



THE CANDIDATE:

W. D. Fitch

Resident of College Station since 1946

30 years experience in the building business and Subdivision building in College Station

Thoroughly dedicated to the continued enhancement of our City and its School System

RIGHT THE FIRST TIME

I had hoped you (the voters) were wrong and was prepared to say to you: "Support this Issue, we all want the same thing, a fine School System and we must be willing to pay this much for it."

THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE

I walked over every School Site and through or around every building including the Play Fields and repair barns, just as did the C.A.C. in their investigations; as a result:

**I AM CONVINCED NOW:
We Can Have Our Cake
Without it "Eating our Lunch"**

I discovered no reason to doubt the motives and good intentions and dedicated effort by everyone involved: the School Board, the Administration Staff, the Architect and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

THE ONLY ERROR, and it is a VERY LARGE ONE lies in the apparent acceptance, without question, of the so-called **ESTIMATED COSTS**

These are two miles high, if we may equate miles with Millions of Dollars. Let me re-name these "estimated costs" as proposed expenditures. There is a lot of difference. Okay, so this is easy to say, but let me be specific in two ways:

ONE

You could not come with me on my tours, so I have had some photos made and reproduced, a few of which characterize a part of what I saw, with my comments about them.

TWO

I have copied verbatim, some very pertinent illustrative excerpts from the Citizens Advisory Committee's 69 page report, and made comments regarding these items in the adjacent column to point out the source of my conclusions.

SO WHY VOTE FOR ME?

As a Trustee of the School District I will:

- Respect the decision of the voters as expressed in the Bond Election.
- If this issue fails (and you elect me) I will work for a drastically reduced Bond issue to meet immediate needs this year on a priority basis to be set by your Board and your School Administration.
- Other recommended construction programs will be listed separately (in order of priority) for your consideration.
- I will remain available to the voters, students and teachers for their comments, complaints, or congratulations (as the case may be) during my year of service, and strive to set policies in accordance with the will of the voters and see that such policies are put into effect by our staff.
- If this Bond issue is approved (which I doubt) and which I cannot recommend to you because I have confirmed to my own satisfaction the doubts of the 600 voters who rejected the smaller Bond; then I will work with all involved parties to see that the approved programs are carried out in the MOST ECONOMICAL manner.

I am more firmly convinced than ever that the "Proposed Expenditures" for buildings are very fat and fluffy, and we can have all space needed for less than \$4,000,000.

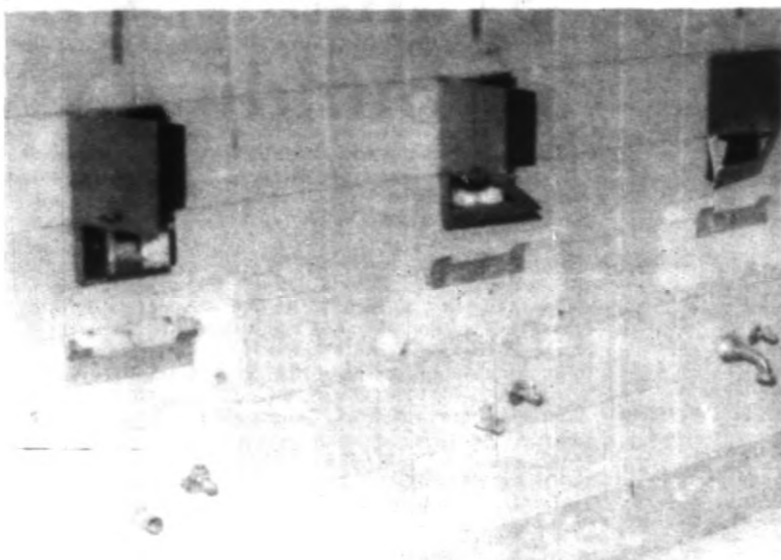
**I Solicit Your
Support and Influence
to Elect Me as Your:
TRUSTEE PLACE FOUR**

I have not cluttered your yard with signs nor harrassed you at your door. But I am just as sincere as any of those candidates who have.

