allegations that some Fort Worth hospitals have discriminated against black doctors.

The Fort Worth Democrat said he will outline his claims in detail at the 10 a.m. meeting at the Mount Zion Baptist Church at 1101 Evans Ave.

Knox Tucker, an administrator in the Fort Worth school district, is expected to announce at the meeting that he will challenge Precinct 1 Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen in the May 1984 Democratic primary. Tucker is a former principal of O.D. Wyatt High School.

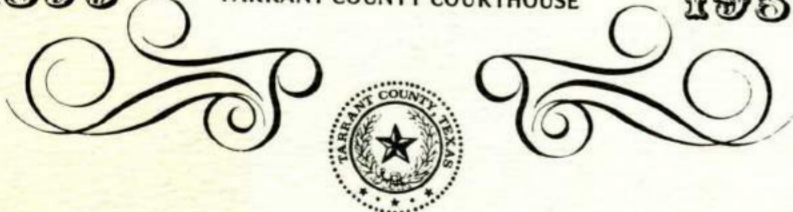
The meeting is open free to the public. Audience members will have a chance to ask questions on a variety of topics.

Cary represents District 95, which encompasses the Poly, Stop Six, Eastwood, Carver Heights and Rolling Hills areas of southeast Fort Worth and part of the city's near South Side. It also includes Forest Hill.

## a Gathering at the House of Courts



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## Dick Anderson Attends Dedication Ceremony Of New Jogging Trail

A dedication for the new jogging trail around Anderson-Pittman Park was held at 6 p.m. Monday, August 13. The Lions Club initiated the special event.

Special guest for the occasion was Dick Anderson, County Commissioner. Anderson Park was named in his honor.

Mayor Troy Daffron and City Councilmen Joe Samples (also a

member of the Lions Club), Mildred Lovell, Don Bennett, and Jim Moews joined Anderson and members of the Lions Club in the dedication of the trail.

Several months ago a group of senior citizens approached Mildred Lovell about the need for a jogging trail. Mrs. Lovell talked with many people around town and finally the

trail was designed and laid by the City of Everman with unanimous approval of the City Council. The Lions Club purchased exercise equipment and city employees put it all together and installed it in designated places along the trail.

The facility, now used by folks of all ages, became a reality through the joint efforts of City officials, Lions, and the citizens of Everman.

## Tarrant named top county

Tarrant County has been chosen the model county in the nation for intergovernmental leadership and cooperation by the National Association of Counties.

County Planning Director Ed Jackson said Thursday the county was chosen because of its role in establishing the only Mayors' Council in the nation, in building the city-county jail and in helping organize a regional transportation authority and a central property appraisal district.

Jackson will accept a plaque honoring Tarrant County at an association convention that begins Monday in Las Vegas. The National Association of Counties named Tarrant one of the top 25 county governments in the nation last year.

Alliea Medina

## Senior endorsements

The Senior Political Action Committee of Tarrant County, composed of members from most of the Tarrant County senior citizen organizations, has endorsed the following candidates in the May 5 primary elections as being the best for the interests of older citizens:

● For the Texas House of Representatives — Johnnie B. Lee, District 91; and Garfield Thompson, District 95.

● For U.S. Senate — Lloyd Doggett.

● For U.S. House of Representatives, District 6 — Hugh Farmer.

● For Tarrant County commissioners — Dick Andersen, Precinct 1; S.J. Stovall, Precinct 2; and Lyn Gregory, Precinct 3.

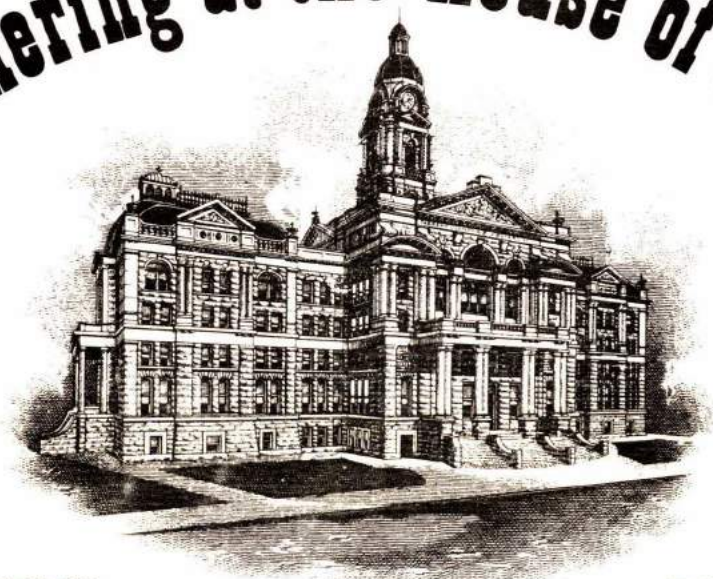
● For district judge, 352nd District — Vernon C. Mayfield.

● For County Court at Law No. 2 — Doyle Willis Jr.

GEORGE A. PARKER  
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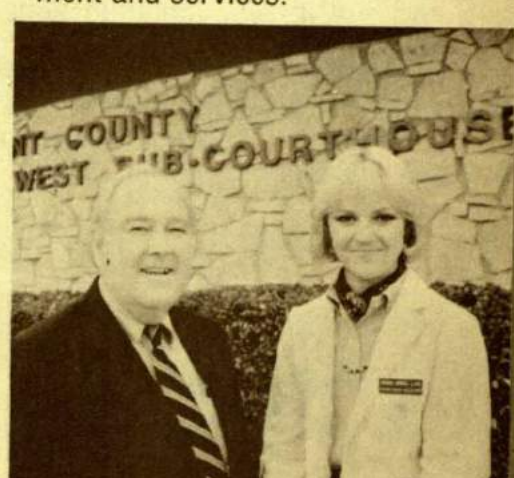
DICK ANDERSEN points with pride to the long-needed County Administration Building which, like other projects under his supervision, was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.



DICK ANDERSEN - a champion of intra-governmental cooperation: a concept which by working with the cities throughout the county such as Crowley and Forest Hills, has saved taxpayers millions of dollars. Such cooperative efforts have eliminated waste caused by duplication of expensive equipment and services.



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  - Realistic, long-range planning for Tarrant County's future
  - An "open-door, open-mind" philosophy when dealing with both his fellow Commissioner's and his constituents.

DICK ANDERSEN, the businessman - economist, sportsman . . . . .  
Dedication, devotion and determination are what have made Dick a successful Commissioner. He understands the long-term implications of short-term planning and strives to be prudent in County business as he is in his own. A TCU graduate and a Fort Worth resident for years, Dick and his wife, sons and their wives and children actively participate in the civic, social and cultural life of Tarrant County.



DICK ANDERSEN'S love of nature and belief in serving the whole person is exemplified by his support of outdoor activities. For the youth, Dick has provided and maintains ballfields throughout South Tarrant County. Echo Lake Park, the only county built and maintained park in Fort Worth; Overton Park Bike Trails and Everman's Jogging Trail provide hours of fun, recreation and fellowship for thousands of citizens of all ages.



DICK ANDERSEN deserves the right to continue to be our "friend downtown".  
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RE-ELECT DICK ANDERSEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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FOR  
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DONATION \$50.00  
THURSDAY SEPT. 20, 1984  
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September 15, 1983

Mr. Dick Anderson  
Precinct One  
Civil Courts Building  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Anderson:

A couple of months ago at one of the Council Meetings for the Village of Edgecliff, it was decided that the residents of the Village had much to be thankful. The Volunteer Fire Department, County Commissioner and Sheriff's Office of Tarrant County were on top of the list.

It was decided that we should have a party to publicly thank them for their service.

With this in mind, it was decided to hold an old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on October 1st at 4 p.m. in front of the Fire Hall.

You are cordially invited to attend, or someone who represents your department.

We are looking forward to seeing you. If you need further information call me or Mary N. King, Co-Chairman.

Sincerely yours,

*Doyle Meador*  
Doyle Meador  
Chairman, Edgecliff Village  
Ad-hoc Committee

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PERSONAL DATA

NAME Richard T. "Dick" Andersen  
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Fort Worth, TX 76110  
OFFICE: Re-election to Tarrant County Commissioner, Precinct 1  
EDUCATION: 1951 Graduate TCU School of Business  
MILITARY SERVICE: United States Marines Corps.  
BUSINESS EXPERIENCE: Served as President of 2 corporations

During 4 terms as County Commissioner, Precinct 1 the following accomplishments have been achieved:

- .....instrumental in initiating centralized purchasing
- .....instrumental in initiating Civil Service to county personnel
- .....county government was computerized
- .....the Juvenile Detention Center was built
- .....developed children's services to be #1 in the United States
- .....started the county's park program
- .....instrumental in bringing urban counties into federal community development programs
- .....proposed the first comprehensive plan for inter-governmental cooperation in Tarrant County
- .....instrumental in initiating the county's first personnel classification system
- .....initiated sub-courthouse system in Tarrant County
- .....provided for the initial county tax exemptions for senior citizens
- .....county taxes were reduced 6 times during the past decade despite the wildest inflationary history of modern times
- .....was instrumental in bringing American Cup and World Gymnastics competition to Tarrant County
- .....initiated city-county cooperative paving programs and paved over 500 city blocks without assessment or increase in taxes

Since first elected to Commissioner's Court I have worked to modernize county government and in 1980 Tarrant County was voted the #1 county in the United States by the the National Association of Counties being recognized for its innovative cooperative programs, progress, and sound financial position.



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The State of Texas

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June 12, 1984

Honorable R.T. "Dick" Anderson  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Dear Dick:

Congratulations on your nomination in the Democratic Primary this Spring! I know the sacrifices involved in deciding to seek public office, and I admire anyone willing to pay that price.

I look forward to working with you in the interests of the people and the Democratic Party. If I can be of any service to you, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

*Hugh Farmer*  
Hugh Farmer  
Senator

HP:nb

September 19, 1983

R.T. "Dick" Anderson  
County Commissioner  
Precinct No.1

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your kind letter. I know you are a busy man and I appreciate the time it took to write.

My family and I use the Precinct Hall each year for our family reunion and we are always impressed with the kind way we are treated.

We have family from as far away as New York and we always are thankful for the clean, comfortable conditions.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Marine Rountree*  
P.O. Box 315

*Crowley Sep 76036*

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## Top People and Equipment Help Tarrant County, Precinct 1, Keep Pace with Growth

In Commissioner R. T. "Dick" Andersen's 16 years of service to county government in Tarrant County, Precinct 1, his job has changed tremendously.

"It's been an exciting time. We've seen the end of an era and the change in attitude and expectations. I can remember the public referring to the precinct office as the 'county barn.' And maybe that's a term of familiarity. But today, the public expects administrators with management background — well-educated individuals," Andersen commented.

Andersen, originally from Chicago, is a graduate of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. In an office filled with hunting trophies, he appears very much at home and confident with his people.

### Stable Taxes and Work Force.

In those 16 years, taxes have not been raised one time. In fact, taxes have been reduced ten times. "Fort Worth has enjoyed sizable growth. That in itself has contributed greatly to the tax issue," Commissioner Andersen stated. "And,

we have managed our resources in an effective manner."

A major contribution being made in this effort comes from Operations Superintendent Weldon Hardin. Weldon has served the county for 16 years, the same period of time as the commissioner. "He started at the bottom and has worked his way up," Andersen stated. "In essence, he is an executive of a two-million-dollar operation."

The work force supporting the objectives of the precinct numbers approximately 35. It's a stable work force. An aspect that would seem a bit unusual to some is the fact that young people come to work with plans to stay until retirement.

"We have a complete understanding in the beginning, related to what is expected of them. Then we create a comfortable working environment. With the addition of our incentives and benefit package, the opportunity for growth and satisfaction within this job are hard to match anywhere else," Weldon said.

### Top Equipment Fleet.

These 35 employees operate and maintain some 30 pieces of road equipment including graders, loaders, backhoes, excavators, chip spreaders, rollers, movers and dump trucks. And to reduce area duplicate purchasing and maintaining of expensive equipment, the city and county share equipment as the needs arise.

Within the fleet of equipment are three pieces purchased from Plains Machinery Company — a Galion A550 motor grader,

a Badger 460 Hydro-Scopic, and a Badger 300 Hydro-Scopic.

The Galion grader has been on the job about ten months. "It's doing a good job; plenty of weight on the front end; it's a durable machine. I certainly have no complaints," Weldon remarked.

In 1979, the precinct purchased the Badger 300 Hydro-Scopic and two months ago they purchased the 460. The 300 is a truck-mounted machine. The history of performance has been quite good for this machine. "It's been used to install culverts and to clean out drainage ditches," according to Mike Cellmer, sales representative for Plains.

