

R. L. HUNT, JR.
AND
ROY W. KELLY

A&M Consolidated Candidates for 2 school trustee positions, April 2. Favor more school for same tax dollar.
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Stop the Presses

By Lani Presswood

Faculty members are very common in college . . . teachers are not. A&M, and its students, lost a teacher when Dr. S. S. Morgan died Monday.

He began teaching English here in 1921, almost half a century ago. In 1962 he slowed down into semi-retirement, and of late has only been teaching one course each semester.

Last spring I was in that one course, which was listed in the catalogue as "Modern Drama — Credit 3." It was a large section for an advanced liberal arts course because of his reputation.

Dr. Morgan's personality led many to call him "the grand old man," in a strictly admiring sense. For everything he did in a classroom was completely professional, and showed that genuine craftsman was doing his job, a job he seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

He lectured from a remarkable background of knowledge and personal experience. Each hour in class was something special, something different from the one before. It was like attending a series of performances by a virtuoso, an event to be looked forward to, and not merely tolerated.

Class discussion arose freely and spontaneously and the major elements which make up life, as well as the theater, were an-

alyzed, often in a new light from any I had ever heard before.

He spent a lot of time on the

Prof Determines Sausage Standard For Dining Halls

Would you believe that a Department of Animal Science professor sets the sausage standards for the dining halls?

Fred W. Dollar, director of Food Services, reported that Dr. Gene T. King, associate professor in the Department of Animal Science, runs tests on the sausage consumed by students to insure compliance with specifications.

Dollar said the quality of the sausage has been improved. The meat now served is 70 per cent lean and in a higher category than the highest priced brand name market sausage.

"Tastes vary and it is difficult to please all, but progress is being made," Dollar said.

Sausage is usually cooked before meals, and kept in food warmers and as a result appears greasy, but in reality it contains very little fat content, he said.

subject of illusion and was concerned with the reality behind appearance. He liked students because of their intellectual honesty and once gave us a piece of advice in this area which still remains fresh in memory:

"Conform in the little things, but never conform in the big things. The big things are ideas."

His assets in the classroom were many, not the least of which were enthusiasm and a completely fine professional sense of humor. He was a man who had lived, as well as studied, and he existed in our world, not in a dream world of perpetual abstraction or in a pedantic world of minutiae.

I've never taken a course before or since in which the interest of the students remained so high throughout the semester.

I remember him talking about fate. He used to say that he had studied fate for years but didn't really understand it at all. And now that same eternal mystery, fate, has removed him physically from the world and from the classroom.

But it is only physically that his presence is gone . . . the real essence of the man will continue to survive in the memories of his students. Because Dr. Morgan was a teacher.

— Sound Off —

Editor,
The Battalion,
I was happy to read your headline, "AAUP Endorses Student Freedom." Perhaps at some later date Dr. Treacy might give us a concise definition of just what "student academic freedom" is.

There has been a tendency in the past for students to use "academic freedom" as a defense for highly irresponsible actions. Are the Berkeley "free speech" demonstrations examples of "academic freedom?" Does the AAUP believe that a Communist has as much right to teach as any other person of equal training? When Dr. Treacy says "for this institution to accept this (national policy statement) would require some far reaching changes . . ." does he mean that there is no "academic freedom" at A&M?

I am sure that all students at A&M are interested in "academic freedom," but I am also sure that a concise definition would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Michael F. Linz '66
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Editor,
The Battalion,
In reality, this is a letter to most of the people sitting directly in front of the stage at the Brenda Lee show. I'm sure that Miss Lee was quite discouraged at the sea of unappreciative faces directly in front of her. Not only did those people feel it beneath them to applaud, but they even elected not to join in the second standing ovation. Those who did finally stand did so only because

they looked totally out of place sitting while everyone else was standing. I do not feel that everyone should be forced to applaud frantically. However, those who feel no desire to applaud at all should sit in the bleachers, or better still, at home and let those who do appreciate the entertainer's efforts have their seats.

Sincerely,
Gaston Early

Industrial Education Wives Meet Monday

The Industrial Education Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Cashion Room of the YMCA Building.

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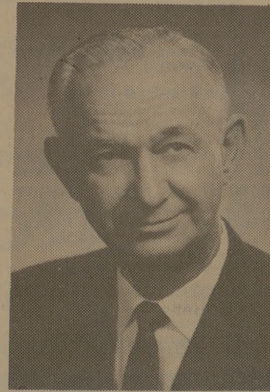
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100% A&M CONSOLIDATED TAX HIKE IN 1966 DRAWS TWO CANDIDATE OPPOSITION

R. L. Hunt, Jr. and Roy W. Kelly, Trustee Candidates
in April 2nd School Board Election Pledge More School for the Same Dollar

COLLEGE STATION R. L. Hunt, Jr. and Roy W. Kelly, conservative candidates for two school board vacant positions at A&M Consolidated, pledged voters total opposition to a 100% tax hike on College Station property and home owners in 1966. The two candidates called such a tax hike, "unwarranted, unnecessary, unfair to our school children, and ruinous to the tax payer and school district alike" . . . Hunt and Kelly appeared before evening "Meet the Candidate" coffees sponsored by the A&M Consolidated School District Property Owners Committee of 1,000. Both candidates reported tax payers up in arms all over the school district and calling for representation of their interests on the school board.

"A 100% tax hike allowed to slip through in 1966 would rend this community wide open," said Kelly. "People should vote their convictions in the school board election Saturday, April 2nd or be prepared to absorb a 100% tax hike blow in 1966 unflinchingly."

