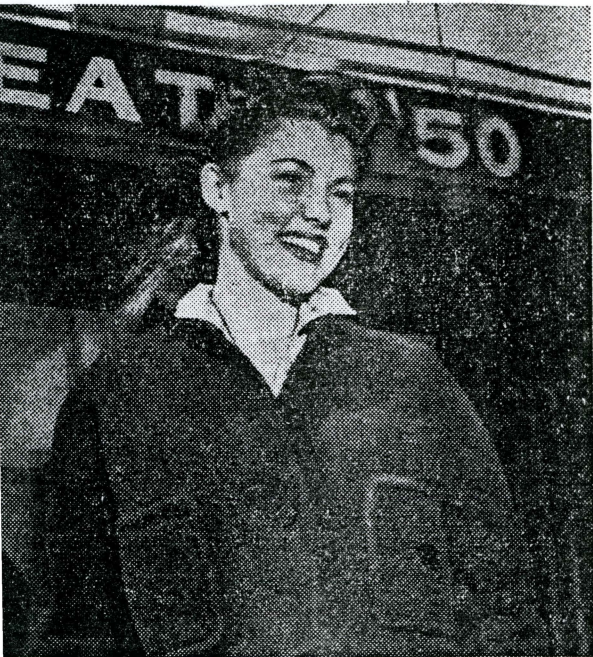
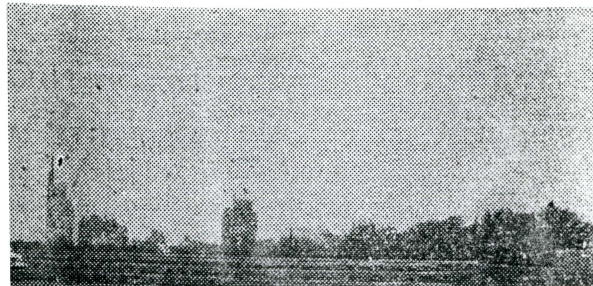


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Tulsa civic leaders inspect Dallas Wednesday will see new buildings going up at SMU, like left, viewed through columns of Dallas Hall. Also see Agatha Ann Brown, a blond coed Coed, pictured at her studies. At Fair Park, the Theater '50, left, where Margo Jones Broadway-caliber stage plays. Miss Margaret Coed-haired actress, poses at entrance.



Legislator Named Head Of Teachers

Sen. R. L. Proffer Of Denton Elected By TSTA Delegates

By SARAH LASCHINGER

The largest branch of the powerful, 40,000-member Texas State Teachers Association chose State Senator R. L. (Bob) Proffer of Denton as its new president here Saturday.

He was unanimously elected at a 2-day meeting of North Texas' District 5 which ended Saturday at Woodrow Wilson High School.

Proffer, once a rural school-teacher, headed the Senate education committee during the long wrangle before the Gilmer-Aikin school laws were passed.

Since September, he has been teaching economics and government at North Texas State College in Denton. Previously, he was superintendent of Justin Consolidated School, which serves a 250 square miles in Tarrant, Denton and Wise Counties.

He will lead 7,500 teachers whose delegates Saturday asked that TSTA make tenure laws the main goal in the next Legislature.

That and other resolutions await TSTA action at a convention in San Antonio next November.

Proffer, who will run for reelection to the Senate this year, urged the teachers to "set ourselves seriously to the problems at hand."

Next to tenure, the meeting here decided the State of Texas higher

AIRPORT TRACT SEIZURE HINTED

Fort Worth Seeks Land On Lip of Dallas County

By FRANK X. TOLBERT

The City of Fort Worth Saturday was threatening condemnation suits against owners of land on the lip of Dallas County.

The suits were to acquire a final 270 acres of about 1,500 acres needed for the multimillion-dollar Fort Worth International Airport now being built midway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

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Denton teachers' groups have set up the requests pointing out high college standards and to provide the best in public schools. This was the objective of the Gilmer-Aikin, they said, and colleges are going back the whole new

resolution cites too-heavy work loads, insufficient teaching salaries and low conditions which hinder progress in training better

up of high-ranking education met in Dallas recently at the request of the National Education Association also expressed about Texas' "master's de-

decided to organize a campaign to tighten requirements for and teacher certificates. The organization work figure campaign for more job and Paul Ledbetter of High-land said Saturday that inefficient teachers' stand a chance to hold their jobs efficient, aggressive" ones.

condemned the Grand School Board's failure to rehire teachers last May as an

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Year-Old Sentenced in Maine Case

Douglas Matthews, 26, a 2-year prison sentence Saturday from the federal court that sent him off two months ago to a farm that he break with his associates."