"Of course, the 460 is better, because of its power and extended reach," Weldon commented. "It can run 360 days a year; it's the only machine that can. That's due to its operating ability from the black top and its extended reach."



Tarrant County Precinct 1's Badger 460. "Its ability to operate from the black top and its extended reach make it a machine with an availability of 360 days a year," stated Weldon Hardin, Tarrant County, Precinct 1.



The county purchased this Galion A550 Grader ten months ago. "It has plenty of front end weight to do the job," Operations Superintendent Weldon Hardin stated.



Employees of Tarrant County, Precinct 1, with the new Badger 460.



Weldon Hardin (right), Tarrant County Precinct 1, takes delivery of the new Badger 460 Hydro-Scopic from Mike Cellmer, sales representative, Plains Machinery Company.



County Commissioner Anderson (L) Holds "Mental Health Month" Proclamation at TCMHMRS Board Meeting

### Excerpts from Executive Director's Letter to News Media: Tips on Good Advocacy

Dear News Director/Editor:

**May is Mental Health Month.** Why do I tell you, the news experts of my community. Simple. I need your help. People with mental problems need your help.

Would you guess how many millions of Americans with mental health related problems do not seek any kind of counseling, treatment or other mental services? Nineteen million according to the President's Commission on Mental Health.

**And why don't they seek help?** Barriers: stigma, public attitudes and misconceptions, lack of insurance, lack of money, inadequate facilities and diminishing research and training resources.

**What do we ask of you?** Tell the need. Tell of the care available. Tell the story of the weekend skier who wears an arm cast as if it were a badge of honor, but the person with a mental health problem feels he/she must bear the pain with shame or blame.

You are the ones in our country who are brave enough to break down the taboos, traditions and other obsolete kinks in our culture. You are known for "telling it like it is." And that will go a long way in improving the community we all call home. Here are some facts:

Specialists estimate that about 20% of the adults and at least 12% of the children in our country have "functional disorders": mental illness or serious emotional problems. That means many people (at least seven million children and over thirty million adults).

Also there are annually:

- Over 6 million battered women
- 900,000 sexually abused children, estimated up to 3.6 million
- 500,000 teenage suicide attempts
- 15 million alcoholics
- 10 million drug abusers

**NOTE ON RESEARCH:** Mental illness accounts for 11% of the total estimated national health cost but receives only 4% of the health research funds. Cancer accounts for 8% of the health cost but receives 29% of the funds. In the words of radio commentator Paul Harvey, "What does not exist is an American Cancer Society for Mental Health."



### Murphy Newest Board Member

Dr. James Murphy, appointed to the Tarrant County MHMRS Board of Trustees this spring, brings expertise of special value to the agency. A graduate of the Medical School of UT-Houston, with residency at John Peter Smith Hospital, he later served as Assistant Professor of Family Practice at John Peter Smith.

Now in private practice, he is Chairman, Family Services of All Saints Hospital. Often initial awareness of a child's mental problems surfaces in the office of a Family Practitioner. Dr. Murphy is very familiar with the needs being met by Community Centers.

### Public Responsibility Committee

Tarrant County Mental Health Mental Retardation Services is responsible for the care, treatment, rehabilitation and habilitation of many Texas citizens.

Personnel of this facility are committed to providing these services in a manner which preserves the dignity and basic human rights of every citizen under its jurisdiction.

Any client receiving mental retardation services, relative of a client who has a complaint, question or suggestion regarding the health, safety, welfare, or legal and human rights of a client receiving mental retardation services from TCMHMRS is invited and urged to submit them in writing to:

TCMHMRS Public Responsibility Committee  
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## Editorials

### S-T political endorsements

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. This weekend, following a long-established practice, the *Star-Telegram* will make its endorsements in contested national, state and local political races.

Endorsement decisions were made by members of the editorial board after personal interviews with the various candidates.

The newspaper's choices for major contested county offices are being published today. Endorsements in contests for president, U.S.

senator and in the two contested U.S. House races involving the immediate Tarrant County area will be made Sunday.

Monday, in both morning and evening editions, endorsements in the race for railroad commissioner, plus the four contested state representative and two contested state court races will be published.

Recommendations on the eight proposed state constitutional amendments — which also will be voted upon on Nov. 6 — will appear in next Saturday's edition.

### Stovall in Precinct 2



S.J. STOVALL

When S. J. Stovall was appointed Precinct 2 county commissioner, one of the first things he did was go to the city governments in his precinct, including Fort Worth's, and pledge his cooperation. In that single move, he did much to enhance relations between the municipalities and county government.

Yet, for those who have followed Stovall's more than two decades of public service, including terms as mayor of Arlington, his action was not surprising. One of his strong suits has been his ability to deal effectively with others. Stovall has quickly learned his county commis-

sioner's job and has managed to work smoothly with other members of Commissioners Court while at the same time expressing his independent views when he felt it necessary.

By experience, commitment and interest, Stovall was splendidly qualified for the county commissioner's job when he assumed it. Now that he has had about a year and a half in it and has had opportunity to learn more about it and county government, he is fully prepared to make additional, important contributions to county government.

Stovall assisted in getting approval of a hospital district clinic in his precinct and has plans to locate another subcourthouse there to better serve citizens. He also has opposed proposals that would cost citizens more tax money.

Democrat Stovall, opposed by Republican O. L. Watson, deserves to be elected to this job that he has clearly demonstrated since his appointment he is highly capable of performing.

### A.J. Brown for sheriff



A.J. BROWN

The Tarrant County sheriff's office is moving into a new era. There will be a new city-county jail to oversee. There is the vast unincorporated area of the county with its rapidly growing population to be patrolled. There are more than 350 deputies to be supervised. There is a budget of more than \$8 million to be managed.

And, above all, there is a longtime, popular man at the helm to be replaced, retiring Sheriff Lon Evans.

Fortunately, there is available a candidate uniquely qualified by education, knowledge, training and experience to take on this job. He is A.J. Brown, the Democratic nominee. The Republican nominee is Don Carpenter.

Brown knows law enforcement, having spent more than two decades in it. He was a Dallas police officer, then he was police chief in Norfolk, Va., before becoming Fort Worth's police

chief. Then he was city manager of Hurst. And now he operates his own successful private business.

Both in the public and private sectors, Brown has demonstrated the ability not only to administer effectively but also to manage personnel and to manage money prudently. All of those qualities will be needed to run the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department.

Moreover, because of his background and keen perception, Brown knows what is needed to improve the sheriff's department so it will better serve the more than 1 million people of Tarrant County.

For example, he intends to improve record keeping, streamline the serving of warrants and more closely cooperate with and assist other local law enforcement agencies.

And he is pledged to providing law enforcement that is at once "better and cheaper."

Evans, who has held the job for about a quarter of a century and who is in the best position to know the caliber of person needed to fill the post, has enthusiastically endorsed Brown. So does this newspaper, for Brown has the solid credentials and the sincere interest required for this demanding public position.

Voters should likewise endorse him at the polls.

### Hampton in Precinct 3



BOB HAMPTON

There can be and often is value in incumbency, for an incumbent officeholder can bring needed experience and knowledge to government. But there can be, and sometimes is, valid reason to switch from an incumbent to a newcomer if the newcomer is eminently qualified and shows the promise of bringing fresh approaches and insights to govern-

ment.

Voters in the Precinct 3 county commissioner's race are faced with this situation in the Nov. 6 election.

Incumbent Democratic Commissioner Lyn Gregory has made contributions to county government during his tenure on Commissioners Court. But county government is in transition, or should be, as Tarrant County moves into a new era of growth, opportunity and challenge. Part of the new direction Tarrant County government, which has had its share of problems within the past year or so, needs is a move away from the Democratic domination of Commissioners Court and toward the benefits that could result from two-party participation in county government decision making, especially if a splendidly qualified Republican candidate is available.

Perhaps nowhere in the county is political change more evident at the moment than in Precinct 3, where Republican strength is increasing. It is also that precinct that has the best qualified Republican candidate for county commissioner, Bob Hampton.

By training and experience, Hampton is prepared to assume the county commissioner's post. He has two decades of successful local government and community experience. He was a Hurst city councilman and mayor. He was on the North Central Texas Council of Governments board, and he presided over the Tarrant County Mayor's Council.

Besides this valuable public service experience, Hampton also was a Bell Helicopter engineer for about a quarter century and now operates a private business. So he knows management, administration, decision making and budgeting.

Hampton has pledged to eliminate "good-old-boy cronyism" in county government — and this year's county planning director's fiasco is an example it sometimes is there to be dealt with — and to improve cooperation with other governments, upgrade county road construction and to be a strong transportation advocate for the precinct.

Hampton has shown he is cooperative and therefore would be able to work closely with the Democratic members of Commissioners Court for the good of county government, especially in matters involving the expenditure of tax money, since he is, like other court members, fiscally conservative.

Precinct 3 voters should elect Hampton.

### Bean for tax collector



JACK BEAN

The past year or so has not been a good time for the county tax office. There have been instances in which money has disappeared. There have been criticisms of the office and calls for independent studies to improve its operation.

This has been disconcerting, because the tax office is responsible for the lifeblood of county government — collecting the tens of millions of dollars needed to run county government. Additionally, this important office handles functions that directly affect citizens in a myriad of ways, from registering them as voters to selling them vehicle license plates.

It is, then, an office that must be placed in excellent management hands.

Tarrant County citizens should give that task to Jack Bean, Democratic nominee for county tax assessor-collector. The Republican nominee is June Garrison.

Bean is ready for the assignment. He has both public and private business experience. He knows what must be done to shape up the office so it will more effectively and more efficiently serve county citizens and county government.

To achieve all of this, the new tax assessor-collector must have the ability to work closely with members of Commissioners Court and other county officials. Bean, who served briefly as county treasurer as the office was being abolished and who served on the Tarrant County Hospital District, has shown he can do that.

Moreover, the office begs for more business-like, up-to-date management skills. Bean, with some three decades in private business, including many years in banking, has demonstrated he possesses them.

Bean would assume office fully prepared to take charge immediately. While campaigning for the office, he also has carefully studied the office to determine ways to improve it. He proposes, among other things, to improve office and money security, deposit tax money more rapidly, reduce vehicle registration lines, make better use of personnel through cross-training and other techniques and obtain better office equipment.

Shaping up and running this office will be a big job. Bean is prepared to handle that job. Voters should elect him to do it.

### Cheers and jeers

#### Yours

**CHEERS:** To Jackie, who stopped and helped me when a water hose broke and the thermostat stuck on my car on Sept. 29 as I was on my way to Mt. Olivet Funeral Home. Thank you for taking me there in time for the funeral.

**L.R. DRAKE**  
**CHEERS:** To the very nice man who rescued my keys from my locked car on Sept. 28 at Holiday Heights Apartments in North Richland Hills. As a visiting nurse, my schedule is tight and I would have been "up a creek" without him. People are still wonderful.

**JUDY GERATH, R.N.**  
**Watauga**  
**CHEERS:** To Doug Adams, Channel 5 news director, for the continuous "Pat and Mike" routine on weekend newscasts, wherein Pat Warren and Mike Snyder "Pat" and "Mike" each other instead of talking to the listening audience. **CHEERS** that Channel 4 is only one turn away.

**BILL BROWN**  
**CHEERS:** To the woman who offered assistance when my truck stalled at Center Street and Park Row in Arlington on Oct. 5. A policeman called a wrecker, and I was gone when she returned. I am convinced that she may have incurred expense on my behalf and would like to reimburse her. Please call me at 277-2319.

**M.H. BICE**  
**Arlington**  
**JEERS:** To the Legislature and the State Board of Education for harming youth participation in our Texas fairs and Fat Stock Show in "trying to improve our educational skills." And **CHEERS** to Paul Rowan, *Star-Telegram* writer, for the excellent article on the matter.

**LAUREN SHIRLEY**  
**JEERS:** To the *Star-Telegram*. Your negligence in announcing the Alabama concert caused me to miss out on getting tickets. I had watched for an announcement for months, but there never was one in your paper. Apparently you just announce

your personal favorites. I'll never count on your paper again.

**ALMA RANGEL**  
**Saginaw**  
**CHEERS:** To Montgomery Ward for allowing our Cub Scouts to sell tickets for their Scout Show. The sales were a smashing success. **Yea!**

**SHERYL SNOW**  
**Secretary/treasurer**  
**Pack 555, Watauga**  
**JEERS:** To the *Star-Telegram*. Your new TV guide has about as much class as someone wearing green socks, pink shoes, red slacks and a yellow shirt. In fact, my friends and I just don't dig it. What was wrong with the old way? Why not put it back in class?

