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'Can Do' Was Trademark, Former LBJ Aide Says

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"He was a perfectionist and he always tried," was the description given of former President Lyndon Baines Johnson, by Clifton C. Carter, an adviser to Johnson for 30 years at Wednesday night's political forum.

"History will note the fact that more legislation was passed during Johnson's presidency than during any other previous administration," the director of the 1964 Johnson campaign noted.

"He adopted a motto, 'I can do,' when he was a freshman Congressman in 1937, and established it as his trademark for getting legislation passed throughout the years that he served in Washington," the Smithville native added.

"FORTY health and education bills, more than had been passed in any administration in the history of the United States were passed during the last four years of his term — an example of Johnson's legislative influence."

Johnson will be remembered in history for his creation of the medicare program," he added. "This bill provided for the creation of medical and hospital aid to the aged at a time when hos-

pital and medical costs were rising and the income of these older citizens remained constant.

The dollar total of aid to college and university students rose from \$500,000 during the Eisenhower years to \$11 billion dollars in the Johnson administration," Carter, the first campaign manager for U. S. Rep. Olen Teague said.

SPEAKING of the success of the Johnson administration, the former Bryan bottling company owner pointed to the fact that "Americans are enjoying the highest level income ever."

Carter said, since his work takes him across the United States, he has the opportunity to meet Americans of just about every occupation. Nearly everyone he has met was in better shape economically than any time previously.

"What has been accomplished during the Johnson years to improve human relations and what will be accomplished in the future will mark Lyndon Johnson as one of our greatest Presidents," the former Bryan City Commissioner added.

Noted over Johnson achievements, Carter cited "the 1964

Civil Rights Act which guaranteed equal rights for all Americans; the voting rights act of 1964, which abolished irregularities in voting, and the jury selection act, which established fair jury selections for all Americans."

ON THE question of Johnson's drop in popularity, the former Bryan resident said, "that if any of the 200 million Americans could have met him, they wouldn't have been so quick to judge him for the problems this country faces."

"The news media, especially television, was responsible partly for the loss of popularity that President Johnson suffered after 1965, he added.

Carter also listed the unpopularity of the Vietnam War, the campus disorders, and other problems that Johnson inherited from the previous administration.

"Two of the five greatest presidents in history, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln were criticized more for their legislation than Lyndon Johnson," he said.

Carter added that both these men were remembered in history, and in their times criticized more than Johnson.

Carter cited the fact that every student should be proud of the opportunity where everyone can get an education. He said that students should be proud of the sacrifices that their parents gave so that they could attend college.

"President Johnson's rise from a two-roomed cabin to the White House is an example that everyone can climb the ladder of success, if he wants to."

CARTER commented that he was as surprised as everybody else last March 31, when President Johnson announced that he would not seek reelection.

He said that he expects President Johnson to branch out in other fields of business, as well as teaching at the new Lyndon B. Johnson school, at University of Texas at Austin. He said he didn't believe that President Johnson would seek any other political offices, because he had already accomplished the highest honor that he desired.

