

Five in governor race

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right of women to abortion, dignity benefits, free childcare and equal pay for equal work. Blacks and Chicanos should control all institutions in their communities—schools, housing, medical care, transportation and police. End police brutality and harassment of Blacks and Chicanos, remove all police from these communities. For a large corporate tax and a 100% tax on all incomes over \$30,000 to pay for free medical care, education through college, mass transit.

Do you support a comprehensive land use program for Texas? If initiated, how should it be implemented?

Land use is determined by the private monopolies like Gulf, Shell and Goodyear who pollute our land and water. They should be taxed 50% of their profits to clean up the environment, and should be controlled, under threat of confiscation, to install pollution control equipment and to meet the standards set and enforced by committees of users and consumers.

Do you think present state laws on campaign contributions and expenditures need improvement? Explain.

The Socialist Workers Campaign, in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union, is challenging the Texas Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1973. We are trying to turn over the list of our contributors because we have proof of the government bugs, taps, interrogates, fires from government employment and otherwise harasses supporters of our campaigns. These campaigns violate our constitutional rights and do not change the fact that big business controls the political decision making in this country.

Describe your commitment to equal educational opportunity for all.

We oppose discriminatory property taxes as a means of supporting schools, and call for a crash program in state and federal funds to provide more teachers and smaller classrooms, bilingual education, community control of funds and curriculum in schools in Black and Chicano neighborhoods, an end to wasteful educational materials and books, and an end to corporal punishment.

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RAMSEY MUNIZ, Corpus Christi
Age 31 Raza Unida

Please describe your training and experience that contribute to your qualifications for this office.

My decision to seek the governorship was based on a great many considerations. I'm a graduate of the Corpus Christi Public Schools, Baylor University, and Baylor School of Law, and I've lived and worked in Texas all my life. Although I am an attorney, I feel my greatest qualification is that I am an average and unexempted taxpayer, whose family knows and feels the pinch of today's prices. Our campaign is not an ordinary one. It is made up of many people who are

contributing in time and money in an effort to bring a new political alternative to the tired politics we have all grown so accustomed to.

Not being professional politicians, our campaign depends on people and not on large contributors. We are independent and able to speak freely about the issues.

2. What issues prompted you to run for this office this year? Please list in order of priority.

5. Describe your commitment to equal educational opportunity for Texans.

(Combined Answer) Of the many pressing problems, foremost is the issue of proper financing of our public schools. We're told that we've had no new taxes, but in the last two years many local school districts have had to raise taxes to make ends meet. Now schools are having to borrow money, not for building but for basic operation. All the while there are over three hundred million dollars sitting unappropriated in the treasury.

I feel a special commitment to providing each child in Texas the best education suited to the special needs of that child and political considerations should not get in the way. Still, elected officials should know that homeowners are already overtaxed, and more increases here should be avoided, whether they are local or state taxes.

It's time we taxed corporation profits, joining 46 other states that do, and it's time we taxed all property fairly. Big landowners and corporations paid their share.

We should also consider how we govern utilities systems. Today, gas, electricity, water, and telephones are necessities and yet the companies that provide these are almost totally unregulated. We need a consumer-oriented utility regulatory agency, with power to control these big firms. Citizens shouldn't be at the mercy of the utility company and rates should not be so easily raised.

Many of these problems might be solved indirectly with strict regulation of political activities. As things are, Texas is a money politics state, and the big contributors have undue influence. The greatest lesson Sharpestown and Watergate should have taught us is that big money can be corruptive.

3. Do you support a comprehensive land use program for Texas? If initiated, how should it be implemented?

No answer submitted.

4. Do you think present state laws on campaign contributions and expenditures need improvement? Explain.

We need to control the amount and source of political contributions, and set maximums to be spent in all offices. I proposed such a limit to my opponents in January because I felt we could meet and agree on a maximum amount each of us could spend without waiting for laws to force us to do so. Neither of them responded.

Big money is not a necessary evil of political campaigns and I proved it in 1972, getting over a quarter of a million votes and spending less than half a cent per vote. Both opponents

spent in excess of a million dollars, or upwards of a dollar per vote.

We can change politics by becoming involved and bringing about the needed changes. Our campaign is about that, bringing people together to work for a better future. We hope you will join us.