**VIVIAN RENETTA GIFFORD**  
**CHEERS:** To fire engine No. 29 and ambulance No. 5 that arrived at my house within five minutes to give medical attention to my husband after I called the Fort Worth police on Sept. 30. A special **CHEER** for the police dispatcher. Citizens, we can feel safe and proud.

**JANE THOMSON**  
**CHEERS:** To American Airlines for its outstanding musical tribute to public education featuring the Dallas Symphony Orchestra at SMU and double **CHEERS** for its generous \$500,000 gift to Fort Worth/Dallas area public schools — a true example of private industry's response to the educational challenge.

**VIRGINIA WARD**  
**CHEERS:** To Fort Worth for having Mayor Pro Tem Herman Stute — a terrific ambassador of good will at City Hall. He made our visitors from Ireland so welcome they didn't want to leave.

**EILEEN and HARRY COOPER**  
**CHEERS:** To the personnel at the Fort Worth Animal Control Center and the Tarrant County Humane Society who were extremely kind and helpful when we were looking for our lost pet.

**MAHALA YATES STRIPLING**  
**CHEERS:** To Gene Odom from Garage and Service Station Equipment Co., who came to our rescue Oct. 10 when my niece and I were on the

way to a funeral in Tolar. Odom repaired my car and went to the nearest city, Benbrook, to bring water for my car. He was the only one to stop.

**GUSSIE JAQUESS**  
**JEERS:** To the person who stole my purse Oct. 4 at the Museum of Science and History. Would you please return my passport?

**JENNIFER GARNER**  
**CHEERS:** To a Texan who stood tall, George Bush, in his debate with (Geraldine) Ferraro. Let's stand with him and the president Nov. 6 for a Texas victory. Get out and vote. Stay proud.

**WILSON L. KNOWLES**  
**CHEERS:** To Fort Worth police officers involved in the Cop Cakes Calendar. The calendar is in good taste and should not jeopardize anyone's job. Fort Worth loves and supports you guys. You're all great. **JEERS** to the supervisors making it rough for these guys. You act as if they're related to Vanessa Williams.

**SHELLEY BRYSON**  
**JEERS:** To all people who drive their pickup trucks with adults, children and dogs in the open back end. Why isn't there a law against this? I wouldn't put my dogs back there.

**DONNA J. WRIGHT**

### Andersen in Precinct 1



DICK ANDERSEN

County Commissioner Dick Andersen has done his part to help hold the line on county spending and county taxes yet at the same time, he has supported progressive change. Those would be reasons enough for Precinct 1 voters to return him to office.

But there are other reasons Andersen, a Democrat, should be re-elected. For one thing, he is, by experience and background, better qualified to serve in this job than his opponent, Republican Bob Craft.

Andersen has been a leader in efforts to improve cooperation between local governments. This has been to the advantage not only of these local governments but taxpayers, too.

He also has pushed for county ordinance-making authority, which urban Texas counties desperately need to help them deal effectively with problems faced by the increasing numbers of those who reside in unincorporated areas of the county.

Too, he has kept an ear tuned to progressive county government ideas and, where feasible for Tarrant County, has urged their adoption.

And it should be remembered that when major problems developed relative to the county planning director, since resigned, Andersen was one of two commissioners who urged that the director leave county government.

For the good of Precinct 1 and county government, Andersen should be re-elected.

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# Finance reports, attendance main commissioner issues

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

Democrat Dick Andersen is the longest tenured member of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court and wants it to stay that way on Election Day.

"I enjoy what I'm doing," said Andersen, 56, who has served as Precinct 1 commissioner since 1969. "It never gets dull."

Precinct 1 includes southwest and southeast Fort Worth, Edgecliff Village, Crowley, Benbrook, Everman, Forest Hill and the Tarrant County portion of Burleson. The area includes the largest concentration of black voters in the county's four commissioner precincts.

Campaign finance reports filed at the Tarrant County clerk's office show that Andersen has collected \$17,420 in contributions and spent \$17,223 in his re-election bid. His opponent, Republican Bob Craft, filed his first campaign expense report Friday, stating he has collected one \$400 contribution and loaned himself \$2,500 to defeat Andersen. Craft has failed to file a campaign finance report on six legally required dates this year.

"It's too late," Andersen said of his opponent's decision to finally file a campaign expense report. "I have turned the matter over to my attorney."

Craft could be required to pay Andersen double the amount of his campaign coffer if Andersen sues under a provision of the state election code.

Andersen is a Chicago native and a graduate of Texas Christian University. He is a commercial real estate investor.

He has missed 10, or 19 percent, of 54 regular and special Commissioners Court meetings this year, but he disagrees with his opponent's assertion that the absences affected his job performance. The incumbent said he was conducting out-of-town county business on several of the dates.

"It's what you accomplish that's important, not how many meetings you attend," Andersen said.



DICK ANDERSEN

In his most recent four-year term, Andersen supervised the construction of a subcourthouse at 3212 Miller Ave. in the Polytechnic area to make county services more convenient for southeast Fort Worth residents. Andersen also supervises operation of the southwest subcourthouse at 3829 Altamesa Blvd. in southwest Fort Worth.

He advocates establishing more county recreational parks and a countywide library district. The commissioner wants to lobby the Texas Legislature to get ordinance and zoning authorities for counties. The action would give commissioners the power to combat such problems as wrecking yards and \$150,000 homes popping up in the same neighborhood, Andersen said.

Andersen voted against raising automobile licensing fees by \$5 last summer, saying the tax was unfair to working people because it didn't take into consideration whether someone owned a Mercedes or a "junkyard" car. He also led opposition to a request by the Internal Revenue Service for a direct computer link to voter registration records, saying such a move would intimidate minority voters.

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

Republican Bob Craft says the question that he is most often asked on the campaign trail is whether he is a serious candidate for Tarrant County commissioner.

"Several people have asked me if I am a serious candidate and I say, 'I sure am.'" Craft said. "But I don't think the world is going to end if I don't win."

Craft, 63, is challenging incumbent Democrat Dick Andersen for the Precinct 1 commissioner seat. Precinct 1 includes southwest and southeast Fort Worth, Edgecliff Village, Crowley, Benbrook, Everman, Forest Hill and the Tarrant County portion of Burleson.

The retired U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public affairs officer said he has refused offers of campaign money and political galas.

"I don't want to be obligated to anybody," Craft said. "I hate to see a politician go into office being obligated to everybody and his dog, spending half his time shuffling between one and the other. I don't have a lot of money involved, but I've got a lot of important people involved. I'm counting on influential people working for me."

Craft failed to file six campaign finance reports this year required by state law. On Friday he filed his first campaign finance report, listing a \$400 contribution from the Tarrant County Metropolitan Republican Women's Club and a \$2,500 loan to himself. Craft reported \$3,000 in campaign expenses, most of which was spent on newspaper advertisements, brochures, signs and business cards.

Failing to file campaign finance reports is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$200 fine, according to the state election code. Craft also could be liable to his opponent for double the amount of campaign money he spent if Andersen chooses to sue under an election code provision.

Craft criticizes Andersen's attendance record at Commissioners Court meetings and vows to represent Precinct 1 residents regularly if he is elected. Andersen has missed

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Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 1



BOB CRAFT

10, or 19 percent, of this year's 54 regular and special Commissioners Court meetings, according to meeting records.

"You wonder who's minding the store," Craft said. "If I am elected I will be at the meetings."

Trash-dumping in southern Tarrant County is one of the candidate's top priorities.

"It's a great temptation for people to drive out south and dump trash," Craft said. "I support strong enforcement of illegal dumping laws."

He also wants to reform court-house personnel hiring policies.

"There's too much good ol' boy stuff down there," he said. "We need a qualified personnel director. I think there should be some changes. We need to take the politics out of personnel as far as who gets employees."

Craft is a Copeville native and a 1939 graduate of Alvarado High School in Alvarado. He earned a bachelor's degree in government and history in 1942 from North Texas State University in Denton. He is a World War II veteran.

He has lived in Fort Worth since 1953, and he co-founded two newspapers, the *Everman Times* and the *Kennedale News*.

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## Craft failing to file reports on campaign

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

Bob Craft, a Republican candidate for Tarrant County commissioner, has failed six times this year to file campaign finance reports required by state election laws.

Two other candidates for county offices, tax assessor-collector contender Jack Bean and Commissioner S.J. Stovall, were one day tardy this week in filing their latest campaign finance reports.

Craft, who is challenging Commissioner Dick Andersen, a Democrat, for the Precinct 1 commissioner post, said Thursday that he knew he was supposed to file the reports but was unaware of the penalty for failing to do so.

Failing to file campaign finance reports is a misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of \$200, according to the state election code. In addition, candidates who fail to submit campaign financing reports may be required by a state court to pay their political opponents double, and the state triple, the amount of their unreported coffers.

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The candidate said he spent all the money on campaign brochures, yard signs and business cards.

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Andersen, county commissioner since 1969, said he is contemplating a lawsuit against Craft to recover the

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Tarrant County Clerk Madrin Huffman said candidates must submit a report of campaign contributions and expenditures to his office within 15 days after they file for office. Craft filed as a candidate on Jan. 11.

Huffman said this year's candidates also were required to file separate campaign finance reports on April 5, April 28, and June 4, Oct. 7 and Oct. 30. A few candidates in June runoff elections had to file additional reports.

Andersen filed all six required reports.

In an Oct. 5 interview with the *Star-Telegram*, Craft said he shuns most offers of financial support.

"I don't want any fund-raisers and I don't want any donations," Craft said. "I don't need them and I don't want to be obligated to anybody."

Tax collector candidate Bean, a Democrat, said he was tardy in filing. Please see Candidates on Page 20

### Candidates tardy with finance reports

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"I guess it was just a misunderstanding on my part and on the part of my campaign treasurer," Stovall said. "I thought it was due the 31st and he did, too. I didn't realize I was late."

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his latest finance report because he changed accountants recently. Stovall, also a Democrat, said he thought the deadline was Wednesday rather than Tuesday.

## Andersen considers suing his opponent

By KIM BREWER  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen is considering suing his Republican opponent, Bob Craft, for at least \$8,000 because Craft has failed to file campaign finance reports six times this year.

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## Political briefs

### Gramm schedules talk

Republican U.S. Senate nominee Phil Gramm will speak at a meeting of the Mansfield Kiwanis Club at 5 p.m. Monday in the Mansfield High School cafeteria.

There is no admission charge. The school is at 1520 N. Walnut Creek Drive in Mansfield.

Gramm is opposed by Democratic state Sen. Lloyd Doggett of Austin in the Nov. 6 general election.

### Beans from Gregory

Free beans and cornbread will be the fare at a public reception Saturday in Richland Hills for Tarrant County Commissioner A. Lyn Gregory.

Gregory, a Democrat, is seeking a third term on the Tarrant County Commissioners Court in the Nov. 6 general election. He will face Republican Bob Hampton, a jeweler and former Hurst mayor, in the race for Precinct 3 commissioner in northeast Tarrant County.

### Richland Hills Mayor David Ragan is hosting the 7 p.m. supper at Kate Baker Park, north of Baker Boulevard on Vance Road in Richland Hills.

### Fund-raiser for Griffin

A campaign fund-raiser for Tarrant County Commissioner B.D. Griffin is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at Lost Creek Country Club, 4101 Lost Creek Country Club Drive.

Griffin, a Democrat who represents Precinct 4 in northwest Tarrant County, is not up for re-election until 1986. He is considered a likely candidate for county judge in 1986.

Tickets to the fund-raising dinner are \$50 and available from Ed Wilkie of the B.D. Griffin Campaign Committee, 1025 Roberts Cut-Off, Fort Worth 76114.

### Benefit for Andersen

Friends of Tarrant County Commissioner Dick Andersen have planned a campaign fund-raiser in his honor from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thurs-

day at the Round-Up Inn.

Andersen, a Democrat who represents southwest Tarrant County, is being challenged by Republican Robert Craft in the November election.

Tickets to the fund-raiser are \$10 and available from Harry Purser at 429-8566 or at the door. The Round-Up Inn is part of the Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall, 3400 Crestline Road.

### Barbecue for Watson

Backers of Republican Tarrant County commissioner candidate O.L. Watson of Mansfield will host a barbecue in his honor at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at Punch Wright Park in Arlington.

Watson, a rancher and insurance agent, is challenging incumbent Democrat S.J. Stovall of Arlington for the Precinct 2 commissioner seat in southeast Tarrant County.

Tickets to the barbecue are \$10. Punch Wright Park is on Randol Mill Road near Arlington Stadium. Call 473-1264 for more information.

