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## Amarillo Site of Judicial Section Conference, State Bar of Texas, Sept. 26-28; 500 Expected

An estimated 300-350 County Court-at-Law, District and Appellate Judges are expected to attend the annual conference of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas in Amarillo from Wednesday, September 26, to Friday, September 28.

Headquarters hotel for the convention will be the Villa Inn Motel, 3618 Interstate Highway 40 East, with auxiliary headquarters at the Camelot Inn, 2805 Interstate 40 East.

Including wives and husbands of judges, together with program participants and invited guests, attendance

at the conference is expected to be close to 500 persons.

Texas Center for the Judiciary, State Bar of Texas, is handling all registrations for the conference. Judges are asked not to write the motels directly. Registration is \$25 for the judge only and \$40 for judge and spouse.

Associate Justice James G. Denton of the Texas Supreme Court, formerly a member of the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals and presently vice chairman of the Judicial Section,

State Bar of Texas, is program coordinator for the conference.

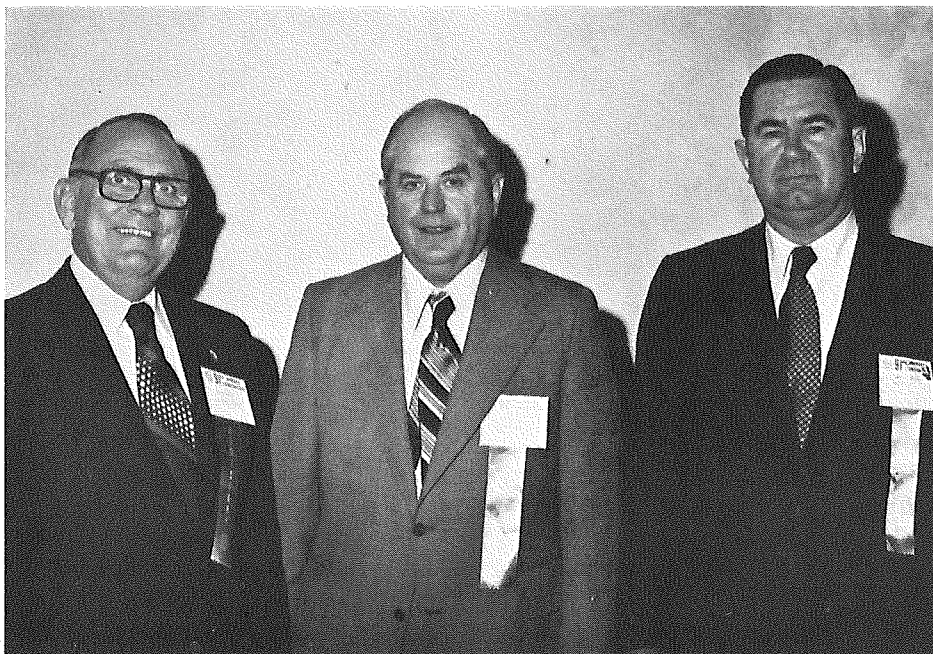
Among the speakers scheduled are Leroy Jeffers of Houston, president of the State Bar of Texas; Associate Justices Ruel C. Walker and Jack Pope, Texas Supreme Court; Frank Maloney, Austin attorney; Jim D. Vollers of Austin, State's attorney; Judge Ruggero Aldisert, Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Judge Leon Douglas, Court of Criminal Appeals; Prof. Hadley Edgar, Texas Tech law professor and former Amarillo attorney; District Judge Perry D. Pickett, Midland; Associate Justice Jack M. Langdon, Fort Worth; Tom H. Davis, Austin attorney; Louise Raggio, Dallas attorney, and Richard Hogan, Houston attorney.

Leon M. Hill of Amarillo, widely-known humorist and after-dinner speaker, will highlight a banquet session on Thursday night, Sept. 27; Judge Denton has announced.

Associate Justice Pope will speak on "Special Issue Submission Under Amended Rule 277, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure", while Associate Justice Walker's topic is "Recent Amendments to Rules of Discovery."

Maloney, who served as a member of the Penal Code Revision Committee, and Vollers will present an overview of the new penal code, with special emphasis on jury instructions.

