

Schoolboard workshops scheduled

The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill which would discontinue state funding of county school administrative offices. The bill, HB 226, would go into effect after August 31, 1977, thus allowing those presently in office to finish the terms to which they were elected.

State Representative Bill Presnal of Bryan said in a press release, "County school administrative offices were initially created by statute at the same time when Texas first embarked upon a program of establishing publicly financed school systems. At that time, there was a definite need for a coordinating arm within the counties to get the individual school districts started. Over the years, however, the individual school districts have taken on more and more authority previously granted to the county school boards."

Presnal went on to say that by discontinuing state funding of these offices, the state will be able to re-allocate some \$3.4 million annually across the state to other public school needs. These funds have previously been required to operate county school administrative offices.

Counties will still have the option of retaining their county school officers, provided they are willing to pay their salaries.

Brazos County School Superintendent Jack Streetman receives \$14,136 annually in salary. Although there are no county schools as such, Streetman is in charge of directing adult education courses in the county.

Former fed hits press over CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former FBI agent criticized the press Monday, saying it focused attention on alleged domestic wrong doings by the CIA while failing to investigate the operations of Soviet spies in the United States.

"You'll find much more domestic surveillance and invasion of privacy" at the Soviet embassy in Washington, Sam J. Papich told reporters after testifying before the Rockefeller Commission.

Asked if he knew that KGB agents have bugged American citizens, Papich, who for 18 years handled liaison with the CIA, replied "of course, I'm satisfied of that." He refused to elaborate.

The Rockefeller Commission also questioned briefly FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley and William O. Cregar, who also handled CIA liaison, but neither man would comment to reporters.

Following the commission's 11th weekly session, Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller confirmed that he would ask President Ford for an extension of several weeks in the panel's April 4 reporting deadline.

Asked if the commission planned to look into the CIA's salvaging of a sunken Soviet sub, Rockefeller replied that "all activities that relate to domestic activities of CIA all fall within our jurisdiction."

HouseWAVE makes waves over new order

MEMPHIS (AP) — Newlywed Dianna Farmer bade her husband a tearful goodbye Tuesday morning and departed for a new Navy assignment, hoping they will be reunited soon.

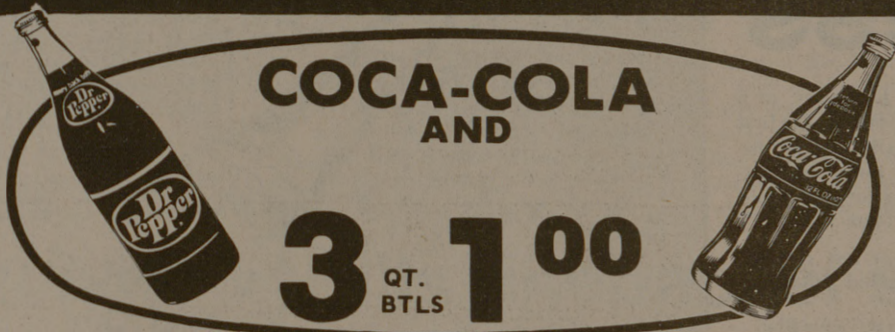
"She really didn't want to go, but it was the only logical thing to do," said her husband, Jim, 26, a parachute rigger in the Naval Air Reserve who is stationed at the Memphis Naval Air Station.

He and Mrs. Farmer, 19, who is a WAVE, thought they would be allowed to serve at the same base when they were married a month ago. But she later received orders to report to a base at Kingsville, Tex., on Thursday.

They have enlisted the help of Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., in trying to persuade Naval authorities to change her orders and give them an assignment together. They hope to hear something within a month. "The last couple of days have really been rough for her," Farmer said. "We're expecting the worst and hoping for the best."

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