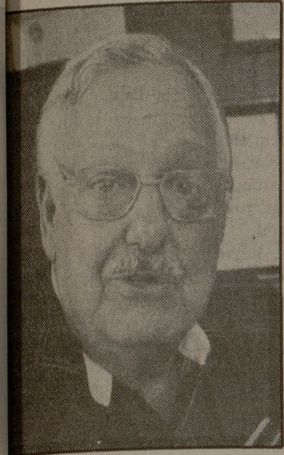
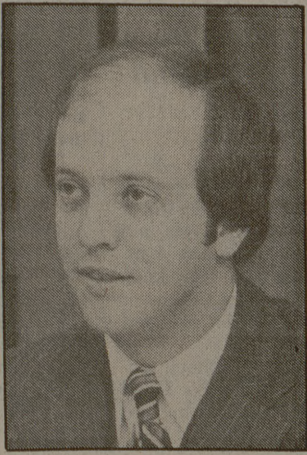


... voters will decide races Tuesday

Candidates for local offices list their stands, qualifications



N.A. McNiell



Kent Caperton

By SCOT K. MEYER

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The summaries below reflect the views of the candidates of the more highly contested races in the Brazos Valley.

District 5 Senate seat

N.A. McNiell (Republican): McNiell says that this is the first time voters have had a choice in the general election. He says that as a conservative, he can best represent the interests of this district.

McNiell lists education as his top priority, and says that the salaries of teachers should be raised. "Means must be found to increase incentives for good teachers without increasing taxes," McNiell says. This can be done by taking out unnecessary regulations and requirements, he says. There were "not any particular ones" he could think of.

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McNiell supports the use of electronic surveillance under proper safeguards. "The use of illegal drugs have increased, along with the crime rate, and much that all available means in the state be used to combat this evil," he says.

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absolutely no risk of District 5 being redrawn to become a part of or include Harris county. Caperton also supports "right-to-work" legislation.

County Attorney

Jeff Brown (Republican): Brown says that the county attorney position is "a misdemeanor prosecutorial position, and those cases aren't being prosecuted."

Brown says he intends to "protect the merchants" of the area by collecting on hot checks, and "protect the citizens" by being willing to prosecute on misdemeanors.

The other important issue in the campaign is, Brown says, one of management. The office has mis-handled cases in the past, Brown says, and he will lend organization in management.

John Barron Jr. (Democrat): Answering charges of mismanagement by his opponent, incumbent Barron has said that he has done the best job possible with his limited staff.

Barron says he will do something to remedy his problem of limited staff if re-elected. He is the only prosecutor in the office, and he has two secretaries. He has said that he needs two assistant prosecutors and two more secretaries.

Precinct 3 Commissioner

H.L. Cargill (Democrat): Cargill, the incumbent in this race, has resigned from office. Cargill was indicted Friday on charges including a third degree felony count of official misconduct, to which he pleaded guilty.

Cargill's name has been removed from the ballot, part of his plea bargain was a statement to the effect that he would not run for office.

According to District Attorney Travis Bryan III, Cargill's plea bargain should eliminate his taking office in January, even if he wins Tuesday's election.

Billy E. Beard (Republican):

Beard says the issue in the campaign is "strictly management in commissioner's court for the '80s."

"We need good management to maximize the effects of our taxpaying dollars," he says. The commissioner should cooperate with both cities to eliminate duplication of services.

Precinct 4 Constable

Paul Madison (Republican): There is a problem in this area with hot checks, Madison says, and that problem is the focal point of this constable race.

"The old ways of handling this problem are no longer valid," Madison says. One of the reasons he is qualified to come up with new solutions is his work with the state comptroller's office, Madison says, where he helped come up with "innovative changes" in the way that office handles business.

Madison also said his educational background will help him. He has a master's degree in business administration with a minor in economics, he says, including nine hours in business law.

Richard Fronterhouse (Democrat): Fronterhouse also says that the ability to deal with hot checks is the most important qualification for this office.

Fronterhouse says that he won the primary, defeating Dick Munday, by concentrating on that issue, and it has continued to be his focus. Merchants in this area must get restitution, he said.

He will bring 16 years experience as a police officer to the job, Fronterhouse says, as well as experience on the other side of the problem, which he got as a manager of a grocery store.

Precinct 7 Constable

E.W. Sayers (Democrat): Sayers, who has been the Pct. 7 constable for 12 years, says the important issue is the ability to meet what he calls the "primary duties of a constable." These include serving papers, enforcing the laws, and being prepared to "assist all the people," he says.

The constable must be on call 24 hours a day, Sayers said.

Winfred Pittman (Republican): Pittman says he is running on his experience in law enforcement. Pittman has taken 600 hours of law enforcement training, he says, and has been a police officer for 10 years. He says he will bring a professional approach to the duties of constable.

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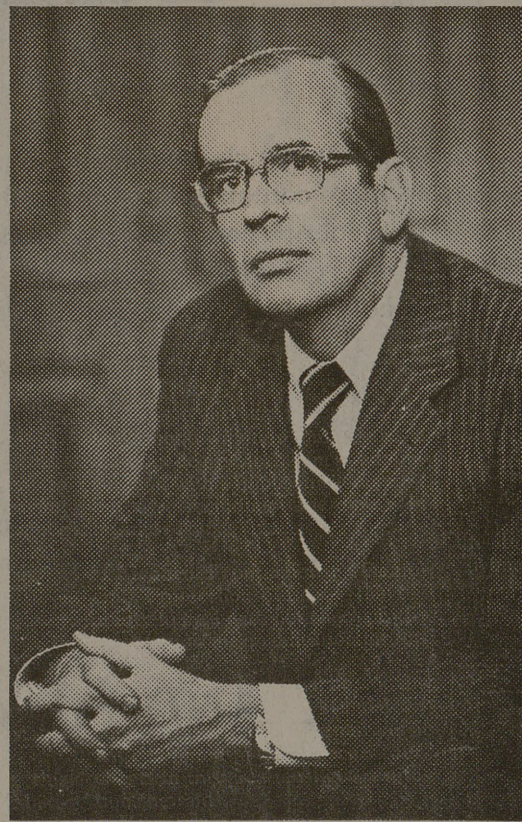
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