Judge Aldisert will lecture to appellate judges on opinion writing, and professor Edgar will speak on



**JUDICIAL SECTION OFFICERS:** Paul W. Nye, Chief Justice, Court of Civil Appeals, Corpus Christi, secretary-treasurer, left; District Judge James F. McCarthy, Dallas, chairman, and Associate Justice James G. Denton, Supreme Court of Texas, vice chairman, right. (Photo by Harvey Payne, State Bar of Texas).

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# Judicial Center Moves Near to Benchbook Goal

Texas Center for the Judiciary is moving nearer to its goal of preparing, publishing and disseminating a benchbook for trial judges of Texas to be used in the daily work of the courts.

"It is our hope to have the criminal procedure section of the benchbook completed by the time of the Judicial Section Conference in Amarillo in September," Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio, Court of Civil Appeals, and District Judge Perry D. Pickett of Midland, chief ramrods of the project, have announced.

Judges Barrow and Pickett have worked in the offices of the Center for the Judiciary, usually on the weekends, on a number of occasions during the past several months on the benchbook.

They have also consulted with Judge Max M. Rogers of Huntsville, presiding judge, Second Administrative District, and District Judge Lewis Dickson of Houston, other members of the Benchbook Commit-

tee appointed by District Judge Thomas J. Stovall, Jr., of Houston, chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Committee, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, governing body of the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

The Center has employed on a part-time basis a University of Texas mid-law student, Michael Matetich of Fort Worth, as coordinator of the benchbook.

Matetich took his bachelor of arts degree with honors from the University of Texas in 1972. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He is a former member of the National Honor Society and was salutatorian of his graduating class at Bishop Nolan High School in Fort Worth.

He was married on August 25 to the former Miss Barbara Longeway of Fort Worth, a graduate of the University of Texas School of Journalism.

The benchbook will primarily be directed to and designed to be of

assistance to newer trial judges, but it is expected that copies will be made available to all judges in Texas on the district level.

"We aren't so far along in preparation of the benchbook that we cannot consider suggestions from experienced trial judges," Judges Barrow and Pickett pointed out.

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

Judges are asked to send suggestions and material to Judge Barrow at the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals, Bexar County Courthouse, San Antonio, Texas, 78204, or to Judge Pickett at P.O. Box 727, Midland, Texas, 79701.

## McCarthy Appoints Archie S. Brown

District Judge James F. McCarthy, chairman of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, has appointed District Judge Archie S. Brown of San Antonio as chairman of a special committee of the State Bar on pattern jury charges in criminal cases.

Other members of the committee are District Judge John C. Vance, Dallas; District Judge Fred M. Hooey, Houston; Frank Maloney, Austin attorney, member of the firm of Stayton, Maloney, Black, Hearne and Babb and former University of Texas law faculty member; George E. Gilkerson of Lubbock, former county and district attorney of Lubbock County; Tom Hanna, presently district attorney of Jefferson County and immediate past president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, Beaumont; and Michael J. McCormick of Austin, assistant director of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

Two members of the committee are to be appointed later.

A State Bar special committee on pattern jury charges in civil cases,

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**A WORK SESSION ON THE BENCHBOOK FOR TEXAS TRIAL JUDGES:** Seated, District Judge Perry D. Pickett, Midland; Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals; Jack H. Dillard, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary. Standing: Mike Matetich, University of Texas law student and coordinator for the benchbook, and William S. Nail, associate director of the Texas Center. (Photo by Harvey Payne, State Bar of Texas).

# Briscoe Names First Woman to Appellate Bench

Governor Dolph Briscoe has filled by district judge appointments ten of the judicial districts created by the recently-concluded session of the Texas Legislature.

Five of the new district judges assumed office on Sept. 1. They include Sam W. Callan, 205th District, El Paso; Joe B. Evins, 206th District, Edinburg; Richard D. Mays, 204th District, Dallas; Robert T. Pfueffer, 207th District, New Braunfels, and Thomas B. Thorpe, 203rd District, Dallas.

Governor Briscoe has also appointed five persons to take over district judgeships on courts created as of Jan. 1. They are William D. Decker, 212th District, Galveston; Ira Sam Houston, 211th District, Lewisville (Denton County); Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr., 208th District, Houston; Sam M. Paxson, 210th District, El Paso, and Frank C. Price, 209th District, Houston.