**Vote for Bob Craft for County Commissioner Precinct One Tarrant County**



BOB CRAFT is running for County Commissioner, Precinct One of Tarrant County, on the Republican ticket. He is a graduate of North Texas State University with a degree in History and Government. CRAFT retired last year as Chief, Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after twenty-one years. From 1962 to 1974 he was also co-owner and editor of the *Everman Times* and the *Kennedale News* and is well acquainted with the development going on in the southwest part of Tarrant County.

CRAFT and his wife, the former Velma Rae Bateman of Fort Worth, reside at 4504 Rutland Avenue, where they have lived for thirty-one years. They are members of Southcliff Baptist Church, the Headliners Club and the Petroleum Club. The CRAFTS have three children: Howard, Pamela and Jeanie, who are graduates of Paschal High School and the University of Texas at Austin.

CRAFT says that he will devote full time to the job of being a County Commissioner with "high visibility" in the precinct and will keep the people informed about the work that the commissioners court performs.

Paid for by Bob Craft for County Commissioner Campaign, R. Craft, Treasurer.

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## Everbits

The Wichita Street bridge near Dick Anderson Park is undergoing repairs at the present. City spokesman expect the street will be closed in that block for approximately 45 days.

**EB**  
Inge Massey has a brother visiting whom she hasn't seen in 17 years. What a nice family reunion.

**EB**  
Arletia Mayfield, 77, has articles entered in the 23 annual Senior Citizens Fair, we hear. The fair will be held in the Amon Carter, Jr. Exhibits Hall at Will Rogers Complex November 1-3. Admission is free.

**EB**  
Happy Birthday to C.R. "Rooster" Chambers who will be 53 (we hear) on November 1.

**EB**  
Helen and Jerry Rico have been practicing the good neighbor policy by helping a small community near Italy, Texas locate a firetruck. The Ricos also took the time to train the volunteer fire department members. Thanks for a helping hand.

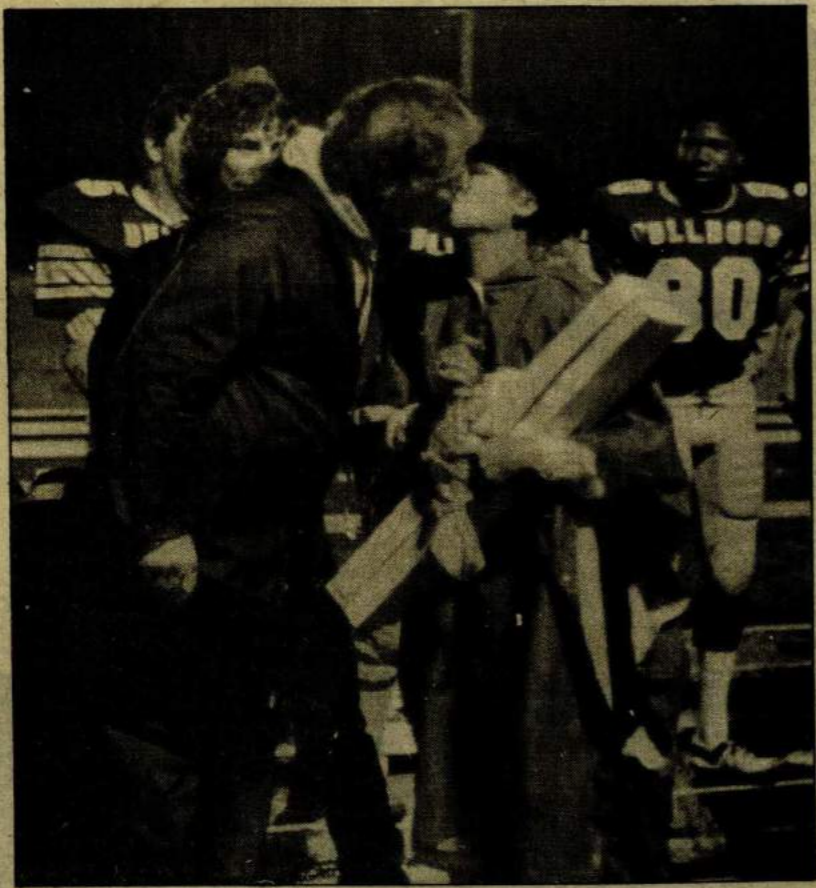
**EB**  
Hey, nice write-up in the Star Telegram Tuesday on Everman's defensive players. Good photo of Earl Henderson and Jerome Lester, too. Keep up the good work, fellas!

**EB**  
Remember to get out and vote next Tuesday. Everyone should have their say.

# Dr. J. E. Marr Stadium named

Nov. 7-84

Everman football fans got two of the three elements mentioned in "neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night" Friday, but the appointed



Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Marr exchange congratulatory kisses after presentation of plaque and naming of football field.

half-time activities came off as scheduled in spite of the weather. On a track wet with rain, ceremonies transformed Bulldog field into the "Dr. J.E. Marr Stadium".

Surrounded by members of the Board of Trustees, school administrators, the football team, coaching staff, and members of his family, Dr. J.E. Marr received an engraved plaque from school board president David Hunnicutt. The plaque commended him for his 23 years of devotion and dedication to the athletes of Everman. Mrs. Marr was presented with a dozen yellow roses in appreciation of her support of Dr. Marr and "sharing him with us (the school)".

The presentations were made immediately following the half-time in front of home stands on a track wet with rain. Rain glistened on the umbrellas in the stand and on the muddy field, but the crowd stood and cheered as the public address system completed an impressive listing of achievements of the honoree.

Dr. J.E. Marr and his wife, Marcie, came to the Everman community in 1961. Dr. Marr established his practice at that time in its present location at 805 West Enon. One son, Jimmy, is now a sophomore at UTA and a second son, Pat, is a senior at Everman High School.

Marr has served as the team physician for the 23 years he has resided in the area. He has developed training programs currently used by all athletic programs in the Everman school systems. He has given countless physicals, X-rays, and medical care to team members—donating the time and care from a busy practice. He served 12 years on the local Board of Education.

In addition, Marr now serves as Medical Director of Texas Department of Labor and Standards, Vice-President of the World Boxing Council Medical Staff (being one of only five doctors in the world on the staff), and is a consultant for the National Golden Gloves association. He is also a member of the TMA Sports Medicine committee and belongs to the American College of Sports Medicine.

He spends his "spare" time lecturing and working with various groups for the promotion of safety in sports. He has recently returned from Montreal, Canada, where he spoke before an international audience. He is currently working on a project financed by UCLA, to develop a new boxing glove which could reduce brain injuries by 50 percent or more.

Board President Hunnicutt said in

an interview that he thought the choice of names was appropriate in view of Marr's contribution to the athletic department and his personal concern for the team members. Vice-Superintendent Bob Puryear, as head of the athletic department, commented on the desire of the athletic department to honor Marr for "the many hours of service" he had donated.

Marr said he was "appreciative" of the action, but "didn't do the work for the honor." He talked of the enjoyment he had received as a part of the program and the goals the program could achieve. He mentioned the potential of the players and the potential offered to the community in backing the students, saying, "The athletic program is not just the football team or the basketball team, it is all those kids out there: the cheerleaders, the band, the Royal Majestics, and all the others. It is a way to give pride to the community and draw the community together."

Ceremonies preceding the game honored parents of players. Each player was introduced and escorted his parents on to the field as they were introduced. Parents were presented with corsages and boutonnières.

## County boasts financial health

By ALICIA MEDINA  
Star-Telegram Writer

Tarrant County's financial health is so good that one county commissioner jokingly has suggested that Tarrant County help its budget-beleaguered neighbor to the east, Dallas County.

Tarrant County commissioners have approved a \$52.6 million budget that includes \$100,000 in requests that earlier had been trimmed by County Auditor Jack Benson.

The budget, for the fiscal year which began Jan. 1, includes \$39.6 million in operating funds, \$11.5 million in right-of-way funds and a debt reserve of \$1.3 million to pay for general obligation bonds.

Commissioners granted requests for reclassifications, new employees and capital equipment totaling \$100,000. The budget includes a 10 percent pay raise for all employees, a retroactive raise increase for workers who received only half of last year's 6 percent increase and a contingency fund of about \$110,000.

Commissioner Dick Andersen was so happy with the county's financial health that he jokingly suggested using the contingency fund to help his counterparts in Dallas County. The commissioners court there had to switch to a nine-month budget this year and withhold employee raises until August in order to balance the county's budget.

Requests granted by Tarrant commissioners include a new medical investigator, a new arson investigator, a special prosecutor for the Child Welfare office, a deputy constable for Precinct 7, five employees in the district clerk's office and 24 reclassifications in the tax clerk's and county clerk's offices.

## Editorials

6/4/85

### It's voter's turn now

While he may be saying it much in the fashion of an uneasy child whistling past a graveyard, Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale is certainly correct in his oft-repeated assertion that polls don't win elections; voters do.

And the voters' chance is almost here. Tuesday is the day they will have the opportunity to participate in the most meaningful rite available to citizens in a free society. The politicians will have had their day. Tuesday belongs to the American voter.

All predictions are for a record vote in Tarrant County and throughout the state. If that comes to pass, it will be a welcome turnabout from recent elections, when only a fraction of the state's qualified voters bothered to exercise their most precious gift.

Participatory democracy will continue to work only if people think enough of their responsibility as citizens to participate. The course this nation takes for the foreseeable future will be charted by the winners of Tuesday's vote. People who decline to participate will have defaulted on the obligation they owe to millions of their predecessors who died defending the sanctity of the American ballot box.

If the people of beleaguered El Salvador can risk retaliation from rebel guerrillas to cast their ballots, surely it's not asking too much of American citizens to brave fall weather and long lines to do the same thing.

Two weekends ago, the Star-Telegram published its endorsements in the major contested national, state and local races to be decided Tues-

day. Below is a recapitulation of those recommendations:

- President — Republican Ronald Reagan.
- U.S. Senate — Republican Phil Gramm.
- Congress, District 6 — Republican Joe Barton.
- Congress, District 26 — Democrat Tom Vandergriff.
- Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission — Democrat Mack Wallace.
- Chief justice, Texas Supreme Court — Democrat John Hill.
- Place 1, Court of Criminal Appeals — Republican Virgil Mulanax.
- Sheriff — Democrat A.J. Brown.
- Tax collector — Democrat Jack Bean.
- County commissioner, Pct. 1 — Democrat Dick Andersen.
- County commissioner, Pct. 2 — Democrat S.J. Stovall.
- County commissioner, Pct. 3 — Republican Bob Hampton.
- State representative, Dist. 91 — Republican Bill Carter.
- State representative, Dist. 93 — Democrat Roy English.
- State representative, Dist. 94 — Republican Jan McKenna.
- State representative, Dist. 96 — Democrat Mike Millsap.
- Democrats Gib Lewis in Dist. 89, Doyle Willis in 90, Charles Evans in 92 and Garfield Thompson in 95 are unopposed, as is Republican Bob Leonard in Dist. 97.

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DALE MILFORD  
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT  
TEXAS

May 21, 1974

Dear Dick:

Thanks a million for your kind words. We could not have won as we did without the help of good friends like you.

With deepest appreciation,

Sincerely,

*JTD*  
DALE MILFORD, M. C.

Mr. Dick Andersen  
Commissioner  
Tarrant County Commissioner's Court  
Tarrant County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

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Bicentennial Committee representatives met with the staff of the American Freedom Train Foundation at a breakfast and informal conference aboard the Advance Train

Area Council; Charles Whylen, North Area; L. Charles Edmonds, East Area; Carl Motheral, South; and Frank Moreland, Central (Downtown).

J. T. Dickenson  
2832 Southgate Dr.  
Fort Worth, Texas

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Mr. R. T. Anderson  
County Commissioner -  
Precinct No. 1  
County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The University Little League wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the cooperation and help extended by members of your organization in preparing our ballpark for the 1969 season. It is quite refreshing to find people like yourself, willing to cooperate with organizations designed to establish and maintain an athletic program for boys - ages 8 thru 12. Without this assistance leagues, such as ours, would not exist and could not provide a program for approximately 300 boys each summer. Mr. Ernest Krauss and Mr. Bill Hampton of your organization have been most helpful.

If at any time we can be of any assistance to your or any of your organization, please feel free to call. Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*J. T. Dickenson*  
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Board of Directors  
University Little League

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Dick -

Thank you for the Taxi  
Service from DFW airport with  
Harry - We have had good  
attendance at the meetings on  
Unemployment comp -

Best Regards -

Sam



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TEXAS

May 7, 1974

Dear Dick:

Just a note to tell you how important your generous assistance was in our successful campaign in the Democratic primary. Without the interest and active participation -- and faith -- of people like you, Saturday's results would never have been possible. I hope you know how deeply I appreciate your friendship.