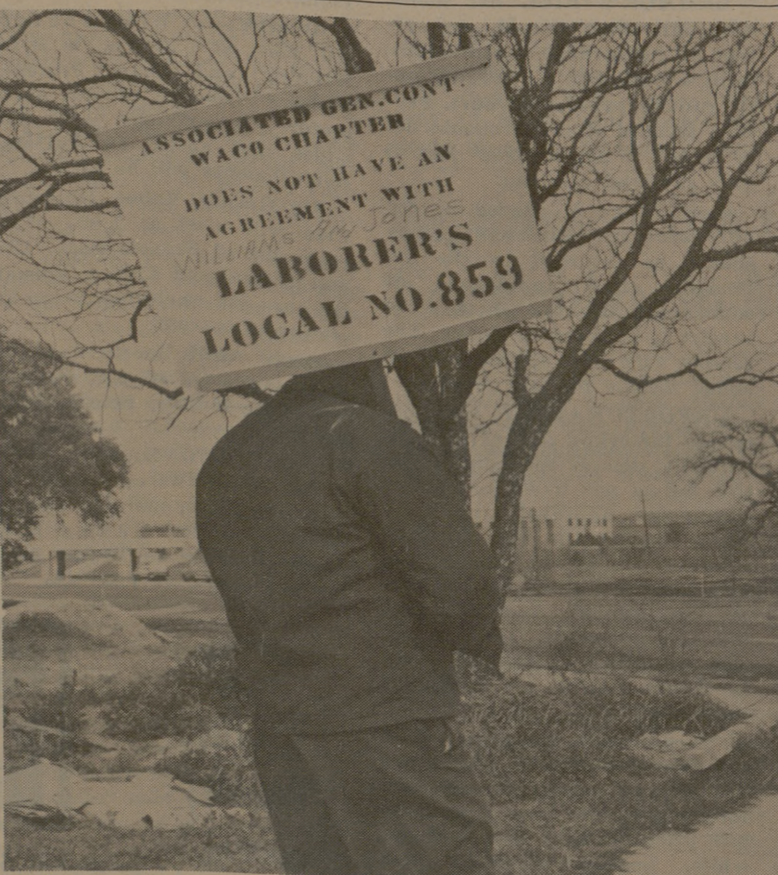
'69 License Tags On Sale At MSC

Automobile license plates are being sold again this year at the Memorial Student Center, Director J. Wayne Stark announced Monday.

The 1969 tags may be purchased until March 28 in the MSC post office area. A certificate of title and copy of 1968 registration papers will be required.

A clerk will be on duty weekdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p. m. The service is provided by the MSC for A&M students, faculty-staff and College Station residents.

VC Defends Civilian Shelling, Condemns Nixon As 'Aggressor'



LONELY VIGIL
Since last Friday Louis A. Cheek has been on patrol with his sign at the College of Veterinary Medicine west of the main campus. A spokeswoman for the Associated General Contractors in Waco said Wednesday the association's contract with the Common Laborers' Union has expired and a new one has not been negotiated. Jones and Williams Construction Co., in Waco, is constructing a state diagnostic laboratory on Texas A&M property. (Photo by Tom Curl)

Tech's World Affairs Confab Draws Issues, SCONA Delegates

Memorial Student Center Great Issues and SCONA members are representing A&M this week for a World Affairs Conference at Texas Tech.

Attending sessions on "Latin America, Past, Present and Future," today, Thursday and Friday are Ron Tefteller, Issues Series chairman; Tom Fitzhugh, Seminar Series chairman; Bill Leftwich of the Great Issues staff and Mark Haggard, Student Conference on National Affairs delegate.

Tefteller, senior agricultural economics major of Midland, said the conference will provide a learning experience on political, economic, social and agricultural outlooks of Latin America.

Presentations by Latin American ambassadors and Smithsonian Institution experts will be followed by student discussion.

WEATHER

Friday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Wind Easterly 5 to 10 mph. Becoming Northerly late afternoon 10 to 20 mph. High 64, low 41.
Saturday — Partly cloudy. Wind Northerly 10 to 20. High 61, low 39.

PARIS (AP) — The Viet Cong defended its shelling of civilian centers in South Vietnam today and made a new attack on President Nixon.

The shelling dominated the seventh session of the enlarged Vietnam peace talks at the International Conference Center. President Nixon had threatened "some response that will be appropriate" if the shelling continued, but the Viet Cong killed 25 civilians and wounded more than 70 in a rocket attack on Saigon today.

TRAN BUU KIEM, the "foreign minister" of the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front, told the American and South Vietnamese delegations: "We reaffirm once again the sacred and inalienable right to self defense of the armed forces and population of South Vietnam."

He said the U. S. and Saigon governments were making a lot of noise about events in Saigon because they had suffered "stunning defeats."