Jefferson, who is presently Domestic Relations Judge of Harris County, will be the first black man to be on the district bench in Texas when he assumes office. Jefferson is also a member of the Constitutional Revision Committee of Texas, and formerly was chief assistant U.S. attorney for the western district of Texas.

Another first in Texas came in August with the appointment by Governor Briscoe of District Judge Mary Lou Robinson of Amarillo to the Seventh Court of Civil Appeals,



**MARY LOU ROBINSON**  
*first for a woman*



**MAPPING PLANS FOR JUDICIAL SECTION CONFERENCE:** *Jack H. Dillard, left, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary; Supreme Court Associate Justice James G. Denton, vice chairman and program coordinator for the Amarillo conference; and H.C. Pittman, executive director of the State Bar of Texas, right. (Photo by Harvey Payne, State Bar of Texas).*

succeeding Associate Justice James A. Joy, who took medical retirement. Judge Robinson has been on the 108th Judicial District bench since 1961.

Max Osborn, Midland attorney, has been appointed to the Eighth Court of Civil Appeals at El Paso. Chief Justice Max Ramsey of Andrews had earlier resigned from the court. Associate Justice Stephen F. Preslar was appointed chief justice of the El Paso court.

William R. Ratliff, Haskell attorney, was appointed judge of the 39th judicial district, succeeding District Judge Ben C. Chapman, who resigned, and Don Carroll, Tyler attorney, was appointed by the governor to succeed Judge R. P. Power, 7th District, who resigned.

Earlier in the year Governor Briscoe appointed Bill J. Cornelius of Jefferson to succeed the late Matt Davis as associate justice of the Arkansas Civil Court of Appeals; Governor Preston Smith appointed Edward D. Coulson to succeed Associate Justice John Barron on the 14th Court of Civil Appeals at Houston and Governor Briscoe later appointed Curtiss Brown to succeed Sam

Johnson as associate justice of the 14th Court of Civil Appeals at Houston. Judge Johnson was elected to the Supreme Court in November, 1972, for a term starting in mid-January, 1973.

Other recent court appointments include P. Oswin Chrisman, Court of Domestic Relations, Dallas; Raymond Judice, Domestic Relations Court, Houston; Charles R. Ramsay, County Court-at-Law, San Marcos; Jerry A. Garrett, County Court-at-Law, Victoria; Tom Kenyon, Domestic Relations and County Court-at-Law, Angleton, succeeding the late Judge Edward R. (Putter) Goff; and James H. Russell, County Court-at-Law, Belton.

Associate Justice Robinson was officially sworn in as a member of the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals on Sept. 11 in the U.S. District Courtroom in the Post Office Building in Amarillo by Chief Justice Joe Greenhill of the Texas Supreme Court. Amarillo Bar Association hosted a reception in the Amarillo Club following the swearing-in.

# 15 Texas Judges Attend National College with Funding Assistance from Center for Judiciary

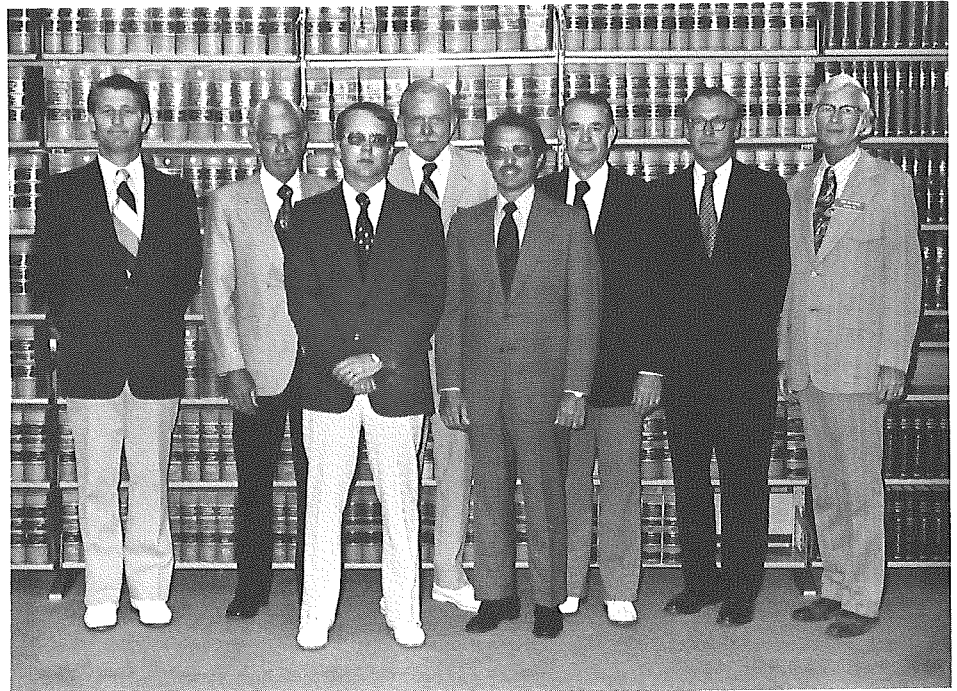
Fifteen Texas judges attended four weeks sessions of the National College of the State Judiciary, University of Nevada, during the summer months with funding assistance from the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

