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Center Sponsors Three Successful Seminars; 140 Judges Attend Huntsville Conference

Three conferences which have been termed highly successful have been sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary since mid-April.

Two of the seminars were for juvenile court judges — one in Austin, April 11-13 for judges in the northern and southern areas of Texas and one in Lubbock, May 16-18, for West Texas and Panhandle juvenile court judges.

Judges handling felony matters met at Huntsville, May 2-4 for the fourth annual Criminal Justice Conference.

For the past three years the Huntsville conference has been sponsored by the Second Administrative District under the leadership of Judge Max M. Rogers of Huntsville, presiding judge. This year, in order to give the Conference more of a statewide flavor, it was sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary under the auspices of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and in cooperation with the Texas Department of Corrections and Institute of Contemporary Corrections and Behavioral Sciences of Sam Houston State University.

A special committee planned the Huntsville meeting, with Judge Wendell A. Odom, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, serving as chairman.

Some 140 judges attended the Huntsville meeting. Twenty-five juvenile court judges were at Austin and 42 at Lubbock.

Principal speakers at the Huntsville conference included Presiding Judge John F. Onion of the Court of Criminal Appeals; Associate Justice William H. Erickson of the Colorado Supreme Court; Col. Wilson E. Speir, director, Texas Department of Public Safety; and Carol S. Vance, district attorney of Harris County and former president of the National Association of District and County Attorneys.

Typical of the comments to the Center regarding the Huntsville conference came from Judge Don Metcalfe of Dallas, who wrote "I know a lot of planning and preparation went into this meeting . . . it was time well spent for me to attend the conference;" from Judge Thomas H. Crofts, Terrell, "I enjoyed the conference and congratulate Judge Odom and all of you for a fine job of planning and execution."

Judge Joe Kelly, Victoria, wrote: "We all appreciated your efforts to make it most enlightening and enjoyable." Judge George H. Hansard, Lamesa, commented: "We are indebted to you for one of the best conferences we've had in Texas."

Judge Harry Hopkins, Weatherford, observed: "Everyone who had a responsibility for this Conference carried it out in splendid fashion." Judge Tillman Smith, Corpus Christi (retired) wrote: "I thoroughly enjoyed the very interesting seminar. You made a recidivist out of me!"

In addition to Chairman Odom, those helping plan the Conference included Director W. J. Estelle, Jr., and Assistant Director Jack Kyle, Texas Department of Corrections; Dr. George Killinger, Dr. George Beto and Dr. Don E. Kirkpatrick, Sam Houston State University; Judge Truman Roberts, Court of Criminal Appeals; District Judges Thomas J. Stovall, Jr., and Wallace C. Moore, Houston; District Judge Archie S. Brown, San Antonio; District Judge Byron Matthews, Fort Worth; Judge Max Rogers, presiding judge, Huntsville; and District Judge James B. Zimmerman, Dallas.

Alfred W. Walker, executive administrator of the Court of Criminal Appeals, was chief coordinator of the program. Other members of the planning committee included Jack H. Dillard and William S. Nail of the Texas Center for the Judiciary offices and Willis Whatley, director, Judicial Processes and Law Reform, Texas Criminal Justice Council.

Helping plan the juvenile court judges conferences were Judge Robert L. Lowry, Juvenile Court, Houston; Judge James M. Farris, County Court at Law, Beaumont; District Judge Bill Logue, Waco; County Judge Woody Pond, Canyon; Judge Lewis F. Russell, juvenile court, Dallas; and C. L. Abernathy, former county judge and now criminal justice planner-coordinator, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Amarillo.

Paid-up Membership in Judicial Section, State Bar, at All-Time High

The Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, now has the largest paid-up membership in the history of the Judicial Section. This announcement came from Chief Justice Paul W. Nye, Court of Civil Appeals, Corpus Christi, secretary-treasurer of the Judicial Section. Judge Nye has been conducting an active membership campaign through letters to all judges eligible for membership in the section.

If you haven't paid your dues, you are asked to send your check to Judge Nye, P.O. Box 2390, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78403. Dues for active judges are \$25; for retired judges, \$12.50.

Pointing to the largest paid-up membership in history, Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, Court of Civil Appeals, San Antonio, immediate past chairman of the Judicial Section, said "we now have a strong Judicial Section with the resources to make our voices heard in all matters affecting the administration of justice. Certainly we do not all agree on these issues, but I sincerely believe we are strongly united in our desire to build a strong independent judiciary with adequate tools to administer justice fairly and expeditiously."

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Hitting The High Spots

HITTING THE HIGH SPOTS: *Truman E. Roberts*, judge, court of criminal appeals, is Baylor Lawyer of the Year, selected by Baylor law alumni. The award was officially presented to Judge Roberts at the annual Law Day observance at Baylor . . . Judge *Thomas J. Stovall, Jr.*, of Houston was a recent lecturer at the National College of the State Judiciary in Reno, Nev. Judges *Shearn Smith, Fred M. Hooley, Dan Walton*, Houston; Harris County District Clerk *Ray Hardy* and *James C. Dunlap*, chief court coordinator of Harris County, were among his students!

