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ical education and programs which fit all student's needs, fiscal responsibility to assist taxpayers in getting full use of the tax dollars, fair and equal property taxation.

Should the curriculum be expanded on both the elementary and secondary levels? What courses should be included?

The curriculum will have to be expanded because of a new federal program for the education of the handicapped. It's a new federal-state program. As of October of this year, the schools will have to start educating their own handicapped children. It should be educating our own handicapped.

Think that with our present tax system, as long as they have an ad valorem tax, we are just going to try to try and maintain what programs we have and strengthen the facilities of those.

Do you approve of corporal punishment? In what cases should corporal punishment be used?

It is absolutely necessary. I think you can reason with most students and have a constructive type discipline. There are times when a person is just completely unruly and irrational. Then I think the teacher might have to take steps and should be the teacher's decision.

Do you use transactional analysis in all your classes and with my children? It is very rare indeed, that I use any kind of punishment. Transactional analysis goes into the child-parent relationships. I try to talk to them on certain terms, communicate, and reason with them. This really works well. Have you been satisfied with the performance of the current school year? If not, why?

I think they have been doing a very good job. I think our school got a good education system going right now. I'm mainly running on a pro-school basis. I have no axes to grind. I just want to support what we have and then strengthen it and raise the quality standards of the education.

We are above the national average in all of the skills — math, science, I would like to see us get

quite a bit above the national average.

Do you think the present overcrowdedness will be alleviated with last year's bond election, or is more construction needed?

I think the schools are trying to maintain 25 (students) to 1 (teacher) right now. If we keep growing, there has definitely got to be more facilities. There is no way you can get around it. In a few years from now there may have to be another school out south of town. That depends on the growth rate.

Do you support continued development of vocational programs?

Very definitely. There are so many students now that don't feel college is important and they don't intend to go to college. I think we have ignored, to some degree, that group of students. I would like to see the vocational building that is under planning right now, be completed and completely equipped.

What are your thoughts on future programs for students with learning disabilities and accelerated students?

With the learning disabilities, they are developing those programs now. They will be starting in kindergarten and pre-kindergarten testing students so that they can catch learning disabilities before they get into first grade. Then there will be a continued strengthening of that program because of the federal-state mandates.

The accelerated students have existing programs that need support and strengthening. I'm currently aware of the programs they have and I teach related problem solving courses at TAMU. I've taught problem solving in a graduate computer course, architecture, and environmental design. It is helping to develop each person to think for himself and find out where his own abilities lie. This is directly related to the "Talents Unlimited" programs at A&M Consolidated.

What do you plan to do about improving the maintenance of physical facilities?

That is a problem. If you go over to Middle School, there is a mud slide area. With my background in architecture I propose to support the solving of the erosion and maintenance problem. There is little site planning and that is why a lot

of the erosion is happening.

I would like, if we could get the Landscape Architecture Department to work with us, to work out a master plan. Possibly we can get some parent involvement where we could have days of the year designated to plant trees and shrubs.

We could probably get some free trees from the state as long as we are using them on state property. There are some pretty barren and desolate campuses and there is no need for it.

What do you think could be done to improve the safety and quality of present playground facilities?

I have been working for the last four years on playgrounds. My environmental design students have provided playgrounds to College Hills and South Knoll. They asked us to assist them because the playground facilities are almost nonexistent. They were pretty much freebie-type playgrounds in that we used railroad ties, telephone poles and a whole series of donated things.

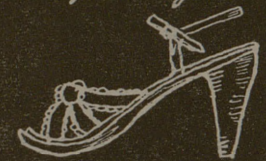
My master's is social and behavioral factors in architecture. We go into the perception of the child and how he uses the playground. We also consult with human-factors engineers and professors in physical education at TAMU.

How do you feel about current taxation methods and how do you feel it could be improved?

The ad valorem tax is an unfair tax. It is not a very equitable way to tax anybody. The California Supreme Court just threw out the ad valorem tax as a way to raise school funds in the state of California.

I am supporting the five per cent tax on petroleum that is in the hopper right now in the Senate. That would be taxing at the refinery. Since 70 per cent of all those products are used out of state, that would mean the other states would be paying for our education system.

The tax question will be handled at the state level. At the local level we must have fiscal responsibility in the budget and experienced handling of the buildings in the bond issue.

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