

College Building Amendment Opponents Lose Court Battle

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 6 (AP)—Opponents of the 60 million dollar college building amendment today lost what may be the final round in the court attack on the plan.

The Supreme Court dismissed two applications for writs of error brought by opponents of the plan. It said it had no jurisdiction to consider the appeals.

Opponents had lost in trial and civil appeals courts.

The effect of the ruling was that the case constituted an election contest in which the third court of civil appeals had final jurisdiction.

The court wrote no opinion in the case. It noted only that it

was without jurisdiction. The court had before it applications for writs of error in two cases in which opponents of the building amendment plan sought to reverse lower court holdings favorable to the amendment.

The amendment was designed to give 14 colleges and the University of Texas and Texas A. and M. College \$60,000,000 for a long-range building program.

The amendment was attacked in court by Clarence W. Whiteside, Spencer A. Wells, and Homer Maxey of Lubbock and H. E. Speer of Dallas. A suit against Attorney General Price Daniel sought to prevent his approval of bonds au-

thorized by the amendment. Another suit against Secretary of State Paul H. Brown claimed adoption of the amendment was invalid because of improper notice of the election at which it was adopted.

The Supreme Court's action apparently clears the way for the colleges to proceed with the building plan. On Nov. 24 the Third Court of Civil Appeals refused to certify two questions to the Supreme Court for review.

This left opponents of the plan with two alternatives: They had 15 days in which to bring mandamus proceedings to compel the Civil Appeals tribunal to certify the questions.

They could seek a review through an application for a writ of error to the Supreme Court.

Opponents of the amendment did not bring the mandamus action, and the Supreme Court's ruling today was a flat no to their second choice.

On Dec. 16 the state had asked the Supreme Court to take speedy action on the appeal, noting that the building program authorized by it was being delayed, and that the purchasing power of money appropriated was shrinking because of rising building costs.

Submission of the amendment was voted by the 50th Legislature after a bitter fight. The fight went on in court after the amendment was adopted.

The Court of Civil Appeals rejected arguments that the amendment should be invalidated because notice of the election at which it was adopted was not published in six counties. Also turned down were charges that there were irregularities in notices published in other counties, and that more than one matter was dealt with in the amendment submitted to the voters.

The opposition to the amendment further claimed the ballot did not fully describe the scope and character of the amendment.

Designed to give the state's colleges and universities a financial plan for a long range building program, the amendment provides for levying of a 5-cent property tax on the \$100 valuation. This

revenue would be used to finance \$45,000,000 worth of buildings for 14 state-supported colleges over a 30-year period. Also authorized was the issuance of \$15,000,000 in building bonds by the University of Texas and Texas A&M to be paid off with income from the permanent school fund.



MAX REITER, conductor of the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra, will appear here with the Orchestra next Monday night.

First Batt Editor Dies In Orange

E. L. Bruce, 72, first editor of The Battalion, died yesterday in an Orange hospital.

A prominent Orange attorney, who has held several public offices, Bruce suffered a heart attack several days ago. He served several times in the Texas Legislature as Orange County attorney and as special judge in the First and 128th Judicial Districts.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Graham Bruce; a son, former Orange County Attorney Graham Bruce; two daughters, Mrs. S. I. McReynolds of Houston and Mrs. Tom Roger, Orange; two sisters, Mrs. H. C. House of Pasadena, California, and Mrs. Helen Parrott of Seattle, Washington.

Funeral services were scheduled for 3 p.m. today at the family residence in Orange. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery of Orange.

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Truman Delivers State of Union Address To 81st Congress in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—These, briefly, are President Truman's major recommendations to Congress yesterday in his state of the union messages, in the order in which he listed them:

Inflation
Enlarge the government's control over bank credit and continue its power over consumer credit, exports and transportation allocations. Extend and strengthen rent control. Grant authority to (a) regulate commodity speculation, (b) allocate scarce key materials, and (c) control wages and certain prices, if necessary. Authorize a study of critical shortages—like steel—with permission for the government to construct production facilities itself if industry can't do what's needed.

Taxes
Raise \$4,000,000,000 additional revenue for the government, mainly by taxing corporations, but also by boosting estate and gift taxes; give consideration to increasing income taxes for the middle and upper pay brackets.

Labor
Repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and re-enact the old Wagner Act—but with bans against jurisdictional strikes and unjustifiable secondary boycotts and some provision for avoiding strikes in vital industries. Strengthen the labor department. Boost the minimum wage to 75 cents an hour (it is now 40 cents).

Business
Strengthen anti-trust laws by "closing those loopholes that permit monopolistic mergers and consolidations." (At another point, Mr. Truman suggested that business should seek "always to increase its output, lower its prices, and avoid the vices of monopoly.")

