

One Bryan school spot contested



RONALD HOLMES

Holmes — Position 6

NAME: Ronald Holmes
 RACE: Position 6
 Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Ph.D. from Rice, 7-year resident of Bryan, 38 years old.

What is your opinion on: a school board member's responsibility to his electorate?

The purpose of the school system is to provide educational opportunities for all of Bryan. It is the responsibility of the school board member to keep close watch on the educational programs of the schools to insure that they are the highest possible quality. Expenditures must be watched carefully to insure maximum educational benefit for each dollar spent. If these objectives

are not being met, he should inform the electorate of this.

a school board member's responsibility to the school system?

(1) The school board member should be a public advocate for the schools and their educational programs. (2) The school board member must support discipline in the schools. Recently there has been such a lack of discipline in some of the Bryan schools that students and teachers have been physically assaulted. (3) The school board member should communicate regularly with the teachers in order to know first hand the true situation in the schools.

a pay raise for Bryan teachers?
 Both my parents and my wife were public school teachers. I know a family can hardly live on one

teacher's salary and two gives very little extra. Furthermore, if the Bryan schools are to have top quality in their programs, we must attract the best teachers. Bryan must be competitive with College Station. We currently are not. If funds can be made available, a teacher's pay raise should rate high priority.

the proposal to combine city and school district tax offices?

It is estimated that the Bryan School District could save over \$100,000 per year by eliminating its separate tax office. This justifies the change to a combined tax office. Furthermore, the combined office should give more equitable appraisals. Having a separate school tax office may give members of the school board unfair influence over the ap-

praisal of property they have a special interest in. I favor the offices.

What are your pet projects, any?

My concern is for the possible educational programs for the young people of Bryan. College preparatory programs below average for a school size and must be improved. This can be done without reducing the quality of other programs which are stronger. The teachers' stronger administrative background particularly in the areas of discipline and grading.

Stegall — Position 6

NAME: James W. Stegall
 RACE: Position 6
 Trust Banking, Ph.D. from Texas A&M, two-term incumbent, 24-year resident of Bryan, 50 years old.

What is your opinion on: a school board member's responsibility to his electorate?

To make the very best educational use of every tax dollar.

a school board member's responsibility to the school system?

To provide the very best educational environment possible in each classroom and each school.

a pay raise for Bryan teachers?
 Salary increases for teachers is of the utmost importance in our state and



JAMES W. STEGALL

the Bryan School District. Inflation is a prime consideration. Keeping good teachers is another.

the proposal to combine city and school district tax offices?

Combining tax offices in Bryan has not been proposed. In fact they have just been separated. Combining property appraisal functions has been proposed. Any combining must be analyzed as to tax savings versus keeping responsibility in the hands of elected officials.

What are your pet projects, any?

I have no pet projects. A balanced educational program is my goal.

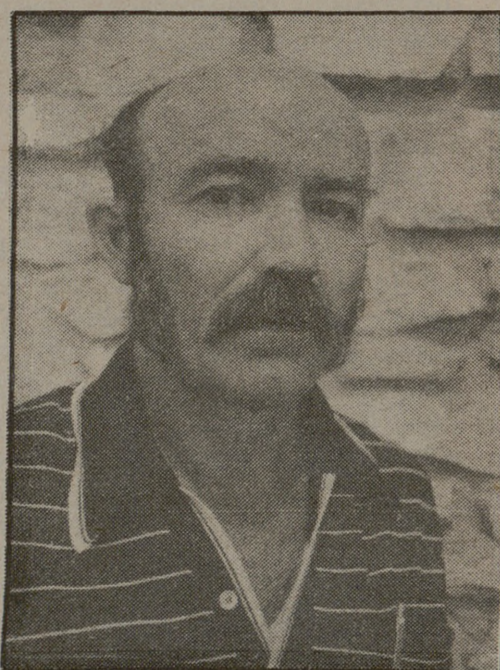
Bryan — Position

NAME: Travis B. Bryan Jr.
 RACE: Position 7 (unopposed)
 Banker, Texas A&M, incumbent since 1971, 56-year resident of Bryan, 56 years old.



