

Public school woes

Economic problems are lowering property tax bases

AUSTIN (AP) — Two-thirds of the state's school districts suffered a loss in property tax base between 1984 and 1985, the State Property Tax Board announced Thursday. Officials said the losses reflect the low inflation rate and the economic problems hitting agriculture and the oil and gas industry. The agency's latest property value study estimated that Texas school

districts had a total of \$702.6 billion in taxable value on Jan. 1, 1985. State law requires the board to estimate the taxable value of property annually for each of the state's more than 1,000 school districts. A school district's taxable wealth is a key factor in determining how much financial aid it will receive from the state. The 1985 figures will be used in

determining assistance for the 1986-87 school year. Among the 732 school districts that showed a loss in taxable value were the Houston and Dallas independent school districts, the state's two largest. The study showed that a majority of the districts with the largest tax base growth — 20 percent or more — were suburban school districts

around Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. Districts that lost 20 percent or more of their tax bases generally were located in rural counties. "Small rural districts are more directly affected by problems in agriculture or the oil and gas industry," said Ron Patterson, executive director of the board. "Districts with shrinking tax bases

may be forced to increase tax rates in 1986 just to bring in the same amount of local revenue," he added. The agency's new study estimated the total market value of the school districts' tax base at \$830.9 billion. The taxable value of \$702.6 billion is determined after deductions for the special tax treatment accorded agricultural land, plus the homestead and other exemptions.

States ask for oil tariff

AUSTIN (AP) — Eight governors of oil-producing states, including Gov. Mark White of Texas, asked President Reagan on Thursday for a variable tariff on imported crude oil and refined products.

"Once again, we ask the president to take steps to save our vital oil and gas industry," White said in a statement. "Such a tariff will provide the stability that our nation so desperately needs."

"While the governors of oil-producing states are leading this fight, other non-producing states are realizing that the success of this battle may mean the difference between a strong, independent national defense and one that is reliant upon the whims of OPEC," he said.

The telegram outlining the governors' request was signed by Govs. White, George Sinner of North Dakota, George Nigh of Oklahoma, John Carlin of Kansas, Edwin Edwards of Louisiana, Toney Anaya of New Mexico, William Sheffield of Alaska and Ed Herschler of Wyoming.

The telegram said declining oil prices, resulting from worldwide overproduction and product dumping by OPEC countries, have caused a major slump in domestic exploration and production which have resulted in business closures, high unemployment and lost tax revenues.

Education board chair says cuts not feasible

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school districts would have to get rid of 23,557 employees or raise property taxes by an average of 9.9 percent if state aid to education is cut by 10 percent, the State Board of Education was told Thursday. The 10 percent cut also could be accomplished by slashing annual salaries by an average of \$1,212, according to the numbers calculated by the Texas Education Agency in preparation for 1987 budget hearings.

A 20 percent cut, also suggested, would double these figures. Faced with gloomy economic forecasts, the Legislative Budget Board and Gov. Mark White's staff have asked all state agencies to calculate what 10 percent and 20 percent cuts would do to their programs. After looking at the alternatives, board Chairman Jon Brumley of Fort Worth said they all looked unreasonable. State leaders are calling on agencies to spend less, but the schools need more, he said.

"Education in this state needs to go forward," Brumley said. "If we start cutting back on education at this time, then we're hurting the long-range plans of this state. A 10 percent cut in school spending would add up to \$500 million. A 20 percent cut would total \$1 billion. A 20 percent cut would take away most of the good, if not all of the good, that we've already tried to accomplish," Brumley said. "I don't think 10 percent would work either."

Here are examples of some of the larger property tax hikes that would be required by a 10 percent state education fund cuts:

- Edgewood (San Antonio) — 127.3 percent
- Boles Home (Hunt County) — 170 percent
- Axtell (McLennan County) — 134.5 percent
- Presidio — 126.8 percent
- Laredo — 117.9 percent
- Edcouch-Elsa — 165.6 percent

Mercedes — 139.5 percent

Here are the property tax hikes that would be needed to cover a 10 percent cut in state money to larger school districts:

- Dallas — 4.5 percent
- Houston — 5.6 percent
- Fort Worth — 12.1 percent
- San Antonio — 28.5 percent
- Austin — 5.1 percent
- El Paso — 30 percent
- Corpus Christi — 17.2 percent
- Beaumont — 7.4 percent

Correction

DALLAS (AP) — In a story about the reorganization of the finances of Clint Murchison Jr. under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws, the Associated Press erroneously reported Tuesday that Richard Holmes, an accountant with the firm of Oppenheim, Appel, Dixon and Co., said United Exposition Service Co. of Chicago is heavily in debt.

Holmes said Thursday that after reorganization Murchison will own 80 percent of United Exposition stock through a holding company and that the stock had been used to secure a loan that has not yet been repaid. Holmes said United Exposition is not responsible for the debt, which must be repaid by the holding company.

Decision on army hospital overturned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's top health official has overturned a decision to build a large replacement hospital for the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio and ordered construction of a 150-bed facility instead. Dr. William Mayer, assistant defense attorney for health affairs, also has ordered the transfer of Brooke's well-known burn center to another, undetermined location and directed

that the nearby Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center be turned into a joint command, staffed by Army and Air Force doctors together. The decision aroused the ire of Texas congressmen who have been fighting for more than five years on the Army's behalf. It was sent to Capitol Hill late Thursday in a six-page decision paper. Unless overturned by Congress,

Mayer's decision will stand as final. The Brooke Army Medical Center, located at Fort Sam Houston, is one of eight primary hospitals providing the most advanced patient care within the Army health care system. The center includes a 692-bed hospital along with dozens of medical clinics and a renowned burn center. The center, however, is spread among more than a dozen different buildings, many of them physically isolated from the others.

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