I hope you will take the time to read all of this information before you vote and then **VOTE!!!**

**Why am I running for
School Board Trustee, Place 4?**

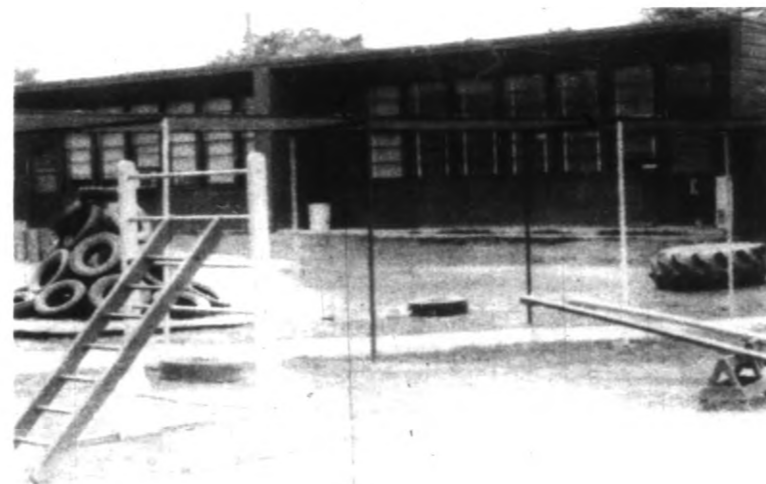
1. THE FIRST BOND PROPOSAL FAILED for \$5,150,000.00.
2. I believe that the voters will seldom make a mistake if they are fully informed.
3. I felt it necessary that someone outside the present Board and Administration thoroughly look into the entire situation to see what if anything was the reason for the public rejection of this issue.



This is the upstairs "men's room" at the High School, off the hall by the gym. William Bausse (the candidate's son) and a young man named Harwell said it had been this way since last year.

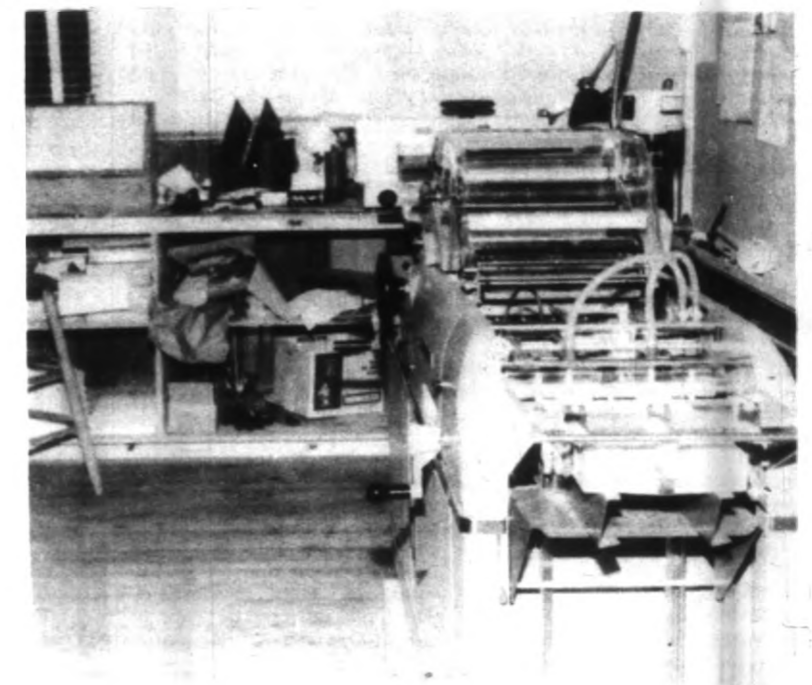


This is a view of one of the older six classroom buildings now being used for storage and maintenance work. The present Bond issue proposes to demolish the building; I say it can be restored and used, but the maintenance personnel certainly need a more adequate place for storage and working.



This two-classroom kindergarten building is marked for demolition, being a part of the total of the 5 buildings (26 classrooms) which are to be demolished under the new heading of "SITE IMPROVEMENTS" as set out in Item 28 of the C.A.C. report attached.

I talked with the kindergarten teacher in this building one Sunday afternoon, who told me it was the best workable space she had ever had for teaching; she also commented on the good work of the parents in buiding the playground "tunnel" etc. and how much the kids loved it. A 12 classroom building now in use for 3rd and 4th grades under "Special Ed." is also to be "SITE IMPROVED."



This room in the Board Room Building is part of the excellent printing, reproduction and photographic lab, which is utilized by the school to print their various publications prepared by the Public Relations division of the Administration headed by Mrs. Crittenden, and her assistant Mrs. Hopson. They were preparing the schedules for the Adult Education Programs when I was there. Mr. Greenwalt, who heads the "Special Ed." division and his secretary, Mrs. Beamer are also in the building. I hope, if I am elected trustee, to be able to use these facilities for future information output to school patrons.