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S. W. (SAM) McDONNELL, Dallas
Age 50 American

1. Please describe your training and experience that contribute to your qualifications for this office.

Education: B.A. degree, major Business Administration, College of the Pacific, Stockton Calif., 1950; M.A. degree, major Industrial Administration, A.F.I.T., Dayton Ohio, 1954.

Military Service: Fourteen years active duty in U. S. Air Force, including 88 combat missions in Pacific Theater WWII. Highest rank held, Major. Positions held include, Sqdn. Operations Officer, Sqdn. Adjutant, Sqdn. Executive Officer, Sqdn. Commander, Director of Procurement Officer, Military Training includes Pilot training, Pilot Instructor school, Instrument Flying Instructor school, and Command and Staff school.

Business Experience: Have participated in the organization and operation of five small business ventures since leaving the Air Force in 1960. These include light manufacturing, wholesale, retail, and corporations paid their share.

Other: Longtime student and occasional lecturer on Government and Money.

2. What issues prompted you to run for this office this year? Please list in order of priority.

The age-old struggle of the individual citizen to retain his freedom of action vs. the efforts of his Rulers to control his actions has swung too far in favor of Government control. There is an urgent necessity to return more freedom of action to the individual citizen. This can only be done by cutting the size and power of government, particularly at the federal and state levels. All apparent or so-called "issues" are a part of this underlying problem, and will be involved in swinging the balance of this basic problem one way or the other.

3. Do you support a comprehensive land use program for Texas? If initiated, how should it be implemented?

Land use should be a matter of local decision. Federal laws, or federally manipulated state laws of this type will further increase the power of government to control the individual citizen and decrease his freedom of action.

4. Do you think present state laws on campaign contributions and expenditures need improvement? Explain.

The problem will not be solved by stricter laws on contributions and campaigns. Men don't often follow the laws of this type that are now on the books. The result is unfair penalties for the few honest men who do try to follow the law to the letter. The solution to this problem lies in cutting back the size and power of government so that elective office offers less potential for exploitation of private citizens, thus making it worth less in terms of money and effort to gain such elective offices.

He has a one-man show

By STEVE GRAY
Staff Writer

Bill Elkins, county treasurer, runs a one-man show. Not even a secretary occupies his office.

Elkins, 52, is unopposed for reelection in the Nov. 5 elections. He has been county treasurer since January, 1953 after defeating Jewel Covington.

Elkins is confined to a wheelchair much of the time as the result of an auto accident in 1949. He is paralyzed from just below the chest and down.

But he said that doesn't prevent him from doing his job.

"I can drive, fish and do just about anything I want to," he said.

Elkins' duties involve the handling of county funds and keeping records for 28 accounts.

According to Elkins, "that's a big job."

"I don't believe the commissioners court realizes the amount of

work that is done in this office," Elkins said.

"I could use a secretary to help me with my correspondence but I'd rather handle the books myself."

Elkins said he asked commissioners court for additional office help in January. No immediate action was taken on that request.

"I've looked at a copy of the proposed 1975 county budget and I noticed that \$500 has been allocated for extra help in my office if I want it," he said.

Elkins said, however, he doubts that he'll use the money.

"I don't think there's anyone that I could hire at \$500 a year to work as a secretary in my office. That's just not much of a salary," he said.

Elkins makes \$10,200 a year, compared with \$12,000 annually for several other principal county officials.

County employees receiving \$12,000 yearly include the county

tax assessor-collector, county attorney, county clerk, county commissioners, sheriff and the county auditor.

County Judge William R. Vance receives an annual salary of \$13,500.

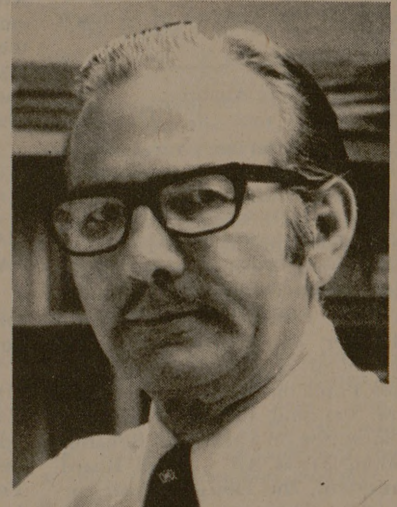
Elkins said he made several changes when he first took over the county treasurer's office.

"Back in 1953 it really wasn't much of an office. It turned out I ended up going to some of the other county offices and transferring a lot of records that should have been in the county treasurer's office in the first place," he said.