Attending the first session of the National College from June 17 through July 13 were District Judges Garth Bates, Houston; Preston H. Dial, Jr., San Antonio; Walter Dunham, Corpus Christi; William M. Hatten, Houston; M.C. Ledbetter, Morton; David S. McAngus, Austin and Don Metcalfe, Dallas.

District Judges Jack R. Blackmon, Corpus Christi; Don Busby, Belton; Robert T. Pfeuffer, New Braunfels; W. Irvin James, Houston, and Tom Ryan, McKinney, together with Chief Justice T.C. Chadick of the Texarkana Court of Civil Appeals, and Mary Pearl Williams, County Court-at-Law, Austin, attended the second session, July 17-Aug. 14.

Chief Justice Paul W. Nye of Corpus Christi, who is chief planner for the annual mid-winter South Texas Judges Conference, was a special observer for a week during the second session.

District Judge Warren Cunningham of Houston, generally considered one of the foremost legal minds among Texas jurists, served on



*TEXAS JUDGES WHO ATTENDED NATIONAL COLLEGE SESSION, JUNE 17-JULY 13: Left to right, District Judges Wyatt H. Heard, Houston; David S. McAngus, Austin; Don Metcalfe, Dallas; Garth Bates, Houston; Preston H. Dial, Jr., San Antonio; M.C. Ledbetter, Morton; Walter Dunham, Corpus Christi, and William M. Hatten, Houston.*

the National College faculty during the second session, and District Judge James F. McCarthy of Dallas, chairman of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, was a counsellor during the second session.

District Judge (Mrs.) Pat Moore of Lubbock and District Judge Robert S. Wright of Lubbock attended a graduate session at the National College from July 17-31, and Judge Jerry L. Garrett, County Court-at-Law, Victoria, was in attendance at a two weeks basic course, August 1-14.

Phillip Goodwin, Judge, County Court-at-Law, Odessa, attended a conference of the National College of Juvenile Court Judges, August 5-17, and District Judge R.W. Lawrence, Palestine, was in Denver for the Institute for Juvenile Justice Management course, July 29-Aug. 4.

District Judges Darrell Hester, Brownsville; W.C. Boyd, Denton, and William C. Black, Belton, are scheduled to attend the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, Oct. 7-11 in San Francisco.

## Ethics Committee to Present Judicial Code

A lively and interesting discussion is scheduled for the opening program session of the annual conference of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, on Wednesday morning, Sept. 27.

That is when the newly-written Code of Judicial Conduct prepared by the Ethics Committee of the Judicial Section will be considered for adoption.

A report of the Judicial Section's Ethics Committee and a revised copy of the Code of Judicial Conduct was mailed out to members of the section a few days before the annual conference.

In submitting the revised draft of the proposed standards of judicial conduct, Associate Justice Jack Pope, Texas Supreme Court, said "the Ethics Committee has endeavored to draft a set of standards which clarify the platitudes which have marked most canons during the last half century."

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## Stovall to Chair Bar's Committee

State Bar President Leroy Jeffers has appointed District Judge Thomas J. Stovall, Jr., of Houston as chairman of a special subcommittee on arbitration.

