

Amusement park owner says appraisal too high

By STEVE MAYER

A difference of approximately \$900,000 in property assessment values has prompted Don R. Dale, president of Dondaco Inc., to file suit against the A&M Consolidated Board of Equalization. Dale is a former College Station city councilman.

The suit, filed last Thursday,

claims the board made an unfair assessment of property he owns in the Consolidated school district.

Dale said the property, Pooh's Park and several tracts on Holleman Drive, should be assessed at \$441,956. The equalization board placed the value at \$1,342,850.

The College Station Tax Assessor's Office assesses it at approx-

imately \$422,000. However, a spokesman for the office said the Dale property has not been reappraised since 1975.

The \$1,342,850 figure given by the A&M Consolidated tax office and the equalization board was a result of a reappraisal of all properties in College Station during the past year, the spokesman said.

The suit was filed under a new Texas statute which places the burden of proof of the assessment's accuracy on the equalization board, rather than the taxpayer.

Dale said he believes there could be an abundance of tax suits against the equalization board because of the statute and "if taxes remain the same."

Dale is represented by the College Station law firm of Goode, Hoelscher & Lipsey. A court date for the case has not been set.

Prince Charles intrigued by Alamo

SAN ANTONIO — Prince Charles ended his three-day tour of Texas Tuesday by honoring the 187 Texas heroes who died during the Battle of the Alamo.

"I found my visit to the Alamo fascinating and intriguing," Charles said. "I've always wondered from childhood where the frontier was that Davy Crockett was supposed to be king of. And now I've discovered it right here."

Charles placed a wreath of yellow and red chrysantheums outside the structure in honor of the 187 persons who died when Mexican General Santa Anna's 1,500 troops overran the mission during Texas' struggle for independence.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe lunched on traditional Mexican dishes with Charles and told the prince, "Today you've come to the heart and soul of Texas, unique and beautiful San Antonio, the cradle of Texas liberty."

Charles spent three hours in the south Texas city. A crowd of 10,000 persons gathered at Alamo Plaza and lined the sidewalks and beautiful river walk — the canal system through the downtown area which is bordered by shops, restaurants and tropical plants.

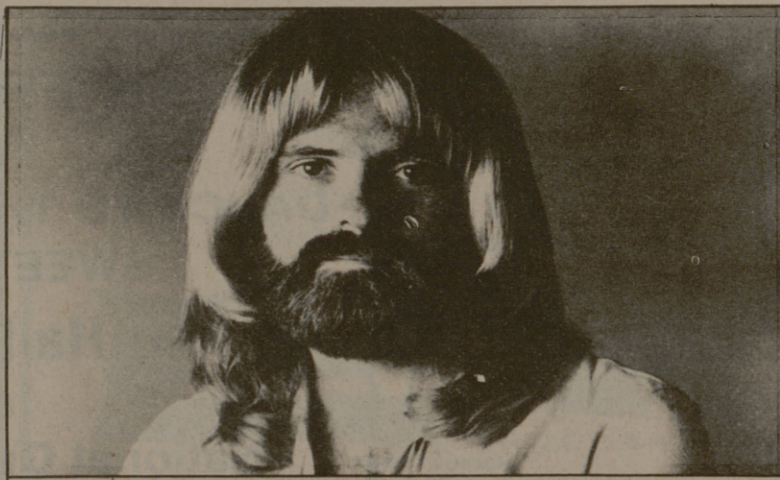
"I couldn't have been made more welcome," Charles said of his trip. "I wish I had a few more days to spend. I shall look forward to coming back, if I'm invited."

The prince did experience one of the hazards of eating hot peppers — he burned his throat — but said laughing, "The memory of this delicious hot food shall remain with

me for a long time." Charles spent Sunday at the ranch of Anne Armstrong, former ambassador to Great Britain. Monday, the prince went on a tour of the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

campus activities

Thursday
Peace Corps & VISTA, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Placement office in Rudder
College of Engineering, The Ekofisk Project, computer short course, 10 a.m., 203 Zachry
Department of Civil Engineering, seminar on "Wood — A Modern Structural Material, 1:30 p.m., MSC Ballroom
TAMU Polo Club, practice and tryouts, 4:30 p.m., polo field at East Gate
El Paso Hometown Club, 7:30 p.m., 141 MSC
Dance Arts Society, modern and jazz, 7:30 p.m., 260 G. Rollie White
Friday
Venezuelan Student Association, "The Venezuelan Agricultural Crisis" 7 p.m., 308 Rudder
ASC/AIA, 8 p.m., Architecture Bldg. auditorium
TAMU Polo Club, 4:30 p.m., eastgate polo field. Practice and try-outs.
Saturday
Men's Soccer Team vs. Lamar, 10 a.m., intramural complex across Wellborn Road
Sunday
All Aggie Horse Show, \$2 entry fee per class, 10 p.m., Equestrian Center
Men's Soccer Team vs. U. of H., 2 p.m., intramural complex across Wellborn Road
Chess Committee, 6 p.m., 302 Rudder
Monday
RHA Halloween Costume Dinner, trick-treating, 5 p.m., Commons and 6 p.m., Sbsa



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