These lads are enjoying a good wholesome recreation after school in a part of the High School cafeteria, next to the area for the proposed "Brown Bag" addition to the cafeteria.

I was further determined to see for myself what would cause dedicated people like O. C. Cooper and Lambert Wilkes to resign and/or decide not to run for re-election.

I was encouraged to make this effort by the many people to whom I expressed these concerns, but who said they were too busy or did not want to get "involved in the problems."

**THE FAILURE OF A SCHOOL BOND IN OUR CITY
IS A SERIOUS MATTER**

It is dividing the fine people of this district when we should all be working together for our mutual benefit and for that of our Schools.

**YOU ARE ALL CONCERNED
whether you like it or not.**

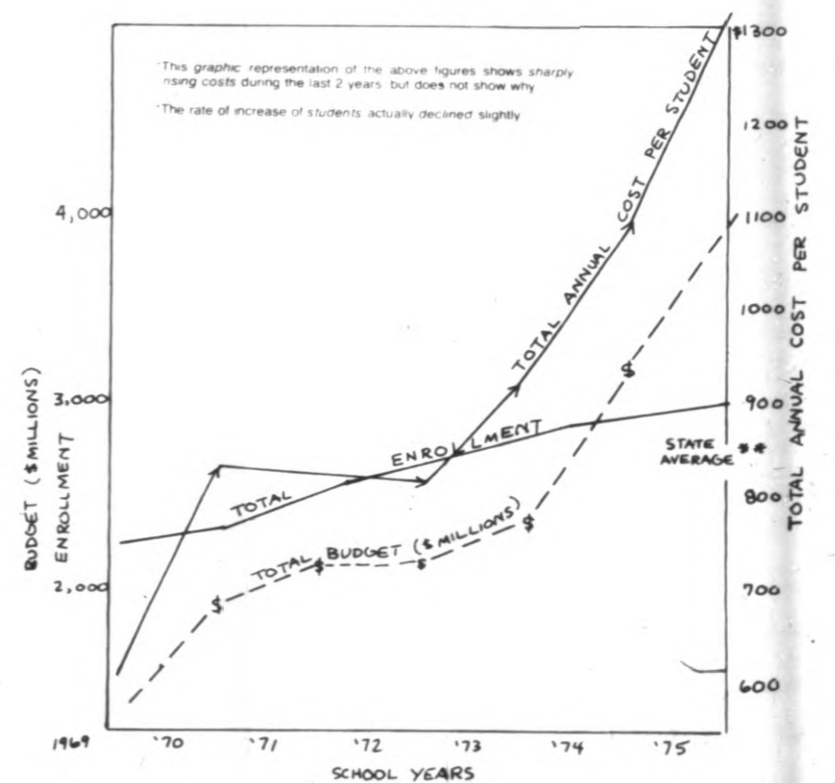
We all want the same thing; the best possible School System that we can afford, and I want everyone to want to support it fully.

HERE IS WHAT I FOUND OUT:

In the weeks since I entered this race, I have plowed through hundreds of pages of original proposals, amended and revised proposals, talked for hours with everyone who would discuss the Bond issue; the present Chairman who is choosing not to run, the resigned member, other members, other candidates, teachers, parents, older citizens, rural citizens, students, school bus drivers, bankers, businessmen and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and other prominent civic leaders.

YEARS	1969	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	2,243	2,311	2,516	2,451	2,810	2,919	2,985	
TOTAL BUDGET (MIL.)	\$1.37	\$1.92	\$2.13	\$2.15	\$2.59	\$2.92	\$3.96	
ANNUAL COST PER STUDENT	\$610	\$832	\$814	\$810	\$920	\$1,090	\$1,325	

THE ABOVE FIGURES CAME FROM THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES



Remarks: During the past 2 years the increase in percentage has been: Students increased 7%; Expenditures increased 55%.

Some of this can be accounted for by inflation and salary raises. The rest must be presumed to be a result of radically increased new programs and administrative overhead, which is quite typical of all government organizations in which the administration is enthusiastic and actively promoting new programs.

This will always occur in the absence of controlling limits set by a policy making Board and may be accelerated if encouraged by the Board.