Judge T. Whitfield withheld sentence against Matthews on Jan. 25. Matthews was released after buying 172 grains of rice. Judge Davidson said he was impressed with Matthews' intelligent and fine war record, and he wanted the young man to get along with former friends.

that warning, Matthews was the bearer at the funeral of a gang leader, Lois Green, who testified Saturday.

attended a birthday party for Bass two days after the warning, they said. Bass is the associate of Green's. Witnesses said Matthews had a dinner with Bass, Olin Tyler, Holcomb and Angelo Casanova several times since. All the men

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Grand Prairie and Arlington, caught in a Dallas-Fort Worth traffic crush that averages 24,000 cars a day, want 4-city co-operative traffic control on Highway 80.

As a starter, Arlington City Manager Albert S. Jones suggested Saturday:

1. A complete re-examination of speed limits all along the 33-mile route between Dallas and Fort Worth and changes to expedite traffic flow.

2. A system of synchronized traffic signals to eliminate unnecessary slow-downs and stops.

3. Uniform traffic lanes. Jones likes the left-hand turn lanes on the Fort Worth Cutoff out of Dallas.

"I started kicking this thing around and I found a surprising amount of interest," said Jones. "I talked with Fort Worth City Manager W. O. Jones and Grand Prairie Mayor E. Carlyle Smith. Both recognized the need."

State Highway Patrol officials also have shown interest in his plan, Jones said.

The Arlington city manager said he would be in Dallas this week to confer with City Manager Charles C. Ford.

"By that time we hope to have this matter down to specific cases," Jones said. "There are so many angles to discuss and study that it will take time to work out a 4-city plan."

He thinks co-operative setting of speed limits would lead to co-operative handling of traffic signals.

"It ought to be made possible for a motorist to drive at proper speeds all the way between Dallas and Fort Worth without hitting a single red light."

His nonstop plan would require an inside lane for left turns, leaving two lanes on the right for through traffic.

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Almost jamup against the construction is another holdout owner, Sterling W. Brown. He lives on Hurst Pipeline Road and his twenty acres adjoin the headquarters for Fort Worth's engineers. Brown, a Dallas businessman, said he hoped "to settle with the airport people soon."

Engineer Driver predicted Saturday that first scheduled flights would be landing on the new airport "about the middle of 1951."

Progress was slowed recently when field headquarters for the construction, a stone-veneer house on Hurst Pipeline Road, burned down and almost all records on the airport were destroyed.

The \$900,000 grading and drainage job on the airport has been finished by Spencer Construction Company of Carrollton. This involved the moving of 1,500,000 yards of soil. The great grading machines have left.

On the airport horizon Saturday appeared tall steel towers from which concrete, sand and gravel will be discharged into dump trucks.

A \$1,600,000 contract for paving the airfield was given last week to T. L. James & Company of Ruston, La.

Actual paving of the runways, taxiways and about 50 per cent of the apron will start April 1, said Driver. The CAA will pay about half of the grading, drainage and paving costs.

He said a work order would probably be issued Monday for sodding the airport. This \$35,000 contract went to the McCarter Landscape Company of Arlington. Fort Worth will pay \$22,000 of this contract and CAA will provide the rest.

Driver said that with the paving, See AIRPORT, Page 10, Col. 1

2 Sponsors Appear for Fly-Rat War

Dallas County's proposed campaign to get rid of flies and rats, a cause which has been hunting a sponsor, appeared Saturday to have two—both powerful enough to put fear into any fly or rodent.

The Dallas Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 103 women's organizations, voted to sponsor a year-round county-wide cleanup campaign to control flies and rats.

The Central Dads Club, which represents all the dads clubs in town, took the same action.

The campaign is big enough and important enough to use both a mother and a father, city and county health officials agreed Saturday.

The women's club action was taken on a resolution from its public welfare and service director, Mrs. Walter E. Kingsbury.

The dads agreed to sponsor the fly-and-rat war on the invitation of Arthur Dyer, temporary chairman of a recently organized citizens cleanup panel. Dyer was active in polio clean-up drives of the last two years.

A division of duties may be worked out at a big meeting called by the federation for 10 a.m. March 21, in the auditorium of the YWCA, 1709 Jackson.