In the future, I will also appreciate any guidance, ideas, or suggestions you may have on ways I can better serve the 24th District and the Metroplex. Please never hesitate to be in touch with me. I must have input from the people I serve, in order to serve them well.

Sincerely,

DALE MILFORD, M.C.

Mr. Dick Anderson  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

*File*  
*H.S.*

Good Morning Dick:

I hope you forgive me for this belated letter to thank you in behalf of the Advertising Artists of Fort Worth for the kind of your Charge a couple of weeks ago.

Trying to etch out a living working all sorts of hours is my only excuse for not having written earlier - but regardless Commissioners - the Club had a great time there and Jim hoping the committee left your place the way we found it - clean.

Thanks again and regards to your beautiful wife and family.

Cordially,

*Pris Dominguez*

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## BEAUTIFICATION GOES CITYWIDE

### GREENER CLEANER CAMPAIGN AWARDS

September awards for clean up-fix up efforts were made to Lucky Marts, Inc. at Seminary Drive and Granbury Road, and to the South Side Improvement Association.

Two awards are made each month by the Greener Cleaner Campaign, part of the state-wide "beauty contest," and Activity of the Bicentennial Neighborhood Improvement Project.

### JOINT EFFORTS DEVELOP DOWNTOWN MEDIAN

A cooperative effort by the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County and the State Highway Department will provide plants and paint to beautify the area under the freeway along Lancaster from Lamar to Commerce.

### COUNTY ASSISTS EIGHTH AVENUE ACTIVITY

Tarrant County Precinct #1 has come to the aid of the Eighth Avenue Beautification Activity. Several of the Italian Cypress trees did not survive the summer drought but they will be replaced, watered and maintained by the County.

### CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL DEVELOPING BEAUTIFICATION ACTIVITIES

Frank Moreland, Central Area Council Beautification Project Chairman, reports that three Activities are at various stages of implementation. Upcoming is the painting of several downtown buildings. First will be the Ridgeway-Majestic Reproduction building near TCCC; another is Luskey's Western Wear Building.

Several ideas are under discussion with the objective of involving all segments of the community in the painting including children; high school and college students, and ethnic groups, and will include both folk and commissioned artists.

Another Activity is the development of a non-profit corporation to supply, install and maintain sidewalk plants in the Central Area at a set fee.

Still in the proposal stage is a plan for attractive metal grillwork to close some of the downtown alleyways in an effort to decrease litter and to screen discards from view.

## PEOPLE AND PROJECTS



Ronald Sewell, Dunbar High School senior, is the newly elected President of the United High School Council in Fort Worth. Council presidency is concurrent with membership in the Bicentennial Committee of Fort Worth.



Mrs. Teresa Day, Bicentennial Coordinator, discussed the need and potential for youth in the Bicentennial celebration with the council at their election meeting.



Mrs. Althea Giles, Public Information Assistant, United Way, has volunteered to work with Bill Benge, Bicentennial Committee Vice Chairman, on Beautification Activities.



City and railroad officials along with Bicentennial Committee representatives met with the staff of the American Freedom Train Foundation at a breakfast and informal conference aboard the Advance Train

Robert Tigner, President, Trinity Valley Rail Fans, is working with Santa Fe and Texas & Pacific railroad officials to select a site for the Freedom Train display in February, 1976.



Five members of the Streams and Valleys Committee went to Austin to discuss the Heritage Park (Bluff Overlook-Urban Lake) Project with the State Parks & Wildlife Commission.



Six chairmen have been named by the five Area Councils of the Chamber of Commerce to assist with Beautification Activities.

Mrs. George Beggs and John F. Cranz are Beautification Project Chairmen for the West Area Council; Charles Whaylen, North Area; L. Charles Edmonds, East Area; Carl Motheral, South; and Frank Moreland, Central (Downtown).



## PROJECTS COORDINATORS APPOINTED

Many local and national organizations have designated a Bicentennial coordinator to develop their "Bicentennial Projects." Following is a partial list of organizations and their coordinators:

Advertising Club of Fort Worth  
R. L. Ramsey

Boy Scouts of America  
Gerald Robinson

Camp Fire Girls  
Mrs. Ed Palm

Fort Worth Independent School District  
Dr. Gerald Ward

Fort Worth Newcomers Club  
Jane (Mrs. F. J.) Berberich

Fort Worth Symphony  
Anne (Mrs. David) Chappell

Girl Scouts of America  
Subi (Mrs. Phillip) Green and  
Anna Belle (Mrs. Philip) Thomas

Schola Cantorum  
T. R. Retif

Other organizations which have appointed Bicentennial coordinators may phone or mail this information to the Bicentennial Office,

1000 Throckmorton, Fort Worth 76102,  
335-7211, ext. 698.

## ARCHIVES-- A GIFT OF ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER

A Project to preserve and catalog a collection of documentary materials was officially designated in September as a HERITAGE '76 Project.

Dr. Maurice Boyd, Chairman of the History Department at TCU, explained to the Bicentennial Committee that family and corporate collections will be included in the materials which will be made available to historians, social scientists, businessmen and the general public.

The Project is sponsored by TCU in cooperation with Texas Wesleyan University, TCJC, the Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, and the City of Fort Worth.

## HISTORIC SITES TO OFFER SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Historic Sites Rehabilitation Corp., New York, hopes to prepare 75 different films relating to the Bicentennial. Employment of many young people for acting and other work is anticipated during the next two summers. Contact Historic Sites Rehabilitation Corp., 303 West 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.

## IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE FROM HORIZONS '76 PROJECTS



Several hundred people attended the TCMERF Youth Center dedication and open house on July 26. Dr. Julius Collum is director of the Center which serves young clients referred by health, educational, ministerial, or other youth groups.

Since its July 29 opening, 24 youths have been served by the Center, several of whom have completed processing and are now making a satisfactory adjustment in the community.

Transferrable school work is taught at the Center, and youths participate in recreational and sports activities in residence and in the community. The Youth Center is an officially designated HORIZONS '76 Project.



July 9, 1974

Mr. Dick Anderson  
County Commissioner  
Tarrant County Court House  
100 West Weatherford Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Dick:

In behalf of the Streams and Valleys, I want to say "thanks" for attending the Pre-council Meeting yesterday. The Council voted unanimously to do the work requested of the city in connection with the Bicentennial Program for the Bluff and Town Lake work. Your presence at the Pre-council Meeting obviously was very beneficial.

Would also like to express appreciation from the Streams and Valleys Committee for the action of the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court in supporting the same project. We look forward to continued cooperation between our group and the County for the betterment of the citizens of the County.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Preston".

PRESTON M. GEREN, JR., FAIA

PMG:pt

cc: Ms. Joe A. Tilley, Jr.



# TARRANT COUNTY

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

July 9, 1974

TIM CURRY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF THE  
CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Honorable R. T. Andersen  
Tarrant County Commissioner, Pct. #1  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Dick:

Again, I appreciate your help and cooperation.  
Please feel free to call on me if I can be of any  
assistance.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

  
TIM CURRY

TC/am

March 4, 1974

Commissioner Andersen,

I should like to thank you on behalf of KXOL for your vote this morning on "the little red gas pump."

We appreciate your honesty and forthrightness and would like to encourage you to offer an alternative to the "pump," in an effort to bring equitable treatment to both taxpayers and County employees —

Sincerely,

Dan Clayton

# WENDELL H. FORD



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LARRY M. GREATHOUSE

## FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

June 20, 1974

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your kind congratulations on my having passed the Primary test. The November election is going to be a hard one, despite what you might hear out of Washington.

I am going to take one election at a time. But I know that I can count on you when I need you.

I am sorry that Mel lost.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. R. T. Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Precinct No. 1  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

RPIA

**Ryan Place Improvement Association**

2516 6th Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76110

April 29, 1974

Commissioner Dick Andersen  
and Precinct I Employees:

The members of Ryan Place Improvement Association wish to show our appreciation for your cooperation, hard work, and enthusiasm in accomplishing our tree planting project. We hope that you will join us as our guests for dinner at our general membership meeting at Colonial Cafeteria at 2600 W. Berry St. at 6:00 PM on May 6.

A member of the RPIA will be near the front door to greet you.

Sincerely,

Donna Pérez



TIM CURRY

CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS 76102

January 17, 1974

Honorable R. T. Andersen  
Commissioner, Precinct No. One  
Tarrant County Commissioners' Court  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Dick:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the other Commissioners for the manner in which you handled our 1974 budget.

We feel that with our combined county and federal budget we are well prepared financially to continue providing the county first class legal services.

If I individually, or this office can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Curry".

TIM CURRY

TC/am



## First of Fort Worth

The First National Bank  
of Fort Worth  
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Paul J. Harmon, Jr.  
Vice President

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*1974*

April 29, 1974

Mr. R. T. Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Precinct 1  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Dear Dick:

I enjoyed being with you and several others in the Fort Worth delegation in San Francisco and Los Angeles last week. I appreciate the honor in electing me as temporary "tour guide" although I think you were a little hasty in stripping me of my title just because of that funny waiter in Sally Stanford's place. How was I to know he was going to take a liking to you, and besides, do you know how long it takes to open Blue Point Oysters?

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Vice President

PJH/dto





## Tim Curry Campaign

July 17, 1974

Mr. Richard T. Anderson  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick:

As I look back on the campaign, I know that I have much to be thankful for--the new friends, the broad support which my candidacy had throughout the county, and most of all, the assistance of friends like you. I deeply appreciate your support of our campaign and your friendship.

The four years of decision facing us in this office will be tough and challenging, and to meet this task, I have rededicated myself to continuing my efforts to upgrade the office of Criminal District Attorney and to making the office better serve all of the people of Tarrant County. In doing this, I run the risk of criticism by those who resist change, a risk which I am willing to fully assume.

In continuing to run this office in a manner which will warrant your pride, I will need your advice and continuing support. I will do my utmost to justify your confidence in me.

Again, my thanks and best personal regards,

Yours truly,

  
TIM CURRY

TC:am

# Hamilton

## & DISTRICT VISITORS & CONVENTION Bureau

155 JAMES ST. SOUTH PHONE 525-7011 HAMILTON 10, CANADA

April 19, 1974.

Mr. Dick Andersen,  
County Commissioner,  
Tarrant County,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Andersen:

I read with interest your nice "letter to the Editor" in last night's Spectator .... thought you might like to have a copy!

We are also enclosing brochures and other materials relating to Metro Hamilton, which we trust you will find both interesting and informative.

If you should plan to come and visit our part of the country, please let us know and we will be delighted to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,



T. R. Robertson (Mrs.)  
encls

### The Spectator

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Thursday April 18 1974

### From Fort Worth to Hamilton

Recently, many of the fine Hamilton Bengals hockey players were in Fort Worth for the spring classic. These delightful young people captured the heart of Fort Worth and created more good will between our great countries than the finest diplomats could develop over a long period of time.

We were particularly privileged to have in our home Aaron Kosakowski, an extremely fine young man, great athlete, and a proud Canadian. The entire Kosakowski family was a delight to all of us here in Fort Worth — as were the many other Hamilton families that accompanied their boys to the tournament.

On behalf of all of us in Fort Worth, let me say thank you for coming. It was wonderful having all of you, and hurry back.

Dick Andersen,  
County Commissioner,  
Tarrant County,  
Fort Worth, Texas.



# Crowley Independent School District

Post Office Box 688

Crowley, Texas 76036

297-4324

November 19, 1975

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Mr. Richard T. Andersen  
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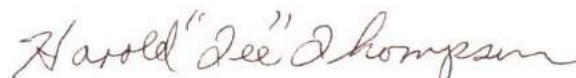
Dear Dick:

Once again the Crowley Independent School District is indebted to you and your men for a job well done. The assistance we received while building the bus parking area has made it possible to improve our capability for properly storing and maintaining our buses.

As the district continues to grow, major items such as buses, represent a rather large investment, and we are continually striving to improve our facilities and methods of maintenance. Although assistance in this area might not be quite as evident to the general public as the parking area at the football field, playground areas and others, it is equally important, and we take every opportunity to make our patrons aware of the cooperation and assistance provided by the County and other groups and agencies.

When you have an opportunity, I do hope you will drive by this new facility and see what the district is accomplishing with the assistance of your men.