"The present situation in South Vietnam shows clearly that no maneuvers, no tricks and no threats of the United States and their lackeys can save them from defeat," Kiem said.

"IT IS TRULY an illusion to want to achieve a position of strength on the battlefield and at the conference table when one has failed, as the United States has failed, in Vietnam."

Kiem accused Nixon of threatening to "make the Vietnamese people suffer the consequences of their struggle against aggression."

He said that as long as the United States continued its war effort, "the South Vietnamese population will continue to combat aggression in accordance with its perfect right to punish the aggressors wherever they may be and at whatever moment."

Kiem charged that President Nixon is intensifying the war "while pouring out honey words of peace." He said the U. S. president's threat of a response to the shelling represented "the words of an aggressor who does not wish to be punished."

2 Colleges Set 'Career Days' This Weekend

"Career Day" programs for prospective high school students will be conducted Friday and Saturday by the Colleges of Engineering and Agriculture.

Approximately 3,000 students, teachers, counselors and parents will tour campus facilities, university officials estimate.

Many of the students will be participants in the annual state Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) conference here Friday and a practice judging session Saturday for 4-H and FFA members.

Texas A&M normally hosts an all-university Career Day in the spring, but the event has been changed to fall this year.

The College of Veterinary Medicine, however, tentatively plans a "Parents Day" and open house in May. Specific date will be determined by completion of facilities in the veterinary medicine complex.

Assistant Engineering Dean J. G. McGuire said each engineering department will have displays and representatives available to explain programs. Tours of engineering facilities will be conducted Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

The College of Agriculture will have exhibits in the Plant Sciences Building, noted Dr. R. C. Potts, associate dean of agriculture.

Judging events cover livestock, dairy cattle, dairy products, poultry, meats, pasture and range, land and land evaluation.

Houston Lawmen Catch 2 Escapees From Brazos Jail

The Houston Sheriff's Department Wednesday captured two of the four escapees from the Brazos County Jail after a three-week statewide search, according to Brazos County Sheriff J. W. Hamilton.

A third was captured in Omaha, Neb., Feb. 22.

David Wayne McEndorffer, held on charges of murder, and Del Monte Whitehurst, jailed in May on charges of accessory to murder and accessory to forgery, were captured by police on the Hempstead Highway.

Omaha police identified their prisoner as Gene Bryan, charged with burglary, Hamilton said.

Michael Chafa, the fourth escapee, is the only prisoner still at large. He was arrested Jan. 29 and charged with burglary.

The quartet escaped in the morning hours of Feb. 11 by cutting a hole in the roof of the fourth floor jail with a hacksaw blade. After crawling onto the roof, they lowered themselves to the ground with a rope made of bedsheets and mattress covers taken from their cells.

Hamilton added that an 18-year-old youth was suspected to have aided the four prisoners' escape.

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House Balks At Amendments To Campus Disruption Bill

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House members balked Wednesday at Senate changes in a bill making campus riots a crime.

Rep. Joe Shannon of Fort Worth said a Senate amendment to his college disorders bill, incorporating a recent Supreme Court decision guaranteeing the right of peaceful protests on campus, is "vague, indefinite and needs cleaning up."

The amendment was put on Shannon's bill Tuesday after senators complained of the way the bill was written when it came to the Senate after House passage.

Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas said the amendment tracked Justice Abe Fortas' opinion "word-for-word."

Shannon, Reps. Temple Dickson of Sweetwater, Jim Nugent of Kerrville, Felix McDonald of Edinburg, and Tom Bass of Houston were named as House members of a conference committee, the first of the session, on the campus bill.

Installment Due

The second installment of board payment for the spring semester is now being accepted at the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building. Payment of \$74 for seven-day plans and \$67 for five-day plans must be made by Tuesday to avoid penalty.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

System To Lose Connally Tech In Bill Before House

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee approved Wednesday a bill changing the James Connally Technical Institute to the State Technical Institute of Texas and removing it from the Texas A&M System.