To this meeting, city and county health officials will invite Dyer and leaders of the Central Dads Club.

They will also invite the Mayors of every town in Dallas County; cleanup chairmen from each town; the County Judge and Commissioners; Dallas City Councilmen, and members of the City Plan Commission.

Meantime, County Sanitary Engineer E. W. Sudderth assured The News that fly control is not a mere swatting operation. Efforts will be made to wipe out sources where flies breed and eggs hatch out.

Eliminating fly-breeding hazards will almost automatically get rid of rats too, said Sudderth. Rats harbor in surface toilets and they feed on garbage.

If their hangouts and their food supply are removed, rats will usually go away.

HEADLINER PORTRAIT

Ben Wooten Likes Activity, Both in His Bank and Out

By WARREN LESLIE

Outside of the president's office of the solid, stately First National Bank in Dallas, there is a small room covered with royal purple carpet which contains thirty-one leather chairs, one secretary and seven vice-presidents.

The atmosphere is hushed. Each

"Ah, Charlie," says the president. "Come on in."

Charlie moves forward, eagerly. The other visitors sit back. The vice-presidents sit back. Even the leather chairs seem to sit back, for President Benjamin Harrison Wooten, certainly one of the busi-

President Wooten is a big, burly man in his middle fifties, who is just bending on his second month as president of the city's second largest bank. Up to a month ago, he was also a vice-president, next door, at the Republic National Bank, and he is the first to inform

Central Supply of Milk Credited for Price Cuts

By the Associated Press

Milk prices are dropping in many Texas communities.

The competition for the consumer's dollar is basically the result of the fact milk is plentiful.

This is a sharp reversal of the war-time situation, when Texas found itself unable to provide enough milk for a burgeoning population. Milk was shipped in from as far north as Illinois then.

Dairies in Dallas, Fort Worth, Midland, Lubbock, and Wichita Falls are among those which have slashed prices.

Along with the cuts in retail prices are coming the corollary re-

ductions in prices paid to farmers who produce the milk. However, not all dealers are passing the cuts along to milk producers.

Jacob Metzger, vice-president of Metzger Dairies of Dallas, announced another 1/2c cut Saturday in the retail pre-quart price, bringing his cut this spring to 2 1/2c. This makes his price 18 1/2 a quart.

But he did not announce any reduction in the price paid to producers. He said:

"We think this price war should be kept among the plants, the dairies. It's reducing our profit margin, of course, to cut our retail price while leaving our price to producers the same. But we don't think that we should meet competition by taking it out of the hides of the producers."

At Fort Worth, a milk producer charged that reductions there in prices paid to producers have been out of proportion to cuts in retail prices—that everyone is gaining on recent cuts except the producer.

"We are the goats of the whole deal," said A. R. Cartwright of Benbrook. He said Fort Worth distributors had made a cut of 45c a hundred pounds in the price paid producers, "but they have not passed all of the savings on to the customers."

He said retail prices had been lowered 3c from war-time prices, "whereas they should be 4 1/2c lower." When milk prices went up, he said, distributors raised producer prices 35c a hundredweight, "but now when prices are going down, they've cut not 35c—but 45c a hundredweight."

Golden Gate Dairy of Fort Worth is the only creamery there to follow Dallas distributors in announcing two 1c price cuts, retail, within the week. Saturday, W. H. Bogart, owner of Golden Gate, announced that he has not cut prices to producers.

"I pay \$5.60 for a hundred pounds of 4 per cent milk," Bogart said.

Golden Gate's new retail prices are 19c for home-delivered pasteurized, 20c for homogenized and 14c for buttermilk.

"I still maintain this is not too cheap for milk," Bogart said. "I think if we get milk prices lowered, there will be more milk bought. All this talk about a milk war in Dallas is alarmist talk. There's been a surplus of milk for some time."

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the airfield will go into the second phase of the first stage of construction."

When this first stage is completed about the middle of 1951, he said, the airport will be about a \$4,000,000 job with two 6,400-foot runways, one of them 200 feet wide and one 150 feet wide. There will be a third runway, 4,100 feet by 50 feet.

"In the first stage it will also have a terminal building, hangars, sewage disposal plant, utilities plant," he said. "It will have high intensity lighting, which will make landing at night almost like landing in the day."

Driver said there could be three stages of development at the airport, "depending on the demand for facilities." He said he believed that American Airlines would move its shops from Meacham Field, Fort Worth, to the new field.