TRAVIS B. BRYAN

Three Bryan council places open



SPARKEY M. HARDEE

NAME: Sparkey M. Hardee
 RACE: Place 5
 Self-employed, B.A. Business Administration from Texas A&M, 10-year resident of Bryan, 38 years old.

Should Bryan keep the 1-cent city sales tax on utility bills? Why?

No, it should be removed. We pay far too much for just the utilities.

Should the city and school district tax offices be combined?

Yes, they should be combined. Duplication in government agencies is costing us thousands of dollars annually and removing control of government from the people. We must

and can consolidate government, reduce its cost and improve its service to the citizen.

What do you think of civil service for police and firemen?

I am in favor of more pay, better benefits, good job security and I believe civil service would be a strong step in this direction. In emergency situations such as fire, robbery, or other threats to our lives and property, we truly need a professional. We must do something to prevent losing our dedicated firemen and police officers to other cities and other employers.

Should Bryan have a private ambulance service, a city service, or cooperate in a county wide service? Why?

I would be in favor of an ambulance service operated by the fire department. We must have excellent ambulance service at an affordable price for all our people, and strongly believe our present council is merely forestalling the inevitable. Their patchwork methods have given us four different ambulance services in the past five years.

What are your pet projects, any?

I have seven pet children, two females and five males. I have a wonderful red-haired wife whom I address as pet. We have two pet dogs, one cat, six roosters, 14 pullets which will soon be former pets, as they are gaining weight daily. My pet project outside the home is working with the handicapped and elderly.



WAYNE GIBSON

Should the city and school district tax offices be combined?

I personally favor, and have reported, combining the tax offices of all the taxing unities in Bryan County. There are some problems in such a situation, but the savings to the taxpayer are significant.

What do you think of civil service for police and firemen?

I am opposed to civil service as a principle. The biggest drawback I see it, is that the system rewards mediocrity while penalizing quality performance. The fallacy of the system is that it insures better pay and working conditions for both firemen and police. This is just not so.

Should Bryan have a private ambulance service, a city service, or cooperate in a county wide service? Why?

I voted for the city to have an ambulance service for two years. First because of the cost, second in the interest of providing good quality continuing service to our citizens.

What are your pet projects, any?

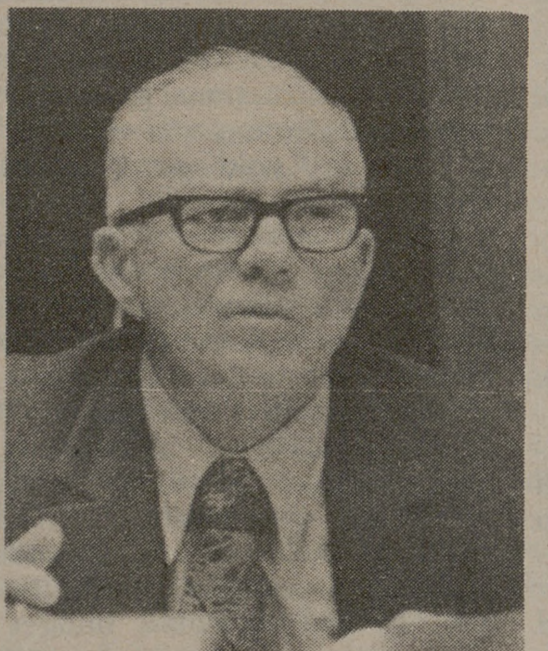
None.

NAME: Wayne Gibson
 RACE: Place 5
 Owner, Bryan Livestock Commission Co., attended Texas A&M, one-term incumbent, 23-year resident of Bryan, 46 years old.

Should Bryan keep the 1-cent city sales tax on utility bills? Why?

Yes. This revenue goes into the general fund. If the sales tax was rescinded, additional revenue would have to be provided by an increase in property taxes.

NAME: Joe G. Hanover
 RACE: Place 1 (unopposed)
 Retired engineer with Texas Highway Dept., B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M, incumbent filling one year of an unexpired term, 21-year resident of Bryan, 61 years old.



JOE G. HANOVER