



More parking, fewer flowers

staff photo by Irene Mees

Although the area was rather loud Tuesday, no one in A.P. Beutel Health Center complained. Fred

Bernal, left, and Albert Ingelman were breaking up the flower bed to create four new parking spaces.

Farm bureau officials say Reagan's plans are good

United Press International
AUSTIN — American farmers cannot hope to pull themselves out of their financial gloom until the world economy improves, the president of the American Farm Bureau Federation said Monday.

"I think it's tied to the general economy of the United States and the world," Robert B. Delano said at a Texas Farm Bureau leadership conference. I think we're closer to ending the recession than we were this time last year, he said.

Delano said he expects to see an upturn in the farm economy by the end of 1983, and he urged farmers to sign up for President Reagan's new crop swap program to speed the recovery.

The president of the Texas

Farm Bureau, S.M. True Jr. of Plainview, also said farmers should back Reagan's payment-

"Without such a program, we face another build-up of surplus commodities which will again depress farm prices," S. M. True, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said.

in-kind plan to wipe out price depressing surpluses.

Reagan's proposal, said True, "offers the best available method for dealing with the surplus problem, and we must

make every effort to insure that we do our part to make the PIK program successful."

True said the ultimate answer to farmers' problems lies with Congress, who must balance the federal budget. He told the 500 conference delegates the budget must be balanced through cut backs in spending rather than new taxes.

"If we can't afford cost-of-living adjustments in current social programs, then we had better start adjusting the adjustments," he said. "Current levels of deficit spending will surely lead to re-inflation with inherent skyrocketing costs of production and interest rates."

In conjunction with the crop swap plan, True said other programs must be devised to bring agricultural production in

line with domestic and demands.

"Without such a program, we face another build-up of surplus commodities which will again depress farm prices, adding that export programs must be expanded."

On the state level, the farm bureau is working out the high cost of irrigation, water, taxes and other factors. Texas freight rates, regulations favor out-of-state industries, including farm commodities, he said.

"This unfair situation that farmers and ranchers receive less, consumers and agricultural processors are encouraged to leave said True.

Atheist claims oaths biased

United Press International
AUSTIN — Court documents filed by Madalyn Murray O'Hair, Monday, say that the phrase, "God save our nation and this honorable court," is a prayer and its recital in a courtroom violates the U.S. Constitution.

O'Hair, head of the American Atheist Center in Austin, asked that the phrase, often recited by bailiffs to convene court sessions, be declared unconstitutional and barred from Austin federal courtrooms.

She also filed a motion asking that a federal oath of office taken by court personnel ending with the words "so help me God" be ruled a violation of the Constitution.

O'Hair filed the motions in conjunction with a federal court suit she and her Society of Separationists Inc. filed in 1978 challenging a provision of the Texas Constitution, which she says requires anyone holding public office or a public trust to profess a belief in a supreme being.

The motions follow a court appearance by O'Hair earlier this month during which she said she heard a bailiff recite the phrase she claims is a prayer.

When she complained to presiding U.S. District Judge James R. Nowlin, she said the judge told her recital of the phrase depended on how he felt and how many people were in the courtroom.

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