Announcement of Stovall's appointment was made by Jeffers in a speech, "The State Bar — An Awakening Giant," at the State Bar Convention in July in Fort Worth.

Stovall is judge of the 129th judicial district, a former chairman of the Judicial Section of the State Bar and presently chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Judicial Section, the governing body of The Texas Center for the Judiciary.

Since his July announcement, Jeffers has announced a 19-member subcommittee on arbitration, which includes two other judges, Associate Justice Trueman O'Quinn, Court of Civil Appeals, Austin, and Judge Mary Pearl Williams, County Court-at-Law, Austin.

## Judges to Consider By-Law Changes

Executive Committee of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, meeting at the State Bar Convention in Fort Worth in July, recommended adoption of an amendment to by-laws of the Judicial Section pertaining to the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Judicial Section, governing body of the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

The amendment will be voted upon by the entire Judicial Section at the Amarillo conference, Sept. 26-28.

The amendment would amend Article IV of the by-laws by adding the following section:

"Section 3. There shall be a Continuing Legal Education Committee composed of ten members. The chairman of the section as selected at the 1973 conference shall appoint nine members; three to serve a term of three years, three to serve a term of two years, and three to serve a term of one year. Thereafter each chairman of the section shall appoint three members to serve for a term of three

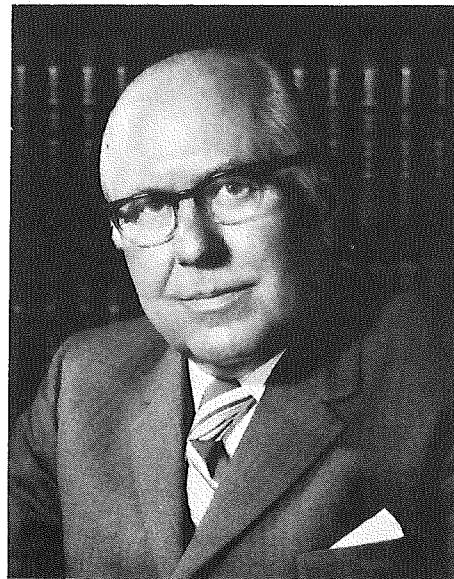


*THOMAS J. STOVALL, JR.  
heads bar committee*

## CLE Group Plans Amarillo Meeting

District Judge Thomas G. Stovall, Jr., chairman of the continuing legal education committee, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, governing body of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, has called a meeting of the CLE committee for Thursday morning, Sept. 27, in Room 458 at the Villa Inn Motel in Amarillo. This breakfast gathering will be held in connection with the annual conference of the Judicial Section, scheduled for Sept. 26-28 in Amarillo.

years. The chairman of the section shall serve as the 10th member of the committee. The committee shall select its chairman for a term of one year."



*LEROY JEFFERS  
judicial section speaker*

## Nye Plans Annual South Texas Meet

Chief Justice Paul W. Nye of the Corpus Christi Court of Civil Appeals, who, together with Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow of the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals, is the chief planner for the annual mid-winter South Texas judges conference of judges who are in the 4th and 13th civil court of appeals districts, was a special observer for a week during the second session of the National College of the State Judiciary, University of Nevada, in August.

Chief Justice Nye was scouting speakers and program ideas for the South Texas judges conference.

The latter conference is scheduled for the spring months of 1974 at Rockport. A recent planning session for the conference was held in Corpus Christi recently with Judge Nye, District Judge John D. Miller of Sinton, District Judge Noah O. Kennedy, Jr., of Corpus Christi, and District Judge Joe Kelly of Victoria in attendance.

Exact date of the conference at Rockport will be announced later. The Aransas County Bar Association is already busy making plans for the meeting, Judge Nye, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, said.

"We plan to get out a mailing within the next several weeks, giving the exact dates of the conference, so that judges can clear their dockets for these dates," Judge Nye said.

## Edward B. Nobles Named to Bench

Edward B. Nobles has been appointed judge of the 108th Judicial District at Amarillo, succeeding Judge Mary Lou Robinson, who was recently appointed to the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals. Both appointments were made by Governor Dolph Briscoe.

Nobles has been county judge of Potter County for the past several years. He is a native of Amarillo, having graduated from Amarillo High School and Amarillo College. He holds his law degree from the University of Texas.

