

Gubernatorial hopefuls reply on issues



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favor a proposal to erase all records of a first conviction after three to five years of successful probation.
2. State Income Tax.
I unequivocally oppose a state income tax, either for corporations or individuals.
John Allen Hall, Sr. Weatherford, Age 56, Inventor, Scientist, Businessman, Technologist.

List what in your opinion are the five most important features of a good constitution for Texas.
1. Workable for eventual population of 70 million people; 2. in disaster control, whether in economics, social, political, health, the elements, or population; 3. protection of trade and industry on farms and in cities; 4. structured close to federal constitution; 5. Prevent immoralities of tele-

vision or mail from invading the privacy of the home.

Would you support or oppose the following? Please explain.
1. Reducing the crime possession or marijuana to a misdemeanor. No; has little to do with the solution of the crime problem.
2. State Income Tax. No; I plan to solve unemployment enough to cut taxes.

Governor
Joseph Alton Jenkins, Irving, Age 53.
List what in your opinion are the five most important features of a good constitution for Texas.
The new Constitution should be (1) clear, (2) simple, (3) concise, (4) workable, and (5) modern. Such a constitution would save this state millions of dollars a year. Our present taxes would give us revenue and to spare, without any additional taxes being needed. We would be able to solve our water and educational problems without further burdening the taxpayer, and while improving the quality of our public service.

Would you support or oppose the following? Please explain.
1. Reducing the crime possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor. I would narrow the legal meaning of the term "possession" so as to limit it to the "pusher" or "distributors." These are the true felons who should be in the penitentiary. The law now is so broad that the "pushers," "distributors" and their victims are all caught in the same net. I would not make felons of 24% or our young people — the percentage

that admit having smoked marijuana.

2. State Income Tax.
I oppose a state income tax of any sort. It is not necessary.
Governor
Tom McElroy, Dallas, Age, 49. Attorney - Businessman.
List what in your opinion are the five most important features of a good constitution for Texas.
1. Reducing the crime of possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor. Use of marijuana should not be legalized.
2. State income tax. I am opposed to a State income tax, either corporate or personal. We already have these forms of taxes in our Federal system, and the burden even now is all we can bear.
Dave Reagan
Sherman
Educator, Age, 33
List what in your opinion are the five most important features of a good constitution for Texas.
1. A strong chief executive (four year term, budget power, and directive and removal power over the bureaucracy); 2. A legislature with substantive legisla-

tive power (as opposed to the current restrictive system that results in government by plebiscite through the constant proposal of constitutional amendments that must be voted on by the public); 3. A cabinet type of administrative organization responsible directly to the Governor (as opposed to the current decentralized system of boards and commissions); 4. Annual sessions of the Legislature (with the second session perhaps confined to budget considerations and topics opened by the Governor); 5. Requirement that the government operate on a balanced budget.
Would you support or oppose the following? Please explain.
1. Reducing the crime of possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor. I would support this on the first possession only, with the quantity carefully defined to distinguish between possession and pushing.
2. State income tax. I would oppose.

DEMOCRATS
Ben Barnes
Austin
Lt. Governor of the State of Texas, Age, 33
List what in your opinion are the five most important features of a good constitution for Texas.
It should (1) be short, with the necessary language to maintain the system of pay-as-you-go government we enjoy in Texas; (2) provide for annual sessions of the legislature; (3) vest more real powers in the office of Governor; (4) provide more flexibility for state and local governments; (5) be a workable document to respond to the needs of our citizens today.
Would you support or oppose the following? Please explain.
1. Reducing the crime of possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor. I favor establishment of a comprehensive habilitation program for drug addicts. I feel felony punishment for drug experimentation is too severe. By the same token, I believe pushers should be brought to justice and dealt with swiftly and firmly.
2. State income tax. I am opposed to a State income tax.
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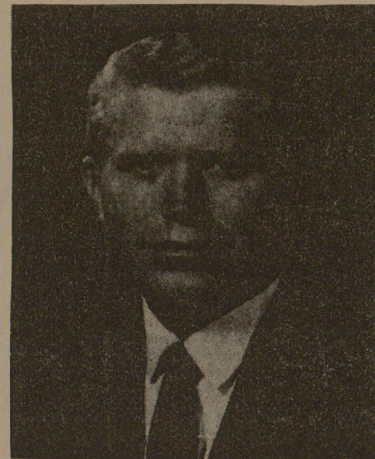
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Democratic Primary Choices

Barnes' Campaign Marked By Discussion of Issues

A POLITICAL moderate out of the John Connally mold, gubernatorial candidate Ben Barnes has displayed rare leadership abilities in his 12 years in the State Legislature, including 8 years as the presiding officer in both the House and the Senate.
Since his boyhood days in DeLeon, during which he learned the value of hard work both on his father's farm and on the gridiron (he was a player of college potential), Barnes has set goals and moved steadfastly toward accomplishing them.
He began his political career in 1960, defeating a popular opponent for a seat in the House by shaking almost every hand in his district.
When Gov. Connally appointed then-House Speaker Byron Tunnell to the Railroad Commission in a surprise move in 1965, Barnes became one of the youngest speakers in Texas' history by securing pledges of support from colleagues in a 36-hour telephone campaign.



Pragmatism has marked Barnes' approaches to solving the problems of government. If asked if he is a conservative or liberal, he might respond as Gov. Connally did to a similar inquiry, "On what issue?"
It is significant that, while his opponents have been discussing personalities, Barnes has concentrated his campaign on the issues involved in governing Texas. He has not indulged in petty criticism.
While attempts to tie him to the Sharpstown scandal have failed, rumors continue prompting this comment in one in-depth study of his career: "How ironical it was, then, that Barnes, who had worked for 12 years in government and had trained himself specifically for the governorship, might find that the innuendos and guilt by association of the scandal — although he was certainly not centrally involved and although no charges of any kind were filed against him — would form the greatest threat yet to his remarkable career."

The Dallas Morning News

For Governor: Ben Barnes

FOR GOVERNOR, The Dallas News endorses Ben Barnes of Comanche County who rose from the obscurity of a peanut farm to become, before 30, one of the nation's outstanding state officials.
Former speaker of the House and now presiding officer of the State Senate in his second term as lieutenant governor, Barnes is clearly superior in these criteria which this newspaper set in considering the candidates: Knowledge of state government; proved legislative and executive ability; sound political philosophy; personal integrity and voting record.
We agree with the assessment of former Gov. John Connally, now secretary of the Treasury, who declared April 14 in Fort Worth: "I

have no question about his integrity and ability and resent attempts to smear Ben Barnes with the brush of guilt by association."
Barnes has been the strongest candidate to push for constitutional revision, for a sounder and less punitive tax base, for changes in legislative rules which would limit power of the dictatorial 10-man conference committees.
He was the first candidate to attack welfare abuses and recommend remedies which would weed out the cheaters and help those truly in need.
As lieutenant governor, he helped conceive and push the strongest ethics bill among the nation's 50 states, only to see it watered down by opponents. Long

before Sharpstown, he advocated reforms which could help prevent these periodic indiscretions.
In 1970 he was named by the National Jaycees as one of the top 10 young men in America. And in that same year he brought himself and Texas unusual distinction by being chosen president of the National Legislative Conference — an organization of legislative leaders in the 50 states.
His list of achievements is long. But to the Texas voter, this single recommendation in The News' opinion is most important: Ben Barnes more than any other candidate has the youth, the vigor, the talent, the knowledgeability to lead this state in the critical 1970s. He is not a status quo man. He dreams and builds for a better Texas.

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