

GOP fights to continue growth

Texas vote crucial to Reagan

United Press International
AUSTIN—Gov. William Clements' election four years ago broke a 100-year Democratic Party stranglehold on Texas, but the Democrats hope to shove the upstart Republicans back a few rungs on the ladder in Tuesday's crucial general election. Meanwhile, the Republicans want to continue the upward swing they began with the election of Clements — the first GOP governor since Recon-

struction — and nourished with President Reagan's victory in 1980.

The outcome of the races for governor and U.S. Senate in Texas could be a key to Reagan's re-election chances in 1984 since Republicans Clements and senatorial candidate, Rep. Jim Collins, are strong supporters.

Voters also will elect U.S. House members, a lieutenant governor, an attorney general,

an agriculture commissioner, a state treasurer, a comptroller, a land commissioner, a railroad commissioner, a member of the state Supreme Court and Court

"The Democrats are working harder for a lot of different reasons. One is 1978; one is Bill Clements, his policies, his personality." — Joe Gagen, the executive director of the state Democratic Party

of Criminal Appeals and 182 members of the Legislature.

Also on the ballot will be six proposed new amendments to the state Constitution.

The Republicans have spent a lot of money — about \$10 million — to re-elect Clements, but the Democrats say Attorney General Mark White will make it up through hard work and by turning out traditional Democratic voters.

"The Democrats are working harder for a lot of different reasons," Joe Gagen, the execu-

tive director of the state Democratic Party told UPI. "One is 1978; one is Bill Clements, his policies, his personality."

"A lot of people sat home and saw Bill Clements elected in 1978 and a lot of people sat home in 1980 and watched Ronald Reagan elected," he said. "They feel bad about it and want to undo it."

Not since 1976, Gagen says, have the Democrats been more unified and organized in Texas.

But Chet Upham, chairman of the state Republican Party, predicts Tuesday's election will transform Texas into a true two-party system.

"I'm satisfied we're going to make some good gains in this election," he said. "In traveling around the rural parts of this state, I've talked to a lot of old-time conservative Democrats, and there's going to be an awful lot of switching."

The Senate matchup between Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Collins is important, but the governor's race is viewed by most as the key race in Tuesday's election.

If White wins, Gagen says, "It puts the Republicans on the backburner."

"It would mean they've lost

the most prestigious office in the state and that makes a difference in raising money and recruiting candidates.

"It would make a difference in the 1984 presidential elections and it means about 12,000 patronage appointments for a four-year term," he said.

The governor's race is considered by most a toss-up that could hinge on the number of people who vote.

The estimate of voter turnout has ranged from as low as 38 percent to as high as 48 percent.

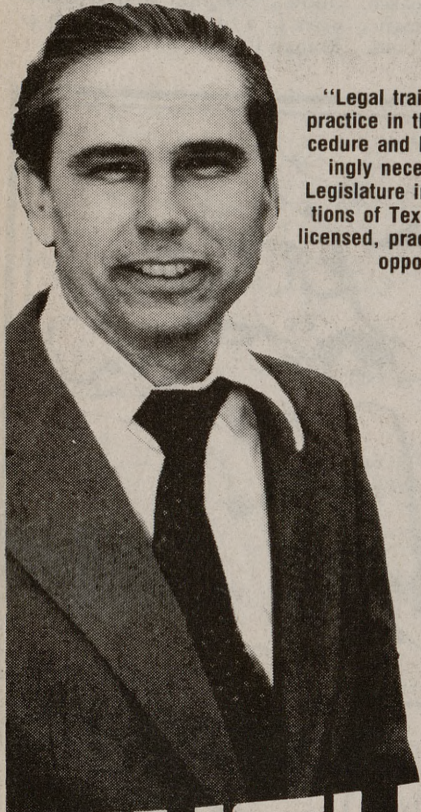
Secretary of State David Dean, using an analysis of past elections, has predicted the turnout will be 42 percent or about 2.5 million Texas voters.

White has disputed Dean's prediction.