Sincerely,



Harold W. "T" Thompson, President  
Board of Trustees

HWT/mh

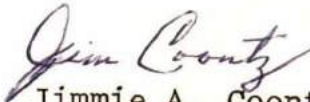
June 27, 1975

Mr. Richard "Dick" Andersen  
Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Tarrant County  
Tarrant County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen,

Please accept my thanks for your prompt action in  
arranging for correction of signs on Stephenson-  
Levey Road (County #1034). Your effort is greatly  
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jimmie A. Coontz  
Route 3 Box 126  
Burleson, Texas 76028

# Dallas Power & Light Company

May 30, 1975

Mr. Dick Anderson  
County Commissioner  
Precinct 1  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your kind note of May 22 concerning the Metroplex Economic Promotional Tour. It was a pleasure being seated at the same table with you at the New York luncheon.

I have let my Fort Worth in-laws who live in your precinct know that they are well represented.

I look forward to having the opportunity to become better acquainted with you in the coming months.

Yours very truly,



Don R. Raburn, Manager  
Economic Development

DRR/jb

*address*

TARRANT COUNTY  
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
LETA MAE GABY  
COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

February 18, 1975

Commissioners Court  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Gentlemen:

Please accept this note as a gesture of sincere appreciation for your consideration of the office of School Superintendent and the County Board Members.

Sincerely,

*Leta Mae Gaby*  
Leta Mae Gaby  
County Superintendent

LMG/bk

✓ COPY TO MR. ANDERSEN  
" MR. MEBUS  
" MR. LEWIS  
" MR. GRIFFIN

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Business Phone - PE 2-6311  
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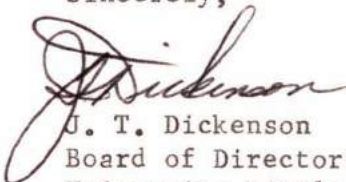
Mr. R. T. Anderson  
County Commissioner -  
Precinct No. 1  
County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The University Little League wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the cooperation and help extended by members of your organization in preparing our ballpark for the 1969 season. It is quite refreshing to find people like yourself, willing to cooperate with organizations designed to establish and maintain an athletic program for boys - ages 8 thru 12. Without this assistance leagues, such as ours, would not exist and could not provide a program for approximately 300 boys each summer. Mr. Ernest Krauss and Mr. Bill Hampton of your organization have been most helpful.

If at any time we can be of any assistance to your or any of your organization, please feel free to call. Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



J. T. Dickenson  
Board of Directors  
University Little League



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525 BAILEY AVE. • A.C. 817-335-2133 • FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107

June 27, 1969

Mr. Richard T. Andersen  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick:

I continue to be impressed each time I pick up the paper and read of the outstanding work you are doing for us as County Commissioner. Please accept my continuing support in your efforts to reduce the terrific waste that has apparently existed throughout the archaic Commissioner's court system. I hope that by the time you decide to leave office the public has been made sufficiently aware of the horrible inefficiencies which exist that they will rebel against the re-election of the same commissioners.

While driving down the street the other day, I wondered aloud why the City of Westover allowed Roaring Springs Road to continue in the terrible condition that it is in, paving wise. Upon investigation of the matter, I learned that this property is in the County, and since I note that you are contemplating the use of some of your funds for city paving projects, may I suggest that you consider putting this on your list of projects to be accomplished.

Best regards,

J. Alan Davis

JAD:mk



**O. P. LEONARD**  
200 HOUSTON STREET  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

December 3, 1971

Tarrant County Commissioners Court  
County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Gentlemen:

Your decision to enter into the suit against the environmentalists filed in U. S. District Court in Houston in favor of the Trinity River Authority is certainly appreciated by all of Tarrant County, and I would like to be one expressing my appreciation for same. The position you have taken will be very helpful.

I have had occasion to be a director of the Trinity River Authority since its beginning and have had occasion to realize the many benefits that will be available to the people of this area when this total project is complete. I assure you you will never regret taking this stand as it is real important to the whole Trinity River watershed.

Respectfully,



O. P. Leonard

OPL:fh

**kjim 870** / GOOD MUSIC FORT WORTH

KJIM EDITORIAL

September 2, 1971

KJIM commends County Commissioner Dick Anderson on his proposal for the county to assume maintenance of all Fort Worth streets.

According to Anderson, the city would save \$1,500,000 annually and the county would pick up an extrz \$1,800,000 in revenue.

The estimated savings for the city would represent about one-half of its projected deficit in the next year and might make it possible for the city to avoid a tax increase.

As we have stated before, we are not engineers and are not competent to judge the feasibility of Commissioner Anderson's plan. But on the surface it soulds realistic. It would eliminate about 250 positions in the city's street maintenance department. Also the city leases most of its street and maintenance equipment and contracts with private firms for most of its seal coating program. We are told the county already has most of the equipment needed to do the city's work.

Unless, the city can submit convincing proof that the savings projected by Commissioner Anderson cannot be accomplished, KJIM urges that the city and county agree upon a private engineering firm to study the plan and render a judgement on its feasibility. The possibility of saving one and one-half million dollars for the tax payers of Fort Worth must not be ignored because of political jealousies.

GREATER FORT WORTH CHAPTER

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923-8819

September 8, 1971

Commissioner Dick Anderson  
County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Commissioner Anderson:

Appreciate so much all you did for M. D. A. You were just great.

Many thanks,

Sincerely,



Joyce Hastings,  
Program Coordinator

JH/sp

LAW OFFICES OF  
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June 5, 1972


Mr. Richard T. Andersen  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick:

It was somewhat of a close squeak, but in a way this was all the more gratifying. In fact the victory was almost unique this year in view of the fact that you were an incumbent and your opponent engaged in such mud slinging.

Best wishes for another term of service to the community.

Sincerely,



Thos. H. Law

THL:dm

***PUBLIC SERVICE***  
*LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY*

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
P. O. BOX 999 • 1 SUMMIT AVE.  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

November 13, 1972

Dick Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Dick:

Congratulations on your victory!

Thank you for your kind letter of November 9. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Very sincerely yours,



Richard P. Dale  
Chairman of the Board

RPD/kr

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**



OFFICE OF CITY  
SECRETARY-TREASURER  
1000 THROCKMORTON  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102  
335-7211 / AREA CODE 817

March 5, 1973

Mr. Dick Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

Your recent resignation as a member of the Citizens Public Transportation Advisory Committee was presented to the City Council in regular session February 26, 1973.

The Council accepted your resignation and expressed its appreciation for the service you rendered the City as a member of the Citizens Public Transportation Advisory Committee.

Yours truly,

  
Roy A. Bateman  
City Secretary

RAB:hd  
CC: Mr. R. N. Line, City Manager

# Masonic Home Independent School District

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76109

Dear Commissioner Anderson,

As athletic director and head coach at Masonic Home and School, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the men in your precinct for the work done on our track. Water now drains from the track and we are able to run on it much more than we had been able to in the past.

I am enclosing a list of signatures of student athletes who would also like to say thank you.

Sincerely,  
Bill Holt

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4801 WEST FREEWAY/76107  
P.O. BOX 2495 FT. WORTH, TEX. 76101  
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June 19, 1973

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VICE PRESIDENT  
MANAGER

Thank you very much, Dick,

for appearing on Los Tiempos with me. It was an excellent program. Keep Los Tiempos in mind and please let me know of any suggestions you may have regarding the program.

su servidor,



Jose Gonzales

Dick Andersen  
Commissioner  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Youth Services Bureau  
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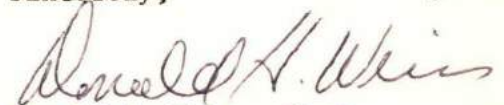
Dear Commissioner Anderson:

The staff of YSB would like to express their appreciation for your continued support of our agency. Your vote for the Manpower Proposal gave us a feeling of confidence, and we are pleased to be able to participate in this project.

We would like to commend Mr. Charles Winters of the Planning Department and Mr. Earl Bogard of the Fiscal Department for their expertise and efforts.

We are looking forward to working closely with Tarrant County officials in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



Donald H. Weiss, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

DHW:pb





## Southwest Wood Mfg. Corp.

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ROUTE 1, BOX 128AA • CROWLEY, TEXAS • (817) 293-5303  
MAIL TO: P. O. BOX 16037 • FT. WORTH, TEXAS 76133

June 25, 1973

Mr. Dick Anderson  
County Commissioner  
Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sir:

Our company would like to express to you our gratitude for the manner in which the county is encouraging industries to grow. We greatly appreciate the road. We hope to be able to be of service to you in the future.

"Thanks Again."

Sincerely,

  
Stephen D. Blair  
General Manager

GEORGE MCMANUS

JUDGE

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT NO. 2

CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

7-3-73

Dear Dick,

You don't know - and there's just not enough words in the language for me to convey how much I appreciate your getting me elected to this job.

As you know, I've been shooting for this job a long time — and without your help, it would not have been possible.

BTW If I can do anything for you over here, let me know.

Sincerely,  
George McManus

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July 10, 1973

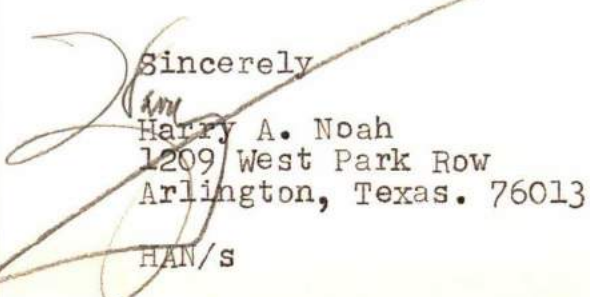
Honorable Dick Anderson, County Commissioner  
Precinct # 1  
Tarrant County  
Tarrant County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Dick:

You may be assured that I speak for all members of  
the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers  
when I convey words of appreciation for the courtesy  
you extended us in recent days when we were called on  
to appear before you in the interest of the Current  
Hospital Operation.

Yours is in no way an easy task and you are always to be  
commended when you exercise action in promoting better  
County Government.

Sincerely

  
Harry A. Noah  
1209 West Park Row  
Arlington, Texas. 76013

HAN/s

# TARRANT COUNTY

## Interoffice Memo

DATE: November 2, 1973

MEMO TO: Howard Green, County Judge, and members of Commissioners' Court

FROM: R. T. "Dick" Andersen

SUBJECT: Better Communities Act

County Commissioner Dick Andersen was notified by NACo that he will head up a delegation of County officials who will be conferring next week with Senator John Tower on the Better Community Act. Commissioner Andersen's delegation will be composed of representatives from Dallas, Tarrant, El Paso and Harris Counties as well as several counties from New England and the Midwest. At this time urban counties, those over 200,000 population, have been excluded as primary recipients of this program which proposes to consolidate seven existing HUD block grants for urban development.

Senator Tower has been sympathetic to the urban counties amendment and his help will be solicited to enlist the support of other committee members.

The original Administration bill included urban counties. Two weeks ago urban counties had been excluded as primary recipients. This week, however, Senator Alan Cranston of California introduced a new amendment to again insert urban counties but with several severe restrictions.

The Cranston Amendment would require counties to have or have had urban renewal or housing programs at some time during the life of these programs, or to have been a recipient of one of the seven HUD block grant programs which the bill would consolidate. Few counties have been involved in these programs.

The Cranston Amendment brings into focus the fight between cities and urban counties over the inclusion of urban counties into the bill. Today's urban problems increasingly demand area-wide solutions. Counties appear to be the logical unit of government to handle these programs. To cities this appears to be a break with precedent and they are hesitant to relinquish their present roles in these activities.



GILES W. DALBY

★ COUNTY JUDGE - GARZA COUNTY

POST, TEXAS 79356

20 December 1973

Dear Dick:

It was a pleasure having you at the Cross H Ranch during the weekend. I feel the weekend was a success; certainly it afforded those interested in county government the opportunity to make personal inroads with the legislators.

It could not have been the success it was without your assistance and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Wishing you and yours a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR, I remain

Very truly yours,

  
GILES W. DALBY

Honorable R.T. Andersen  
2201 Windsor Pace  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110



# Everman Youth Association Inc.



Post Office Box 40066

Everman, Texas 76140

September 18, 1973

County Commissioner Dick Andersen  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick,

It's indeed a pleasure for me to write this letter.  
When we first met and discussed this football field  
I couldn't imagine anything as grand as what you have  
given us.

Let me just say thank you for this wonderful field  
for the youth of Everman.

Sincerely,

*Bailey*  
Bailey W. Cheek  
President

*Thanks  
Again*



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October 22, 1973

Commissioner Dick Anderson  
Route 1, Box 92  
Crowley, Texas 76036

Dear Commissioner Anderson:

Turning away from the podium this morning, I realized that my "thank you" certainly did not express my feelings. Your assistance at this time of crisis for the Bureau goes beyond anything I could have expected.