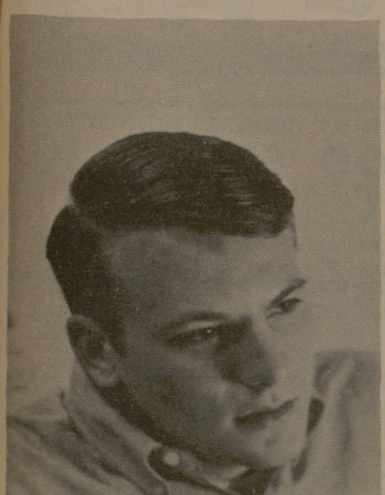
The bill originally would have renamed the school "manpower Resources System," but even the sponsors and school officials weren't enthusiastic about that.

As the measure came out of a subcommittee, the name was "Texas State Technical Institute," but this was changed after the resemblance to Texas Tech's name was noted.

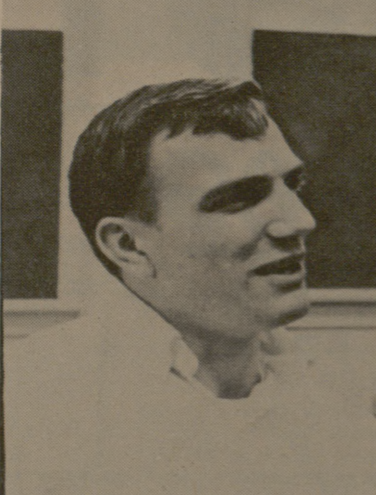
The measure also sets up a nine-member board of regents, authorizes acquisition for technical schools in the Amarillo and Harlingen areas and requires state Board of Vocational Education approval of all new programs in order to prevent undue competition with junior colleges.

The Inquiring Battman

Legislature Considers Lowering Voting Age: What's Your Opinion?



KEM DONAHO
Houston Senior
"No—I don't feel younger people are yet able to handle the responsibility entailed in voting. Their viewpoints haven't had the benefit of time to mature, and younger people are limited in their understanding of social problems."



LARRY BEREND
Wundthorst Senior
"When I was 18, I don't think I was ready to vote. On the other hand, I feel that the kids today are more informed, and if an amendment comes before the people I will vote in favor of it."



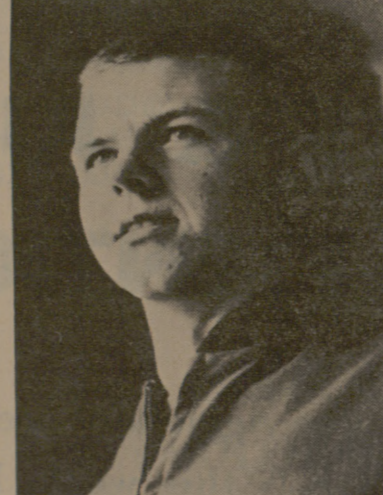
RON CHACERE
Victoria Junior
"Despite minority groups which receive the bad publicity at college campuses, today's youth are more informed in general and capable of helping to decide the future of this country. The voting age should be lowered."



LINDA CLENDENNEN
Houston Freshman
"The communication media have made it possible for the younger people to keep up with events that directly concern them more than ever before. Young people are qualified enough today to have a voice in their government."



MIKE McLENNAN
Andrews Senior
"In many cases people 18 years old are as conscientious about national affairs as older people. Some younger people will abuse the privileges, just as some older people do, but the added responsibility will result in a more mature younger generation."



DOUGLAS GIBBS
Ft. Howard, Md., Freshman
"To me, it seems that today's younger generation is now ready to take a more active interest in the political aspect of the nation. The voting age definitely should be lowered to 18."



MIKE HARDIN
Ft. Stockton Sophomore
"Yes, I used to feel that the voting age should be lowered to 18. However, after seeing the actions going on at a lot of college campuses, I'm beginning to feel the other way." (Photos by Monty Stanley)