"Now I have just about everything I need at hand and don't have to go from office to office to check various records," Elkins said.

Elkins came to Bryan in December, 1945 after serving three years in the Navy. He worked for Southern Life Insurance Co. and CIT Finance Co., both in Bryan, for

several years prior to his accident. He and his wife, Helen, live at 2204 Wilkes.



BILL ELKINS

Boriskie 'talked into' County Clerk post

By ROXIE HEARN
Staff Writer

Seven years ago Frank Boriskie was talked into running against two others for the office of County Clerk.

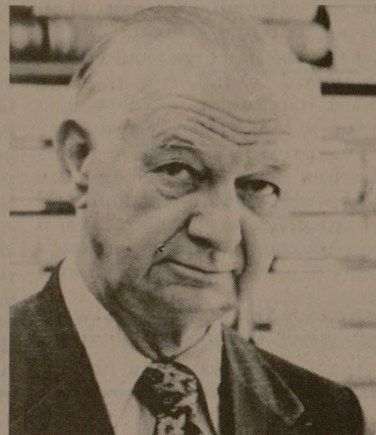
He won and hasn't faced an opponent since. He remains unopposed as the democratic candidate for reelection Nov. 5.

Sixteen years of managing a grocery store, according to Boriskie, helped qualify him for his job as record-keeper of the county. He had been with the store 10 years before becoming manager.

There are no specified qualifications for the job.

Boriskie's position involves keeping records of all types of transactions in Brazos County.

"Let's say you bought a house and brought the deed in to record it," he said. "It's checked eight or nine times before it's finally given a vol-



FRANK BORISKIE

ume number, page number and is microfilmed."

His office records all births, deaths, marriages, deeds, military discharges, official bonds, contracts and court records.

It also records assumed names, condemnations, names of mentally ill persons, mortician licenses, polygraph operator licenses, optometrist licenses and beer licenses.

As county clerk, Boriskie also has a role in preparing for elections. He supplies ballot boxes and computer cards used at the polls.

The county clerk's salary increased from \$9,000 to \$12,000 in 1970, reported Boriskie. He holds no other job.

Boriskie runs an office with one part time and five regular employees.

Ruth McLeod, chief deputy clerk, spoke of Boriskie as an "easy man to work for."

"We're all married and have families. Sometimes family difficulties arise and he's willing to go along with the problem," McLeod said.

McLeod has worked for Boriskie as long as he's been in office and has "no regrets" about the years. "He seems to have a feeling for his employees," she said.

Ruby Heine, a deputy clerk of the office, added further praise. "I've worked all my life and I've never had a boss like this before. He's the greatest person in the world to work for," she said.

Born and reared in the Bryan-College Station area, Boriskie lives at 1417 E. 29th in Bryan, has been married 34 years and has three daughters.

Burley unopposed for District Clerk

By ROXIE HEARN
Staff Writer

District Clerk W. D. (Davis) Burley has been in government service for 22 years and plans to add at least two more.

Burley, who is up for re-election Nov. 5 unopposed, began as veterans' adviser for Brazos County, a post he held for 10 years.

He then became chief deputy in the Brazos County tax assessor-collector's office for four years. Following that, he was elected to his present position.

He is completing his third term of office.

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DAVIS BURLEY

As district clerk, Burley files all civil, divorce, felony, juvenile and dependent and neglected (D&N) children cases.

"We're the official custodian of all district court proceedings," he explained.

The final stages of passport applications are also prepared by the district clerk's office, in addition to assisting Immigration and Naturalization services by preparing certificates and keeping them on file.

Burley also added that in divorce cases with minor children involved, in which the father must pay support payments, the district clerk's office receives and disperses all moneys involved. Last year \$310,000 came through his office.

Burley, 55, first took office on Jan. 1, 1963 when he defeated three opponents for the position. He has faced no opposition since.

The district clerk is aided by three full-time deputies and draws a \$12,000 salary.

Two goals are sought by his office, Burley reports.

"First, to keep and maintain the records of the 85th District Court, which includes juvenile courts, accurately and efficiently in accordance with the law.

"Second, to treat everyone who has business with the District Court's office courteously, promptly and efficiently to the end that they might at all times feel welcome."

A native of Brazos County, Burley lives with his wife, Edelweiss, at 1704 Woodland Dr. in Bryan.

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