We realize that performance and only performance can adequately repay you for your kindness, and we at the Bureau intend to give you, the young people and the families of Tarrant County the very best service we can possibly give. We will do everything in our power to insure permanent funding in order to restore those support staff that completes our programming.

Your support gives us confidence needed to move forward in our search for funds. We are already in contact with people in Austin to whom we need to appeal. If you have any suggestions as to whom we might contact to gain the required leverage, please give me a call.

With sincere gratitude,



Donald H. Weiss, Ph.D  
Executive Director

DHW:jj





STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
TARRANT COUNTY CHILD WELFARE UNIT  
1216 PENNSYLVANIA  
P.O. BOX 17129  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102  
November 26, 1975

RAYMOND W. VOWELL  
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Commissioner Dick Anderson  
Tarrant County Commissioners Court  
Civil Courts Building  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Dick,

Just a note to let you know that I and other members of the Board appreciate the stand you've taken on funding children's services. You can be assured of our continued support.

Sincerely,

*Dan Clayton*  
Dan Clayton

DC:mjh

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PALO PINTO COUNTY  
PALO PINTO, TEXAS 76072

April 27, 1976

County Commissioner Dick Anderson  
2201 Windsor Pl.  
Ft. Worth, TX 76110

Dear Dick:

I just want to congratulate you on being elected president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, even though I am late in doing so.

Hopefully, I will be able to make the meeting next fall.

Come out to see us when you can.

Sincerely,

*Rob Smith*

Rob Smith  
County Judge

RS/smc

6262 South Freeway • Fort Worth, Texas 76134

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found*

Sidney H. Poynter, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

*Marolyn Phillips*  
Marolyn Phillips  
Secretary

*Thank You*



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Clayton". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dan Clayton

DC:mjh



P. O. BOX 12245 • FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76116

GENERAL DYNAMICS *Recreation* ASSOCIATION

5 August 1975

Mr. Dick Anderson  
County Commissioner, Precinct #1  
Tarrant County Court House  
100 W. Weatherford  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I just wanted to express our appreciation for your help in controlling the mosquitoes and preventing further infestation at our recreation area.

Your action allowed our people to enjoy outdoor activities without the discomfort and health hazards of mosquito bites.

Thank you again,

*J. W. Yoder*

J. W. Yoder  
GDRA Manager  
bjm



# First Texas Council of Camp Fire Girls, Inc.

4001 WEST ROSEDALE • FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107 • PHONE: (817) 738-9231

June 24, 1975

Commissioner Dick Andersen  
Tarrant County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas - 76102

Dear Commissioner Andersen:

Thank you so much for your tremendous help in getting our camp site marked. Many of the mothers who have had to bring their children to that camp site in the past week for day camp, have had a much easier time finding the right road! They all commented on how great the signs are. We appreciate your work as County Commissioner to get this much needed project completed and thank you for your time, signs and great sign hanging abilities.

Wo-He-Lo.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ellen Shaw  
Camping Coordinator

ES:mme

c.c. Mr. C. Harold Brown



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# Village of Edgecliff

Address All  
Correspondence to:  
Route 3, Box 69  
Fort Worth, Texas 76134

Tarrant County, Texas

December 17, 1975

CITY HALL:  
1605 Edgecliff Road  
Phone 817/293-4313

Mr. Richard T. Andersen  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1  
Tarrant County  
Route 1, Box 92  
Crowley, Texas 76036

Dear Mr. Andersen:

The Board of Aldermen of the Village of Edgecliff, Texas wish to thank you for your help on the Environmental Protection Project on Sycamore Creek here in the Village.

They also want to commend Mr. Curtis Johnson for his direct assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
VILLAGE OF EDGECLIFF, TEXAS

By *Mrs. Floyd McGinness*

Mrs. Floyd McGinness  
City Secretary

# St. Francis Village, On-the-Lake

P. O. BOX 16310 • FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76133

AXMINSTER 2-3080

Charles VanGeem, Administrator

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October 28, 1975

Mr. Dick Andersen  
Tarrant County Commissioner  
Precinct No. 1  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

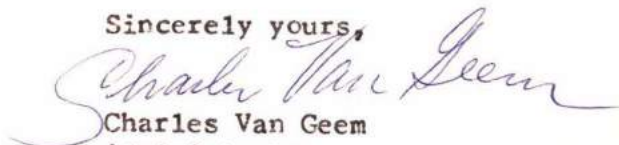
On behalf of the Hospitality Committee and all other residents of St. Francis Village, I wish to personally thank you for your cooperation in getting signs erected in the community to guide new persons to St. Francis Village.

All the things you have done for us in the past are a part of our success and we are extremely grateful.

Also I would like to make mention of the fact that all residents of St. Francis Village are grateful to you for making it possible for us to have a voting precinct in the coming year of 1976.

We welcome you to come and visit at any time it is convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,



Charles Van Geem  
Administrator

cc: Hospitality Committee

# Mansfield Public Schools

WILLIE PIGG, *Superintendent*

609 East Broad Street  
MANSFIELD, TEXAS 76063

October 30, 1975

Mr. R. T. "Dick" Andersen  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

We are most appreciative of the letter and your continued interest in our school district, especially the Tarver-Rendon area which is in your precinct.

I apologize for this delayed letter of thanks but I was waiting for completion of all requests in my letter dated September 22nd.

All items are completed with one exception that being the patching and repair of the driveway and parking lot. I am confident Mr. Hardin plans to take care of this as soon as he possibly can.

You have been generous to us and we again say Thank You.

Sincerely,

*Rogene Worley*  
Rogene Worley

RW:pl

cc: Mr. William Hardin  
Precinct 1  
Rt. 1, Box 92  
Crowley, Texas 76036





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Foist Motheral

March 20, 1975

Mr. Dick Anderson  
Route 1, Box 92  
Crowley, Texas 76036

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I want to say a big thanks to you for the work you did for us at Rolling Downs. We are most appreciative of your unselfish efforts.

We are looking forward to an exciting Soap Box Derby year and hope you can join us on Race Day, July 19, at 5:30 p.m.

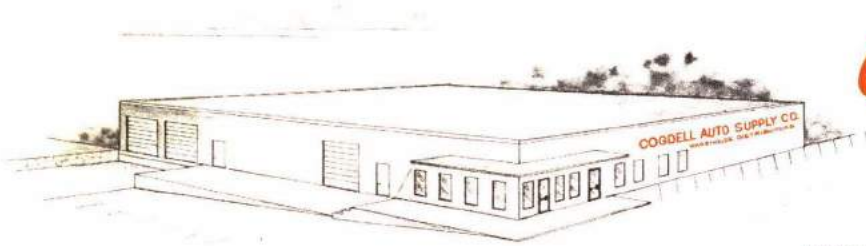
Again let me say thank you.

Sincerely,

Olin Ragsdale  
Assistant Derby Director

OR:ccc

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February 5, 1976

Richard T. Anderson  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick and Ava:

I certainly appreciate your participation in "Jimmy's Junket". I feel like everyone enjoyed themselves, and of course, your presence added to the fun.

The evening was very definitely a financial success. While the final figures are not complete, it looks like we will make around \$16,000 after expenses.

Thanks again for your support. I am fortunate for your friendship and confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Bradshaw

JB:db

*file*



July 6, 1976

Robert T. Edge  
Vice President & Manager

Mr. R. T. Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Precinct One  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

A belated but sincere "thank you" for sharing with me the gratifying experience of the North Texas Commission trip to Chicago and Minneapolis.

Approximately 22 months ago I left Los Angeles to return to Dallas and head the new Dallas branch office of Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. I did this primarily for one reason; my belief in the spirit and confidence of the people of the Dallas/Fort Worth area and the potential this region has for growth. Our recent trip has confirmed my decision.

I also enjoyed meeting new people from this area as well, and seeing old friends, as much as I did meeting the businessmen in Chicago and Minneapolis.

I am anxious for our next trip.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RTE", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Robert T. Edge

RTE:kc

June 18, 1976

Mr. Dick Anderson  
County Commissioner  
Precinct 1  
Fort Worth, Texas

Attn: Mr. Babe Stephenson

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Everman Garden Club wishes to take this opportunity to express their appreciation for your cooperation in having the Historical Marker set at Barron Field June 17, 1976.

The date for the marker dedication has been set for July 23, 1976, at 9:30 A. M. at the Barron Field Marker site. We would like to invite both you and Mr. Stephenson to this dedication ceremony and would be honored to have you attend a reception immediately following at the Hamlet, 9300 Michael Rd., Ft. Worth.

What did Dick Anderson say when asked if he would set the Barron Field Historical Marker?? "You bet your sweet bippy I will!!!" And he did, and again thanks Mr. Anderson, you've helped our Garden Club immensely.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Donald W. Arnold  
Everman Garden Club

*Survey books*

# County Progress

51st Year—Official Publication, County Judges  
and Commissioners Association of Texas

P. O. Box 519  
Brownwood, Texas 76801

April 14, 1976

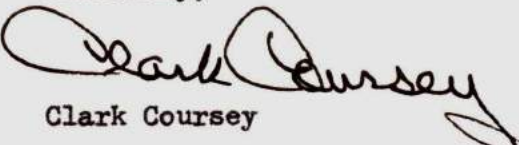
Mr. Dick Andersen, President  
West Texas County Judges & Commissioners Ass'n  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dick:

Just to thank you once again for your help during the San Angelo conference. Thank you and the entire association for the check; it was a real help and I appreciate the thoughtfulness as well as the money. The beautiful silver tray also is much appreciated.

It is always good to see you at the conferences and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

  
Clark Coursey

Alexander & Alexander of Texas, Inc.  
830 Taylor Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
Telephone 817 336-7121  
TWX 910-893-5029

**Nowlin**  
**Alexander**  
**& Alexander**

May 7, 1976

Commissioner Dick Andersen  
Commissioner's Court  
Tarrant County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Dear Dick:

I've tried to call you several times to congratulate you on your recent victory, but both of us have apparently been on the move a lot. I think it is great that you won so well, and that the citizens of Precinct 1 will have you to represent them for another four years.

Sorry we missed your party on election night but had a prior commitment with the kids.

Good luck.

Sincerely,



Wade T. Nowlin

dg

*Scrapbook*

# SWISHER COUNTY



TULIA, TEXAS 79088

March 26, 1976

Comm. R. T. (Dick) Anderson  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

Dear Commissioner Anderson:

You did a great job. The entire conference was very successful as a result of the many hours you spent planning and arranging the activities.

Dick, it goes without saying how much your friendship means to me and if I may be of service to you at any time, please let me know.

Again, let me express my sincere appreciation for everything.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely

*Jack Driskill*  
Jack Driskill  
County Judge

JD/ms



CLYDE ANDERSON  
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT  
COMMISSIONER, EL PASO COUNTY

JOE H. BRIGANCE  
PRESIDENT  
COMMISSIONER BRAZORIA COUNTY

DERWOOD WIMPEE  
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY-TREASURER  
COUNTY JUDGE, ROCKWALL COUNTY

March 26, 1976

Honorable R. T. Anderson  
County Commissioner, Tarrant County  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Dear Dick:

I enjoyed visiting with you and the other members of the West Texas Association in San Angelo this past week. The program was well planned and well presented.

I congratulate you upon being elected President of your association, and if I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Derwood Wimpee  
First Vice President  
County Judges & Commissioners Association of Texas

lp





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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

College Station  
Texas 77843

April 2, 1976

Honorable R. T. "Dick" Andersen  
County Commissioner  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Dear Dick:

Congratulations on being elected President of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association. I feel very strongly that the leadership of the Association is in good hands.

I also wish to thank you and the other officers for the many courtesies extended me during the recent conference in San Angelo. I thought it was a real good meeting.

Dick, if I can be of assistance to you, please call on me.

Yours truly,

Charles E. Lawrence  
Project Leader  
County Officials Program

CEL:mgp





THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OF TEXAS

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

JOHN L. HILL  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 23, 1976

Mr. R.T. (Dick) Andersen  
Commissioner of Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Commissioner Andersen:

I would like to thank you once again for your hospitality during the recent Association meeting in San Angelo, Texas. It was a pleasure to meet you and the other members of the Association. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and the members of your Association in the future.

Please stop by my office if you have an opportunity to be in Austin.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Levatino".