"I think you'll find we're going to have one of the biggest voter turnouts in Texas history," he said. "People are mad as the devil at Bill Clements."

But Upham, who predicts a turnout of 39 or 40 percent, says it does not matter how many people vote.

"I'm predicting we're going to win anyway," he said. "Most of the people who turn out and vote are Republicans and conservatives."



"Legal training and courtroom practice in the Rules of Civil Procedure and Evidence are increasingly necessary as the Texas Legislature increases the jurisdictions of Texas JP courts. I am a licensed, practicing attorney — my opponent is not!"

HUGH LINDSAY

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Precinct 7, Place 2.

Paid political advertisement
Hugh Lindsay Campaign Committee,
Wesley Hall, treasurer.

Thousands put their fingers on it...
Advertising in The Battalion
845-2611

MSC Camera Committee

FALL PHOTO CONTEST

- Entries open Nov. 1, 82 and close Nov. 5, 82 at 4 p.m. in the MSC Lobby. Cost is \$2.00 per print.
- Prints will be judged Sat. Nov. 6, 82.
- For more info call Bill 260-1958.

Country music scholar to talk

A well-known authority on country music and its impact on society will speak tonight at 7:30 in 115 Kleberg Center.

Dr. Bill C. Malone, scholar of cultural history and Southern music, will speak on "Country Music and the Myth of the Southwest." Malone is a professor at Tulane University in New Orleans and has written several books on country music, including "Country Music, U.S.A."

Malone also has annotated

and produced albums for the Smithsonian Collection of Country Music and the Life Series of Country Music.

Malone is the third speaker in this year's J. Milton Lecture Series, which focuses on Texas history. The series is sponsored by the Department of History in recognition of the achievements of a former head of the history department and professor emeritus of history.

Reporter to talk on insanity plea

Stuart Taylor, the reporter for The New York Times who covered the John Hinckley trial, will speak here tonight on "The Hinckley Trial: Who's Crazy Now?"

The program, which starts at 8 in Rudder Auditorium, is being sponsored by MSC Great Issues. Admission is free.

In the presentation, Taylor

will speak on the insanity plea using the Hinckley case as an illustration of how it is related and why it should be abolished or reformed.

Taylor is a graduate of Harvard Law School and is the advisor and top legal consultant for The New York Times.

A reception will be held after the presentation in the 145 Memorial Student Center.

DPS cracks down on drunk drivers

United Press International
HOUSTON — Law officers issued 363 tickets to motorists in southwest Houston Friday and Saturday, a Department of Public Safety trooper said.

The tickets were part of a crackdown aimed at reducing the number of fatal accidents caused by drunk drivers.

DPS Trooper Jim Garrett said a total of 363 charges were filed, including 275 traffic violations, 56 drunk driving citations and other miscellaneous

charges.

"I feel like it was successful. We had no related accidents in that I'm aware of. It was a game," Garrett said.

Garrett said the crackdown was the fourth in a series of enforcement efforts by the County Sheriff's Department, the DPS, and police

SHRIMPARAMA

MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHT

\$5.95

FRIED SHRIMP

OUR REGULAR \$7.95

Platter with all the trimmings

AGGIE OWNED AND OPERATED CLASS '60

HILL SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

EAST 29th AT CARTER CREEK

Dear Jodie Foster,

STUART TAYLOR presents

The Hinckley Trial:

WHO'S CRAZY NOW?

RUDDER THEATRE
MONDAY NOV. 1
FREE 8:00

AGRICULTURALISTS ...

You're Needed All Over the World.

Ask Peace Corps volunteers why their agriculture degrees or farm backgrounds are needed in developing nations. Ask them how their knowledge of crops, livestock production, farm mechanics, beekeeping methods help alleviate hunger, increase personal income and develop technical skills. They'll tell you of the rewards of seeing direct results of their efforts. They'll tell you Peace Corps is the roughest job you'll ever love.

Recruiters on Campus Tues.-Thurs., Nov. 2-4 SENIORS/GRADS: Sign up now for an interview PLACEMENT OFFICE - 10th Floor Rudder Tower

PEACE CORPS