. . . *Mack Wallace*, former district attorney at Athens, has been appointed by *Gov. Dolph Briscoe* as executive director of the Texas Criminal Justice Council. Wallace's appointment came after he had served for two months as the Governor's chief legal assistant . . . *Bob Flowers*, for many years chief of the enforcement division of the Attorney General's office, is deputy director of CJC. Flowers was in attendance at the Huntsville conference.

. . . Headquarters of the Texas Center for the Judiciary in Austin, at 15th and Colorado, is in what was formerly known as the Patterson Building. There has always existed a common wall between the State Bar Building and the old Patterson Building. Contractors at first told *H. C. Pittman*, executive director of the Bar, that it couldn't be done, but he consulted contractor after contractor and finally succeeded in having a door dug through from the Bar Building to the Patterson Building. A stairway was built from the main Bar Building down into the present location of the Center.

. . . One of the rooms in the Center is the "In Chambers" room, which is reserved for use of judges to negotiate their business, hold conferences, meet their friends while in Austin. Telephone facilities are available in the room. It's your room, judges, so please use it when you are in Austin.

Goal of Center is to Publish Benchbook; Barrow is Chairman

One of the immediate goals of the Texas Center for the Judiciary is to prepare, publish and disseminate a handbook or benchbook for trial courts of Texas to be used in the daily work of the courts.

The publications committee of the Continuing Legal Education Committee, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, the governing body of the Texas Center, is in charge of the preparation of the handbook.

This Committee, which was appointed by Judge Thomas J. Stovall, Jr., of Houston, chairman of the CLE Committee of the Judicial Section, is composed of Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, Fourth Court of Civil Appeals, San Antonio; Judge Max M. Rogers, Huntsville, presiding judge, Second Administrative District; Judge Lewis Dickson, 125th District Court, Houston, and Judge Perry D. Pickett, 142nd District Court, Midland.

The Committee, through its Chairman, Judge Barrow, is soliciting suggestions or materials for the handbook.

The handbook will primarily be directed to and designed to be of assistance to newer district judges, but it is expected that copies will be made available to all judges in Texas on the district level.

In a statement directed to judges, Judge Barrow said: "You would be of assistance to the Committee if you would consider, 1, making any suggestions as to what is basically needed in a handbook, from your own experience when you assumed the bench, and 2, any material you use in your duties on the bench that may be helpful."

Judges are asked to send the requested material and information either directly to Judge Charles W. Barrow, Chief Justice, Fourth Court of Civil Appeals, Bexar County Courthouse, San Antonio, Tex., 78204, or to the Texas Center for the Judiciary, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Tex., 78711.

Texas Center For Judiciary Helps Judges

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body of the Center, "placing emphasis on establishing our training program on a state level and moving in the direction of establishing schools of new judges, court administration seminars, etc. in Texas. We see the need becoming more urgent for Texas to set up its own training programs, under the Center's sponsorship, thereby utilizing judges and other court personnel who have already received extensive training from various out-of-state schools."

A move within the direction of establishing schools within the State of Texas came with the announcement of the Institute for Juvenile Court judges to be conducted in July and August at West Texas State University, utilizing classroom and dormitory space of the Canyon University.

CLE Group Sets Meeting

The Continuing Legal Education Committee, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, governing body of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, will meet during the State Bar Convention in Fort Worth. A breakfast session at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, in Room 301 of the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel has been called by Chairman Thomas J. Stovall of Houston, Harris County district judge.

Members of the Committee, in addition to Stovall, are Judges Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio; Price Daniel, Austin; Lewis Dickson, Houston; Noah O. Kennedy, Jr., Corpus Christi; James F. McCarthy, Dallas; Perry D. Pickett, Midland; Truman E. Roberts, Austin; Max M. Rogers, Huntsville; and James B. Zimmerman, Dallas.

Texas Center Plans Institute for Juvenile Court Judges at Canyon, Utilizing Facilities of WTSU

A three-week institute of Texas juvenile court judges sponsored by The Texas Center for the Judiciary will be conducted at West Texas State University at Canyon, July 30-Aug. 17.

Thirty judges from across the State will be invited to the Institute.

Overall planning and promotion of the Institute will be under the guidance and supervision of an advisory committee composed of County Judge Woody Pond, Randall County, Canyon, chairman; C. L. Abernathy, director and coordinator of the Council of Criminal Justice for the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee; Dr. Theodore Freidell, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, West Texas State University; Jack H. Dillard and William S. Nail, executive and associate director, respectively, of The Texas Center for the Judiciary, and Willis Whatley, director of judicial processes and law reform, Texas Criminal Justice Council.

Primary thrust of the Institute, which will utilize WTSU classroom space and dormitory facilities for the judges attending, will be the juvenile and his relationship to the court system in Texas.

