

UH Law Dean, Waco Congressman Speak

Local Officials Said To Be Corruption Free

The questions of corruption and fraud in government are paramount concerns today, yet at the local government level, county and district clerks are free of this blemish, Dr. John B. Neibel said here Wednesday.

Neibel, dean of the University of Houston Law School, said, "the integrity of this group of local

government officials is beyond reproach." He added that he had heard many praises for the dedicated work they are performing.

Neibel, the keynote for the first conference of County and District Clerks at A&M, told the 300 participants from across the state that "like many professional groups, you are here to learn how you can best use new techniques and management practices to do a more effective job."

"Today's elected officials have a tremendous challenge ahead to understand fully many of the newer issues, such as land use and zoning," said Dr. John E. Hutchison, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Davis Grant, general counsel for the State Bar of Texas, led a discussion on what constitutes the practice of law.

"Basically, the constitution,

statutes and common laws all must be understood and dealt with, and sometimes there are gray areas which require additional study," he said.

In another meeting on Tuesday, Congressman Bob Poage of Waco, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, used such terms as "low blow" and "fraud" to describe the Nixon administration's recent budget cuts and termination of some long-established farm programs.

He said the President's "bulldozer has been tearing down some fences" and demonstrating the administration's "apparent disregard for rural areas." The action, he pointed out, has disturbed many Republicans as well as the Democrats.

The Tuesday meeting was the 21st annual Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial

Bankers with discussions centering on the theme "New Dimensions in Agriculture Finance."

Poage spoke to about 200 persons saying the Bureau of the Budget behaves as though it has "no compromise of rural affairs."

"The administration is making too much upon itself in taking the decisions to make the cuts. These decisions should be left to the Congress," Poage said.

Poage sharply denounced the President's termination of the Rural Environment Assistance Program (REAP), a descendent of the old Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) that dates back to the 1930s. He said the plan has helped in pond construction, terracing, reforestation and all-round soil conservation.

Then he discussed the ending of the Emergency Disaster Loan Program, a system providing low

cost loans. The congressman described its demise as a "low blow."

There are no more two per cent REA loans. Poage said the service has been shifted to the Farmers Home Administration and the interest boosted to five per cent.

The congressman was especially critical of the administration's revenue sharing program, which he called a fraud.

Money taken from farm programs is going to non-farm activities "which decreases productive ability of the nation's agriculture and this is a dangerous thing," said the representative.

"The destiny of this world will depend upon the welfare of the American farmer," Poage said.

Poage emphasized the word American.

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Students will also lobby Congressmen to open the highway trust fund for mass transit and bicycle paths and allow voter registration by mail.

Information on attending the conference is available from NSL, 413 E. Capitol St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, (202)547-5501.

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Pawnbroker Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

By TED BORISKIE

A pawn shop is called everything from legal thievery to a public service.

"Most people come in here saying they've never been in a pawn shop and are wondering what one looked like," said A. V. Pinson, operator of Texas State Credit Co. and pawn shop. "I had never been in one until I opened this place up."

Texas State Credit, Bryan-College Station's first pawn shop, is celebrating its second anniversary in the pawnbroking business.

"It's hard to keep a place like this open at first," said Pinson. "For the first year, you don't make any money at all. You spend the first few months doing nothing but buying, just so you'll have something on the shelves to sell."

In order to obtain a license, a pawn shop must have \$25,000 in

ready cash and must maintain that amount or be subject to losing its license.

To handle firearms, a pawn shop must obtain a federal firearms license. The pawnbroker must undergo a credit and character investigation and submit to an inspection by the Treasury Department once a month.

The sales records must be open to all branches of law enforcement, state and federal.

Pinson's shop differs greatly from the pawn shops in the big cities where the pawnbrokers are generally located in the seedier part of town. It is not uncommon to find a shop with the door locked and steel bars in the windows. To enter, one must gain the attention of the pawnbroker who then pushes a buzzer unlocking the door. He is sometimes found sitting in a cage-like office and all transactions are handled through a small window.

"Since we have no crime problem here, we're able to maintain a friendlier atmosphere," said Pinson. "People like to come in here. They know the best place in the world to find a bargain is in a pawn shop."

"It sure is hard to start a pawn shop if you don't know anything about running one. You have to familiarize yourself with the price ranges of all sorts of items and all the brand names. For the first year I did practically nothing but read catalogues."

"You've also got to be able to tell a real diamond from a fake. You learn that from experience and that I learned the hard way."

His most popular items, both in buying and selling, are firearms, jewelry, tools and sound equipment. Musical instruments do not sell as well here as in the

bigger cities.

"People seem to think I should be doing good business off the students," he said. "The students here won't sell much. They tend to buy more than they sell."

People pawn their possessions for a number of reasons, but whatever the reason, they usually need cash in a hurry.

"I remember reading a story about a little old lady in New York who had her purse snatched," said Pinson. "She lived across town and was really desperate to find a way to get home. She pawned her watch for enough money to get home and came back the next day and got it back."

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

Bryan Community Band will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Stephen F. Austin Band Room. Anyone who can play a musical instrument is invited to join.

San Angelo-West Texas Home-town Club will have its picture for the Aggeland taken at 7:30 p.m. in Lounge F.

A&M Collegiate Horseman's Association will hear Dr. William McMullan speak on first aid for horseowners at 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, Animal Industries Building.

MSC Radio Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Junior Class will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 804 of the Physics Building to discuss plans for the class ball. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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