# Texas Center Is Co-Sponsor of UT Penal Code Conference; Will Assist Judges in Attending

Texas Center for the Judiciary will be one of the co-sponsors of the University of Texas Penal Code Conference scheduled for November 15-17, and, as such, will provide financial assistance to Texas trial judges who have criminal jurisdiction and who desire to attend the Conference.

The Conference will be a two and a half-day session at the University of Texas School of Law.

Other co-sponsors of the Conference are the Texas District and County Attorneys Association and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Co-chairmen of the Conference will be District Judge Darrell Hester, 197th Judicial District, Brownsville, representing Texas Center for the Judiciary; Robert O. Smith, Travis County District Attorney, representing Texas District and County Attorneys Association; and Frank Maloney, Austin attorney, representing Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

A group representing the co-sponsors met recently with Dean Page



**DARRELL HESTER**

*... penal code co-chairman*

Keeton and Assistant Dean Byron Fullerton of the UT Law School to make preliminary plans for the Conference.

Representing Texas Center for the Judiciary at the planning session were Jack H. Dillard, executive director of the Center; William S. Nail, associate director, and Alfred W. Walker, executive administrator of the Court of Criminal Appeals. District Attorney Smith, president of the

District and County Attorneys Association; Tom Hanna, past president and Jefferson County district attorney, and Dain Whitworth, executive director, represented the prosecutors, while Maloney and William G. Reid, executive director of the Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, represented that organization.

Principal lecturers at the Conference will include key members of the State Bar of Texas Special Committee on Penal Code Revision — a Committee which worked diligently on the proposed penal code revision, most of which was written into law under Senate Bill 34 and becomes effective Jan. 1.

Hester and District Judge Archie S. Brown, 144th Judicial District, San Antonio, both members of the State Bar Committee on Penal Code Revision, and District Judge Wallace E. (Pete) Moore, 184th Judicial District, Houston, will be among the lecturers.

Others who will be on the program include Hanna, Smith, Maloney, James A. Mashburn, Midland district attorney; Attorneys George E. Gilkerson, Lubbock; Sam H. Robertson, Jr., assistant district attorney of Harris County, Houston; Seth S. Searcy, Austin; Jack Rawitscher, Houston; Phil Burleson, Dallas; and UT Law Professors Robert O. Dawson, Albert W. Alschuler, Michael P. Rosenthal, and Darrell Blakeway.

Hanna, Smith, Maloney, Mashburn, Robertson, Rawitscher, Burleson and Gilkerson, former district attorney of Lubbock County, were on the State Bar's penal code revision committee.

Further details of the Conference and registration forms will be mailed out by the Texas Center for the Judiciary between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, Executive Director Dillard said.

UT officials have blocked out some 300 motel and hotel rooms for the Conference.

The Conference will end at noon on Saturday, Nov. 17, which is the date of an afternoon football game between Texas Christian University and the University of Texas at Memorial Stadium in Austin.

## Texas Center Sponsors Juvenile Judges Institute at Canyon; 16 in Attendance

Two district judges and 14 county judges — largely from the Panhandle area of Texas — attended a three-week Institute of Texas juvenile court judges sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary on the campus of West Texas State University in Canyon, July 30-Aug. 17.

Judges attending were District Judge John Bradhaw of Graham, District Judge Grainger W. McIlhaney of Wheeler; and County Judges Norman Breed, Culberson County, Van Horn; Jack Driskill, Swisher County, Tulia; Ezelle Moore, Moore County, Dumas; Henry Heck, Hale County, Plainview; Warren E. Jenkins, Lipscomb County, Lipscomb; L.L. Martin, Erath County, Stephenville; Woody Pond, Randall County, Canyon; Leslie C. Pratt, Dawson County, Lamesa; W.G. Proc-

tor, Collin County, McKinney; Zook Thomas, Collingsworth County, Wellington; Glenn W. Thompson, Cochran County, Morton; George W. Trowell, DeWitt County, Cuero; Spencer P. Whippo, Ochiltree County, Perryton, and H.C. Williams, Deaf Smith County, Hereford. Willie Lopez, juvenile probation officer of the 197th District Court, Brownsville, also attended.