Resources
Push power, irrigation, flood control and navigation projects on the rivers. Pass St. Lawrence seaway legislation. Extend soil, forest and mineral development and conservation. Keep tideland oil for the Federal government. Continue

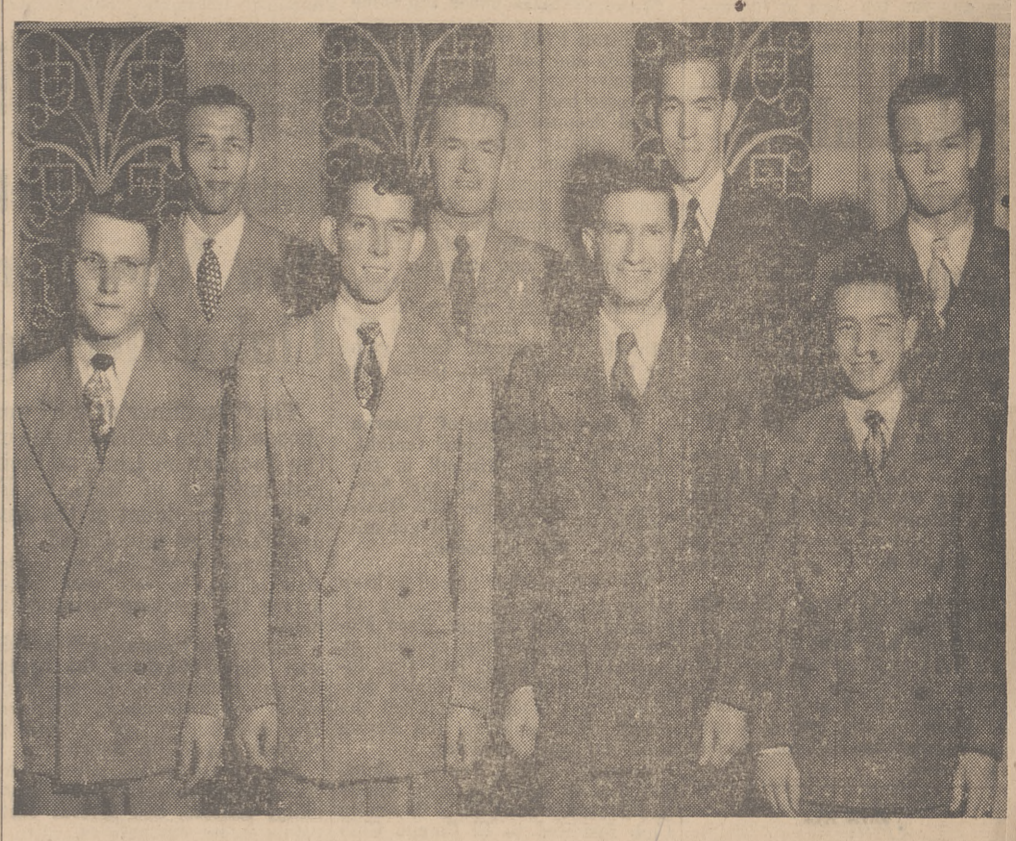
Health and Security
Extend the coverage and raise the benefits of social security. Set up a system of prepaid medical insurance. Give Federal financial aid to state education systems. Place Federal administration of these projects under a full cabinet officer.

Housing
Raise present public housing goals to 1,000,000 low-rent units over the next seven years. Induce builders to cut costs and erect more low-priced housing.

Civil Rights
Pass the same civil rights proposals requested of the 80th Congress. (They included anti-lynch and anti-poll tax legislation and fair employment practice law.)

Foreign
Restore the full effectiveness of the reciprocal trade agreement act whittled down by Congress last year. "Open our doors to displaced persons without unfair discrimination."

Military
Maintain armed forces "sufficient to deter aggression." Pass universal training legislation.



RAILROADS AND UNIONS HOLD JOINT DISCUSSION
CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (AP)—Officials of the nation's railroads and representatives of 16 non-operating unions met Wednesday to discuss a presidential fact-finding board report recommending a raise in pay and a shorter work week.

Eight of the 12 teams in the Basketball Association of America will compete in the post-season play-off to determine the circuit championship.

The A&M Senior Livestock Judging Team recently entered the Chicago International Livestock Exposition in Chicago where they placed eleventh.

Members of the team from left to right are W. E. Steel, Lucien Kruse, James Stroppe and Ralph Wheat in the first row.

In the second row from left to right they are W. M. Warren, Coach; Dr. J. C. Miller; Fred Wilkinson; and Ralph Meriweather. Dr. Miller is head of the Animal Husbandry Department.

S. C. Hoyle Joins Judicature Society

S. C. Hoyle, Jr., of A&M's Business and Accounting Department has accepted membership in American Judicature Society.

The Society, which has its headquarters at the University of Michigan, is a national organization of lawyers and judges. Membership is by invitation only.

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