Elizabeth Levatino  
Chief, State & County Division

EL/rmh

**PRESIDENT:**

Barbara G. Culver  
Midland County Judge  
Midland, Texas 79701

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

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Garza County Judge  
Post, Texas 79356

**SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

R. T. (Dick) Andersen  
Tarrant County Commissioner  
2201 Windsor Place  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76110

**WEST TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES'  
AND COMMISSIONERS'  
ASSOCIATION**

March 23, 1976

**DIRECTORS:**

Woody Pond  
Randall County Judge  
Canyon, Texas 79015  
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Pecos County Commissioner  
Box 397  
Imperial, Texas 79743  
Bernard Eads  
Dallam County Commissioner  
Box 25  
Texline, Texas 79087  
Immediate Past President:  
Thad Ansley  
Potter County Commissioner  
1411 Washington Street  
Amarillo, Texas 79102

Editor  
Fort Worth Star Telegram  
Fort Worth, Texas 76100

Dear Sir:

I know you will be proud to report that a Tarrant County Commissioner has been elected president of this Association which includes over 110 Texas counties between Tarrant and El Paso counties.

Dick Andersen has been a good worker and supporter of programs and legislation which strengthen and improve county government.

We look forward to the program he will prepare for the 1977 Conference in Midland.

Very truly yours,



Barbara G. Culver

BGC:eh

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ROY T. RIMMER, JR.

POST OFFICE BOX 2905  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76101

March 24, 1976

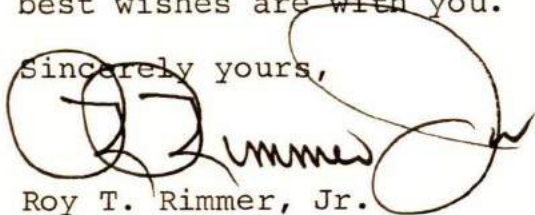
Mr. Dick Andersen  
Tarrant County Commissioner  
Tarrant County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Dear Mr. Andersen:

I have read of your election to the presidency of the West Texas County Judge and Commissioners Association and wish to take this opportunity to pass along my congratulations.

Your new appointment is well deserved and my very best wishes are with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy T. Rimmer, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Roy T. Rimmer, Jr.

RTRJr/dp

FWS

Jan. 18, 1976

Dear Dick & Ava;

We consider it a privilege and pleasure, to be able to share with you, as you endeavor to serve another four years as Commissioner of Precinct I. You have been successful in many good accomplishments for our precinct and especially Everman. Words are so inadequate to express our gratitude. We treasure your friendship and kind consideration. We are confident of your success in the new campaign and pledge, to be of help and service to you, in any way possible. Best Regards  
George & Jaye Steel

Scrapbook



# Knights of Columbus

BISHOP DUNNE COUNCIL NO. 2813  
P. O. Box 16524 -:- Phone 292-7441  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76133

**GRAND KNIGHT  
JOHN LALLY**

September 4, 1976

Dick Anderson  
Commissioner Pct. 1  
Tarrant County, Texas

Dick:

On behalf of Grand Knight John Lally and all the members of Bishop Dunne Council #2813 Knights of Columbus, a sincere, heartfelt thanks for your contributions toward the construction of our Patio/Bar-B-Que. It seems we are constantly calling on you for something and the thank you's barely precede the requests. We are indeed fortunate to have such a neighbor whose generosity knows no bounds. We are grateful for the many things you have done in the past and would like to take an opportunity to repay some of the kindness by inviting you to join with us in a celebration upon completion of our newest facility. We will notify you when a date has been set and invite you to bring your family. Again, thank you, and God bless you in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

*Larry Goins, Chancellor*

Larry Goins, Chancellor  
Bishop Dunne Council #2813  
Knights of Columbus

ROB H. SMITH  
COUNTY JUDGE  
PALO PINTO COUNTY  
PALO PINTO, TEXAS 76072

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Come out to see us when you can.

Sincerely,



Rob Smith  
County Judge

RS/smc



**KNAPP & KNAPP**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
201 W. FRONT ST.  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

JAMES H. KNAPP  
WILLIAM A. KNAPP

275-2739

September 15, 1976

Honorable Dick Anderson  
County Commissioner  
County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Commissioner:

I am just a little late in telling you that we sure did appreciate you sending the spray out for the Arlington Bar Association barbecue picnic.

You are always so kind, and we are grateful.

Respectfully,

KNAPP & KNAPP

  
James H. Knapp

JHK: dd

# *Mansfield Public Schools*

WILLIE PIGG, *Superintendent*  
609 East Broad Street  
MANSFIELD, TEXAS 76063

August 16, 1976

Mr. Dick Andersen  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

May re express our sincere appreciation to both you and Mr. Hardin for the excellent repair work you did at Tarver-Rendon School. I believe I can speak for the entire community.

Please rest assured it will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

  
Rogene Worley  
Asst. Superintendent

RW:pl

September 22, 1976

Mr. Dick Andersen  
County Commissioner  
Precinct One Garage  
Route 1, Box 92  
Crowley, Texas 76036

Dear Mr. Andersen:

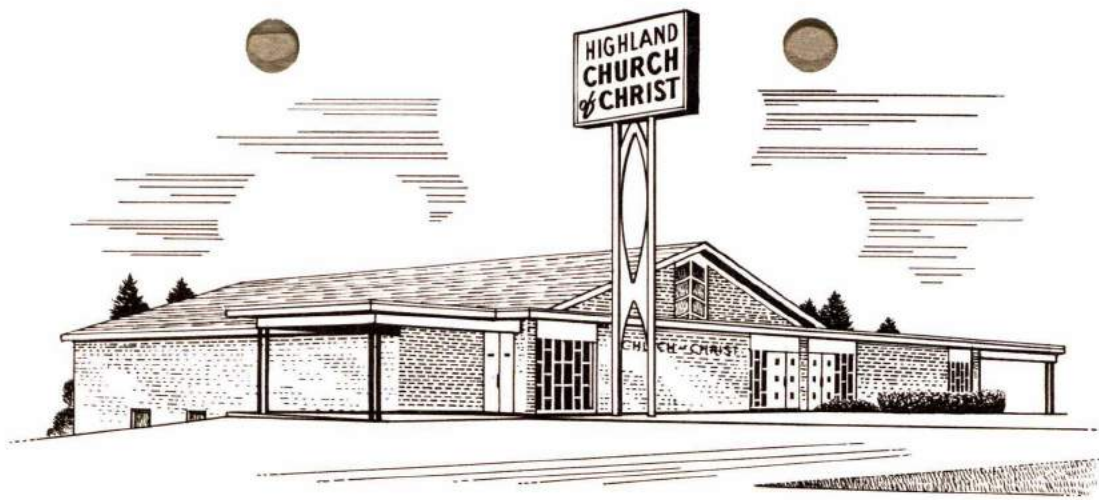
I am writing this letter to praise the work your people are doing.

I called last week in regards to deep holes where we turn off Road 1063 to our home. When I arrived home yesterday it was a great surprise to see what an excellent job your people had done. To be honest I had expected the one large hole to be filled and the repair work to last a month or so - but not so.

People are very quick to complain, but slow to praise. Our hats are off to ya'll - you have made our comings and goings alots smoother.

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Joe Broome



Loren G. Gieger, Evangelist

February 28, 1977

Mr. D. T. Andersen  
Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

On behalf of the Highland Church of Christ I want to express our gratitude for the use of the Precinct 1 Building on the 27th of February for a fellowship dinner. We are thankful for your making this facility available for such community functions.

We endeavored to leave the building clean and know of no damage caused by our group; however, if there are any problems which we may have caused, please let me know so that we may have the opportunity to rectify them.

All good wishes to you in your good work for this county.

Sincerely,

Loren G. Gieger

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**



Hon. Harold L. Valderas  
Chief Judge  
Court # 1

Hon. Jerome S. Hennigan  
Court # 2

MUNICIPAL COURT  
1000 THROCKMORTON  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102  
335-7211 / AREA CODE 817

March 8, 1977

Mr. Richard T. Andersen  
2201 Windsor Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your support and confidence that resulted in my selection to the 233rd District Court of Tarrant County. I will continue to strive to merit your confidence and work with you to improve our court system and the effective and efficient administration of justice in our community.

I would be particularly honored if you would join me and share my happy occasion of being sworn in as District Judge. It will be at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, April 2nd, in the Central Jury Room of the Tarrant County Courthouse. Please feel free to contact and bring friends who worked with you on my behalf.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold L. Valderas  
Chief Judge  
City of Fort Worth

HLV/eo

*Handwritten note:*  
Mr. Valderas  
You both have been so wonderful. How can I lose with such good friends as you?  
Thank you



## TARRANT COUNTY

TARRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY SHELTER  
3101 E. LANCASTER STREET  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76103

July 1, 1977

R. T. "Dick" Andersen  
County Commissioner Precinct #1  
County Court House  
100 W. Weatherford  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

The staff of the Emergency Shelter would again like to thank you for our beautiful Child Care facility and our new parking lot. Also, we would like to thank you for all the nice things you have done for us in the past. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Whitley  
Superintendent  
Tarrant County Childrens Home

Edd Robinett  
Director  
Tarrant County Emergency  
Shelter

JW/js  
ER

# Southwayside Baptist Church

Across from Seminary South Shopping Center

924-2229 • 301 THORNHILL DRIVE • FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76115

February 22, 1978

Commissioner Dick Andersen  
Commissioners Court  
Tarrant County Court House  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Commissioner Andersen:

I would just like to register our confidence in you as our commissioner and to encourage you in the meeting on Friday as you make a decision about the request of the road company of "Oh, Calcutta". I'm sure you also resent someone coming into our city and trying to tell us what we have to do and trying to intimidate us into having to accept something that our city doesn't want. From what I have read in the newspaper about it, the play is crude, lewd and is a brazen affront to decency and morality. Of course, they aren't concerned about the welfare of our city or the strengthening of our family life. They don't care what effect is left upon us as a city, they are concerned about taking out some of our dollars and leaving to do the same thing in another city.

We want you to know that we, the families who make up Southwayside Baptist Church, are behind you 100 % as you vote to absolutely refuse to grant permission for use of the meeting place this group is asking for.

We have and will be praying for the commissioners court as it meets on Friday.

Very sincerely yours,



Bill Warren, pastor

BW/jv

# Crowley Independent School District

Post Office Box 688  
Crowley, Texas 76036  
297-4324

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SUPERINTENDENT

DONALD R. DANIEL  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

January 8, 1981

Mr. Dick Andersen  
County Commissioner  
100 West Weatherford Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Mr. Andersen:

The Board of Trustees and the Administration of Crowley Independent School District would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your assistance on our recent project to improve the athletic facilities at Crowley High School.

It is a never ending process to bring the standards of our athletic program to the highest and best for the young people of our community, and without your help and interest it would be impossible for us to achieve this goal.

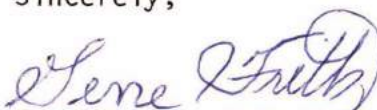
We would also like to thank you for the excellence with which Mr. Bill Hampton performed his job. He did an outstanding job which insured a very efficient and smooth operation.


Your expression of interest for our community greatly demonstrates the high regard you have for the development of young people. We know you are a very busy person and have many requests for your help and we feel very honored that you provided us the necessary means to complete our baseball field.

One of the philosophies of the Crowley Public Schools is to help our students understand and appreciate the principles of self-government and help him acquire a sense of pride and loyalty for his community, state and nation. It is with great pride that we are able to point to a man of your stature as an example of a government official who is truly interested in the people he serves.

Thank you again for all your help and your never ending desire to serve our community.

Sincerely,

  
Gene Fritz, President  
Board of Trustees

  
Sidney H. Poynter, Ed. D.  
Superintendent





Troy Daffron — Mayor  
Jerry Schlangenstein — City Secretary

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May 11, 1984

The Honorable Dick Andersen  
Tarrant County Commissioner, Pct. 1  
100 W. Weatherford  
Fort Worth, TX 76102


Dear Commissioner Andersen,

The City Council and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your assistance provided us in constructing a jogging/walking trail around Andersen/Pittman Park.

The entire city will benefit from the trail, and we could not have done it without your cooperation and aid.

If we may be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

  
Troy Daffron  
Mayor  
City of Everman

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# CROWLEY YOUTH ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 472  
CROWLEY, TEXAS 76036

January 3, 1984

Dick Anderson  
Commissioner of Precinct 1  
4100 Columbus Tr.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Crowley Youth Association would like to express our appreciation to you and your men, for your time and equipment used to build the road and level the land to be used for our baseball fields. We could not have done it without you.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Charles Davis  
President

Birdie Lesh  
Treasurer

Charles Flint  
Vice President

Spencer Gardner  
Purchasing Agent

Marolyn Phillips  
Secretary

Thank You

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

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Dick,

Thank you for the salary increase.  
It is very much appreciated.  
Have a good year.

John M. Forbes