"Unless there is careful use of limited school tax monies, Consolidated property owners will face one of three bleak alternatives: school district bankruptcy, merger with Bryan schools, or a 100% tax hike on home owners in the district during 1966. These three alternatives can only be averted by prudent fiscal policy, established and maintained by a board dedicated to the interest of school child and tax payer alike. We're close to insolvency for

comfort with a million, three hundred thousand dollars hanging over our heads; that's approaching \$1,000 per home owner.

Kelly, local agri-businessman, called attention to the plight of retired school district residents, ". . . who may have to sell their property, perhaps at a loss, and leave the school they organized and the community they have helped build and had hoped to remain in during retirement if home owner taxes are boosted 100% in 1966. 'Honor your father and mother,' the Bible says. It would be a dishonor to our elder citizens to displace them from their homes with high taxes. If the upward tax trend climaxes in a 100% home owner tax rise in 1966, it won't be the 'Dodge Rebellion' folks will be joining, it'll be a full blown 'Tax Rebellion,'" Kelly prophesied.

Hunt, College Station graduate of A&M Consolidated and Texas A&M in School Administration, called for some tax coordination between the A&M Consolidated School District and City of College Station. "There are a limited number of tax dollars available to both governmental agencies. College Station is hard put to meet growing city service needs. School trustees owe it to taxpayers not to pre-empt every tax dollar."

Both school board candidates, Hunt and Kelly, suggested property owners take a greater interest in school affairs. "A school board has great power over the pocketbook of each property owner, more than real-

ized. It can meet and hike home owner and property taxes at its pleasure until the maximum tax rate is reached. It can then call for pyramided tax valuations to meet fiscal obligations and then start the process over again," Kelly explained. The two candidates volunteered pledges to oppose a 100% school tax hike on College Station area home owner property in 1966.

Hunt pointed out, "The school district must maintain a favorable tax environment if industry is to be attracted, business firms are to flourish and home owners to multiply in number. Industry can supply up to 75% of tax funds and balance the mounting burden on city and rural property owners . . . it's our only reasonable hope out of our school fiscal dilemma."

The point was made that people are not going to paint their homes, add a room or make other improvements if they will be rewarded with higher taxes for their effort to improve the community.

Both candidates called for an improved school system with a realistic long range plan for a academic development, and building construction. They nailed down campaign planks calling for industrial and commercial training for the one-half of A&M Consolidated students who will never graduate from college. They both favor school expense priorities as being: teacher's salaries above Gilmer-Aikin, first; school program, second; and school buildings, third.

Hunt and Kelly promised to oppose construction of auditoriums that convert to swimming pools when it rains, single wall, non-divided, "Way-out" classrooms that are melting hot in spring and shivering cold in winter, or any other unserviceable "dream building" that might be proposed in the forthcoming building program.

"Consolidated property owners won't tolerate experimental building construction, as there is not enough to afford expensive mistakes. Let's have academic excellence and leave it to rich school districts to build experimental building monuments to men," Hunt stated.

Candidates questioned the advisability of construction of a multi-thousand dollar air conditioned administrative complex while herding little children into sheet iron classroom buildings. "If there ever was world competition to determine the outstanding 'hodgepodge' school campus, we've got a winner," Kelly quipped.

"Consolidated draws some 80% of its operational funds from the state treasury. We should be able to operate on the 20% we raise locally without resorting to a 100% tax hike in 1966 on College Station home owners," Hunt suggested.

Both candidates have children attending A&M Consolidated. They expressed a desire for more education for the same dollar before hiking taxes again. "Effective representation for the property owner whose money it is that keeps the schools going is needed," Kelly concluded.

In a question and answer session following, Hunt was asked why his name was initially refused a position on the school board election ballot. Hunt explained, "I was told my name might not be allowed to appear because the 'Jr.' was not on the candidate petition, and that the other candidates might be convened and asked to vote whether they would agree to permit me to make the race. Calls were placed to two local attorneys and the district attorney's office, all of which advised that there was no law or court case permitting the removal of a candidate from any ballot because 'junior' was missing on the candidate's petition! I was further advised that fellow candidates had no right to vote on whether the name would appear on the ballot, as candidates for office have no legislative or judicial powers prior to election. There was no necessity to call upon the State's Attorney General for a ruling, as whatever the motivation was that blocked appearance on the ballot was suddenly withdrawn. The why of the whole matter is a complete mystery to me."

Kelly was asked why the Consolidated School Board recently was considering ending present election procedure, the election of school board members at large, and setting up election by "place."

"Huntsville, Navasota, and Hempstead are attempting this now. I am told it may be an effort to 'gerrymander' the Negro out of his voter rights in these communities. Whether this is the motivation here I'm not sure. I'm of the opinion fair-minded Consolidated citizens wouldn't stand for any such treatment of our Negro property owners. Every voter deserves the opportunity to cast his ballot for each and every school board candidate," Kelly responded.

tion of the two Consolidated School Board candidates.

It was reported at the recent annual meeting of the A&M Consolidated Property Owners Committee of 1,000 that rural property owners experienced a 100%-500% tax hike in 1965-66, and that College Station home owners may be headed for a similar jolting school tax hike in 1966. The committee was alerted that all personal property, including automobiles, home furnishings, savings and bank accounts are subject to taxation next, and could be the next likely items to be added by a free spending, liberal school board, to the tax rolls, should a blanket, across the board 100% tax hike on school district homes slip through in 1966.

Hunt and Kelly were endorsed by the A&M Consolidated Property Owners Committee of 1,000 at its annual meeting as being the only candidates with announced platforms and willing to speak out on vital issues.

Chairman Albright recommends each school district property owner go to the polls Saturday, April 2nd and vote. He suggests that, "Each voter find out the platform of every candidate for the school board. How else can the voter intelligently select the two men on the ballot who will best represent his conviction and interest regarding school policy. Those who do not vote Saturday should not complain if a 100% tax rise befalls them in 1966."

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