The Fort Worth engineer said \$12,000,000 is now figured as ultimate cost of the port if "we go through the three stages of construction." Previously, the airport has been designated as a \$11,000,000 project.

Also nearing completion Saturday was the paving along State Highway No. 183 which will make this route from Fort Worth to the new airport a 4-lane affair. Fort Worth has annexed the land along this route.

So, literally, this is a great Fort Worth boulevard which rolls up almost in sight of the towers of Dallas.

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and work very hard. At First National, anyone can see that the busiest man about is President Wooten, for whom the presidency of First National, a great banking honor, is the latest step in the steady, sure career of a careful, solid citizen who never got a thing on earth that he didn't work for.

He was born on New Year's Eve, 1894, on a 55-acre sandy loam farm at Timpson, Texas. He went to North Texas State College when it was still a teachers' college. There, he taught school while he was still studying, and also took time to further his acquaintance with Miss Margaret Kay, who has now been his wife for thirty years.

In 1917, he went into World War I as a private, and came out a couple of years later as a second lieu-

ago, he went to Corpus Christi to make a speech, and a fellow called up and said, "Hello, you old son of a gun, guess who this is?" "It's Harlan Laws, of course," said Wooten. He hadn't seen Laws since 1919, but is good with names, dates and voices.

And they reminisced about the time Wooten pulled Laws out of a shell hole in the Argonne.

Last year, he was in West Texas making a speech. As the master of ceremonies began to introduce him, a gentleman rose from the audience and said, "Let me introduce the son of a gun."

This was Paul Hubbard, who hadn't seen Wooten since 1919. And they reminisced about the time he pulled Wooten out of a shell hole.

When he came home from the war, Ben Wooten took a job teaching school in Alba, Texas. During the last year of the war, he had been assigned quartermaster duty, where one handles money.

"I liked it," he recalls. So Saturdays, he would go down to one of Alba's two banks and help out for free. It wasn't long before the other bank hired him as assistant cashier. In 1923, he went to Farmerville for a better banking job, and three years later went to work for the State of Texas as a bank examiner. In less than twelve months, he was chief examiner. He learned some things there:

"I've always thought the most sacred part of a bank was how it handled its trust funds: Money that doesn't belong to the bank but is left to be administered. Sometimes the income has to support someone totally.

"As a bank examiner, I had the chance to see that these funds weren't always handled too well. And I knew that in my bank they'd be handled better."

In 1932, the government set up the Federal Home Loan Banking System, which is a sort of Federal Reserve Bank for savings and loan associations and also for insurance companies, although not a great many of the latter have seen a great need to join. Wooten was asked to help set up the system. With Nathan Adams, the present honorary chairman of First National, Wooten went to Washington. When he came back he was chief examiner for the system, and three months later was elected president of the Federal Home Loan Bank in Little Rock, Ark. This bank serves five states including Texas, and Wooten is still chairman of its board.

All his life, he had done civic work, even back to the days in Alba. Then he led the fight to pave the village square, which comprises most of Alba. In Little Rock, he was chairman of practically any banking board you care to name, chairman of the State Planning Board ("something Texas could sure use") a principal organizer and chairman of the State Civilian Defense Council, and chairman of the 1943 Community Chest Drive. He had become a big man: Arkansas knew the name, Ben Wooten.

"I think," he said, the other day, "that if you've ever been in commercial banking, you want to get back in it."

He made frequent trips to Texas and to Dallas. He had many acquaintances here, including Fred F. Florence, the president of Republic. On April 1, 1944, Ben Wooten became a citizen of Dallas and a vice-president of Republic.

He was very definitely back in the commercial and competitive banking business. He was also smack in the middle of the civic life of this city. In 1945, he was chairman of the Seventh War Loan Drive for Dallas. Last year he

produce higher-sounding than that.

He is extremely simple tastes. He drives a Chevrolet every morning. He and Mrs. Wooten live in a 3-bedroom at 4411 Westway. It is almost austere furnished. gets up at 6:30 in the morning is driving for work by 8 tries to be home by 6 or 7 and he and Mrs. Wooten eat early dinner. They have a son, and Mrs. Wooten's lives with them. At one time their own mother also lived with them, and the two mothers were fast friends.

Sometimes Wooten brings home with him, more often. Over the dinner table, he and wife the high lights of the after dinner they play games, checkers or bridge. usually wins.

He usually wins at every which is the great reason National hired him. Behind the man, the almost

