

Baker nominated to board post

Robert W. Baker of Houston, an A&M graduate, was nominated by Gov. Preston Smith Thursday to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Baker is chairman of the board of Mercantile Bank of Houston and a former member of the Texas House and Senate.

He was nominated to replace Manuel DeBusk of Dallas, who was rejected by the Senate for the 18-member board position.

Baker, 49, is a member of the class of 1944 at Texas A&M. He worked part-time in an East Gate gas station to pay college expenses.

His education was interrupted by World War II and he graduated in 1946 with a degree in economics.

Baker served as a combat bombardier in the Army Air Force during the war. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with six clusters.

for 30 missions aboard B-24s over Germany.

Following graduation from A&M, Baker entered the University of Texas at Austin Law School and graduated in 1949.

Baker was first elected to the Texas House from Harris County in 1952 and took office in January, 1953. He served six years in the House and was elected to the Senate in 1958.

He was one of the first contributors of a \$25,000 President's Endowed Scholarship to A&M.

The scholarship was given in the memory of his father, the late Raleigh Baker of Baytown.

Mrs. Raleigh Baker lives at 105 Illinois St., Baytown.

Four Baker sons graduated from A&M. They are Orville, aerospace engineer with Bell Helicopters in Fort Worth; Billy W., a Houston builder, and Dr. Charles E., a Houston orthopedic surgeon.

Baker's oldest son, Stephen, is a junior in the Corps. Another son, Robert, attended A&M.

Baker and his wife, Iris, have three children at home: Michael Wayne, 16; Marianne, 14, and Mark, 13. The family lives at 5460 Huckleberry, Houston.

Among the nominee's honors is his selection last year for the Distinguished Non-Alumni Award from the University of Houston Alumni Federation.

He is a member of the Southwest Houston A&M Club, the A&M Century Club and the A&M and University of Texas former students associations.

Agriculture commissioner favors pesticide control

State Commissioner of Agriculture John C. White said here Wednesday night he would favor legislation restricting sales of some types of pesticides to the public—particularly the non-agricultural sector—in an effort to cut pollution.

He also said agriculture has received far too much pollution blame through use of fertilizers and bug-fighting chemicals. Some of the biggest misuses are non-agricultural.

"I feel strongly that we must not stand for any abuse of our environment and that measures should be taken to stop such abuses.

"Not all pesticides, for example, should be sold for general use. Some should be used only by licensed handlers and some only by qualified state agencies. I would support legislation establishing such restrictions," the commissioner said.

White was the main speaker for the annual A&M Agricultural Convocation attended by students and faculty in the College of Agriculture.

Purpose of the assembly is to recognize outstanding students, an honor professor, and to hear speakers on various phases of agriculture.

White said the Department of Agriculture is pollution and environment-conscious. The agency handles all pesticide formulation registrations in the state, and the chemicals are checked for label compliance.

Texas' herbicide law also is administered by the department. Use of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T is allowed only under certain conditions.

"These are examples of control measures being taken, in cooperation with Texas farmers and ranchers, to assure that proper use is made of chemicals—which if misused—might pollute our environment," the speaker pointed out.

White hit at environmental critics whom he said have attacked modern technology as the cause of pollution. He said the blame should more properly lie with "error in our workmanship."

"There are simply too many benefits offered by proper use of

modern technology to allow for indiscriminate prohibitions against proven products," he said.

The commissioner called farmers the "original environmentalists" who learned long ago they must treat nature with respect.

"I think it's unfair to suggest that farmers and ranchers have exercised anything less than care in use of production aids, such as fertilizers and pesticides," he emphasized. "Much of today's publicity concerning pollution of our environment gives so little credit to agriculture for what it does to enhance nature — and so much blame for what is wrong with the environment."

White said pesticides are "a clear benefit to society" and that much chemical misuse is non-agricultural in nature. Statistics show that nearly half of all pesticides used in the United States are around the urban home and industry.

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added to the persistent list, Greenville, Tenn.; Port Angeles, Wash.; and Allegan, Mich.

These areas generally are more spread out, rather than surrounding a major central city, but some have more than 50,000 population.

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