



LEAVING ICC—M. W. Splawn, former University of Texas president who has been a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission for 20 years, is retiring at the age of 70. He is returning to Texas not to idleness but to write a book on economics and later, perhaps, his memoirs.

Splawn to Retire From ICC July 1st

WASHINGTON, June 29 (Spl.)—Dr. Walter M. W. Splawn, one-time president of the University of Texas, is going back home when he retires from the Interstate Commerce Commission on July 1. The White House announced on June 16—Dr. Splawn's 70th birthday—that he is retiring after almost 20 years on the commission. Since his appointment by Franklin D. Roosevelt early in 1933, he has twice served as chairman. The chairmanship rotates annually among the commissioners.

A native of Arlington, Dr. Splawn says he plans to retire to the family farm a few miles north of that community. He is negotiating with a publishing house concerning a book on economic matters that he will write.

"Then, when I get a little older," he observes, "I may get around to writing my memoirs."

The friendly and scholarly commissioner, almost blind for several years has gotten to be almost a legendary figure at the ICC.

Sitting on the court-like bench in the stately ICC chamber along with the other 10 commissioners, he can be seen listening intently as lawyers argue technical and legal points, and cite rate schedules.

Unable to glance back at a prepared statement or document which has been cited, Dr. Splawn never the less can and does on occasions interrupt to refer back and quote from earlier testimony. He has developed a prodigious memory. Away from the bench, in his office and at home, he has aides read aloud to him, and take dictation when he wishes to set forth his views in writing.

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Miss Margie Nell Parker Weds Richard L. Goodwin

By LOUISE STREET
Women's Editor

Miss Margie Nell Parker became the bride of Lieutenant Richard Lee Goodwin Saturday in an afternoon ceremony in St. Thomas's Episcopal Chapel in College Station.

Dr. and Mrs. Grady P. Parker are the parents of the bride and Lt. Goodwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Goodwin of Mission. Officiant was the Rev. Orin G. Helvey, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bryan. Arrangements of white gladioli banked the altar while white carnations and gladioli graced the organ.

Lamar McNew, bridal soloist, sang "O Perfect Love" and "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Orin G. Helvey.

Given in marriage by her father, a gown of rosepoint Chantilly lace and nylon tulle over taffeta was worn by the bride. The shirred tulle bodice was scalloped onto the ballerina length skirt which had vertical front and back scallops giving a redingote effect. The scallops were repeated in the brief lace bolero which had a Queen Anne collar and long pointed sleeves. A pearl studded coronet carried her fingertip length veil of French illusion and she held a small white Bible overlaid with a white orchid. A cultured pearl necklace which was the gift of the bridegroom was the bride's only jewelry.

Maid of honor, Miss Jody Calvin of Galveston, was gowned in white nylon tulle over taffeta. The bouffant skirt was ballerina length, her head dress and slippers of pastel green, and she carried a bouquet of white and green carnations.

Mrs. Parker chose shell pink accented with a matching pink hat

School Officials Elect Officers

James Taylor, superintendent of the Katy public schools, was elected president of the Texas School Administration Conference and Beeman Justice, superintendent of the Nacogdoches county public schools, was elected president of the County Superintendents, at the closing session of the school conference held at A&M June 22-24.

Taylor succeeds R. E. Slayton, superintendent of the Longview public schools. M. D. Murphy, superintendent of the Cleburn public schools was elected vice president, succeeding A. M. Tate, superintendent of the Marlin public schools. George B. Wilcox, head of the Department of Education and Psychology, A&M, was re-elected secretary. Elected to the executive committee were Avery R. Downing, assistant superintendent, Waco public schools; J. D. Betts, superintendent of the Sabine public schools, Kilgore; Dr. Mortimer, superintendent of the El Paso public schools; Ben Copass, superintendent of the Nacogdoches public schools; Lloyd E. Gilbert, superintendent of the Dayton public schools; Daniel H. Boon, superintendent of the Linden public schools; and R. E. Slayton, superintendent of the Longview public schools.

East Texas C of C Ends Tax Survey Of Brazos County

Brazos County residents can see where their tax dollars are going in a survey just completed by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The regional chamber scrutinized the fiscal operations of the county. Details of the survey will be published later.

East Texas Chamber Public Affairs Manager Carl C. Cooper said the study does not attempt to set or recommend tax rates or spending policies.

"The survey of Brazos County taxes is made to create a greater interest in local government with the attendant benefit of promoting economy and efficiency—a condition favorable for the attraction of industry," Cooper said.

The survey shows the amount of taxes assessed, collected and spent; compares budgeted receipts and expenditures with actual collections and disbursements, plus beginning and ending balances of all funds.

The East Texas Chamber rates counties by a merit system. Highest rating is six stars. Stars are given for operating within the budget, collecting 95 per cent of tax roll, all funds ending year with cash balance, ratio of net debt to assessed valuation does not exceed state average and operating fund tax rate stays below state average.

\$67,548 in Contracts Let

Contracts totalling \$67,548 for painting and foundation repairs to buildings on the A&M campus were awarded and a contract for \$72,849 for foundation repairs to three other college buildings was confirmed by the board of directors of the

A&M System, meeting here Saturday. Appropriations of \$446,500 were also authorized to pay for maintenance, repairs and improvements of college buildings and for plans for new structures.

Welch and Company of Houston was awarded a contract for painting the interiors of five A&M dormitories and exteriors of two others at a price of \$27,558. Contract for repairs to the foundation of the Academic building at A&M went to Guido Bros. Construction Co. of San Antonio for \$39,440.

The board confirmed award of

Air Reservists Plan Radio Station

A radio station for transmission and receiving messages under the Military Affiliate Radio System will be operated in the near future by the 9807th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron in its new headquarters at 3600 College Road in the old Triangle Drive-in, Lieutenant Colonel W. S. McCulley, commanding officer, announced.

Ron Clark, Airman Third Class of Bryan Air Base, explained the operation of a MARS station at a squadron training meeting. The call letters for the new station will be K/AF5FEW with an operating range beyond Waco. The local MARS station will be in the 14th Air Force network.

Operation of the MARS radio station will be a part of the regular training program for the 9807th V.A.R.T. Squadron. Regular weekly training meetings are held at 7:30 Monday night. Air reservist, both airmen and officers, are invited to attend. Points are awarded toward retirement and promotion.

Library to Close for 4th

The A&M Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and will remain closed on Saturday and Sunday for the 4th of July holidays. The regular library schedule will be resumed on Monday.

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