Institute director will be Dr. Brent Lynch, associate program of government and program director for criminal justice administration at WTSU. Lynch, who holds the juris doctor degree, formerly practiced law in Utah.

West Texas State faculty members, primarily in the fields of sociology, government and psychology, will serve the Institute as instructors.

Prominent attorneys and judges, authorities in the field of the juvenile court system and clinical delinquency, will also be invited to lecture.

District judges, judges of courts of domestic relations, county court-at-law judges and county judges having juvenile jurisdiction will be invited to attend.

The social and psychological development of the adolescent and the delinquent will be studied in depth, Dillard said in announcing the Institute.

"Abnormalities, deviations, alcoholism and drug abuse will be considered," Dillard added. "Social factors and influences on development will be traced as to causes of delinquency as well as rehabilitation and control. Ancillary services and institutions will be examined in order to aid the judge in his disposition of juvenile cases."

When the program is firmed up within the next several days Texas judges having juvenile jurisdiction will receive a letter inviting them to make application for the Institute, Dillard pointed out.

The Institute is the first of its kind offered in Texas.

"I feel this is one of the best things to happen to West Texas State in quite a number of years as far as reaching down-state is concerned," Dean Freidell commented.

While on the Canyon campus, the judges will attend class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Weekends will be free, with several field trips, picnics and outings planned.

Hobby to Address Judicial Luncheon

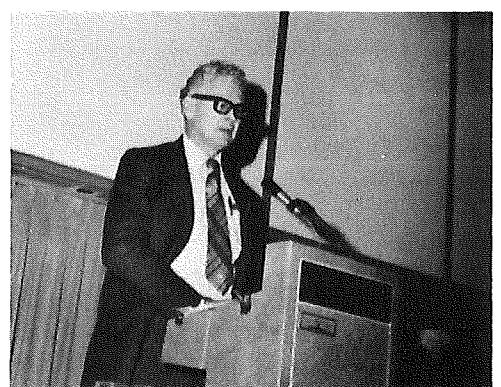
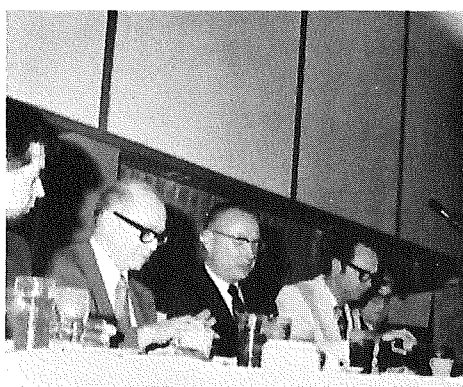
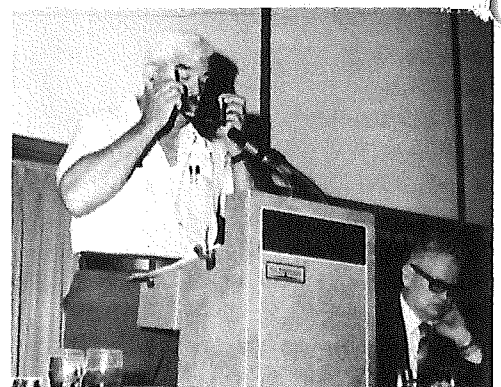
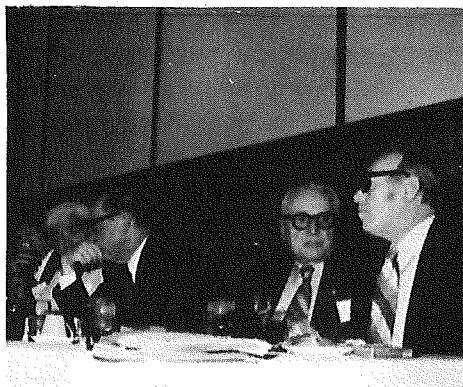
Judge James F. McCarthy of Dallas, 116th District Court, Chairman of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, has announced that the Judicial Section luncheon at the State Bar of Texas Convention will be held at 12 o'clock noon Friday, July 6. Lieut. Gov. Bill Hobby will be the principal speaker.

Site of the luncheon will be in the Crystal Ballroom, 14th floor, Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, headquarters hotel for the Bar Convention. Dates of the Bar Convention are July 4-6.

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HUNTSVILLE CONFERENCE REVISTED: Judge Wendell A. Odom, conference chairman; Judge Tom Stovall, Dr. George Beto, Judge Max Rogers and Judge Archie Brown at luncheon table; Judge Stovall, as chairman of resolutions committee, prepares to read resolutions; Judge W. A. Morrison presided at one of the noon luncheons; Judge Carl E. F. Dally, Judge William F. Erickson of the Colorado Supreme Court, and Judge Odom at luncheon table; Judge Dan Walton of Houston presents evaluation report. (Photos by Harvey Payne, public relations director, State Bar of Texas).