Primary thrust of the Institute, which utilized the WTSU classroom space and dormitory facilities for judges attending, was the juvenile and his relationship to the court system in Texas. The Institute ended with a final ceremony and awarding of certificates on August 17, with Associate Justice Charles L. Reynolds of the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals at the principal speaker.

# Memorial Services to Honor Deceased Judges at Amarillo; E. R. Goff Killed in Auto Crash

Edward R. Goff, County Court-at-Law and Domestic Relations Judge, Brazoria County, Angleton, was killed in an automobile accident on July 27 on U.S. Highway 90, near Sabinal.

Judge Goff, age 52, was a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas.

Thomas G. Kenyon, Freeport attorney, has been appointed by the Brazoria County Commissioners Court to succeed Judge Goff.

He and another Angleton man, who was injured but escaped death, were en route to work on a deer lease when the accident occurred at 9:55 p.m. Goff's pick-up truck was traveling west on U.S. 90 when it struck a 900-pound cow in the west bound lane of the highway.

Judge Goff was appointed by the Commissioners Court of Brazoria County in 1965 and had been twice re-elected to the judgeship.

A graduate of Angleton High School, he did pre-law work at the University of Houston and received his law degree from South Texas College of Law. He was formerly employed by Dow Chemical Company.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Virginia Goff; two sons, Edward R. Goff Jr. and Walter Luther Goff; and two daughters, Mrs. A.A. Morrow and Mrs. S.L. Means, all of Angleton.

Earlier in 1973, Associate Justice Matt Davis, Sixth District Court of Civil Appeals, Texarkana, was claimed by death (on Feb. 6); District Judge Stuart E. Nunn, 5th Judicial District, Texarkana, died on April 19; and John F. Sutton, Sr. of San Angelo, retired judge of the 51st District Court, died on April 4.

Judge Nunn has been succeeded by Bunyan L. Hutchinson, formerly of the Texarkana firm of Atchley, Russell, Hutchinson and Waldrop of Texarkana, who was appointed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe. Judge Hutchison is a former county and district attorney of Bowie County and served as District Judge, 102nd Judicial District, in 1955-56. Hutchinson is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law.

Governor Briscoe appointed Bill J. Cornelius, Jefferson attorney, to succeed Judge Davis as associate justice of the Texarkana Court of Civil Appeals, who had served on the Texarkana Court since 1955. He was 64 at the time of his death. Associate Justice Cornelius is a 1949 graduate of Baylor University School of Law.

District Judge Nunn had served on the bench since 1961. He also served as county judge of Bowie County and city judge of Texarkana, Tex. A 1936 graduate of Baylor University School of Law, he was 60 at the time of his death.

Retired Judge Sutton served for 26 years on the district bench. He was 82. A son, John F. Sutton, Jr., is a prominent member of the University of Texas law faculty.

A memorial service for judges who have been claimed by death since the last meeting of the Judicial Section in September, 1972, will be conducted by District Judge R.C. Vaughan of Sherman at the Judicial Section Conference, State Bar of Texas, Sept. 26-28, at Amarillo.

In addition to the deceased judges mentioned in this article, the following list of names of members of the Judicial Section have been compiled by Judge Vaughan as of Sept. 5:

Jimmy Castledine, Wichita Falls, former special county judge and district Judge of Wichita County, who died April, 1972.

Paul E. Donald, Bowie, former dis-

trict judge, 97th judicial district, who died March 5, 1973.

James A. Drane, Pecos, district judge, 109th judicial district from 1929 to 1942; died Oct. 13, 1972.

Walter Clayton Heare, Amarillo, Associate Justice, Court of Civil Appeals, 1943-45; died Jan. 16, 1973.

Joseph C. Hutcheson, Jr., Houston, U.S. district judge, Southern District of Texas, 1918-31; associate justice, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1931-48; chief justice, 1948-59; retired as U.S. judge in 1964; died Jan. 18, 1973.

Brian Montague, Del Rio, district judge, 63rd judicial district, 1932-46; died Oct. 5, 1972.

Herbert Oldham, Beaumont, former judge, Jefferson County Court-at-Law, died Nov. 14, 1972.

Overton L. Parish, Ballinger, 119th District Court, 1931-64; served as presiding judge, Seventh Administrative District; died Feb. 1, 1973.

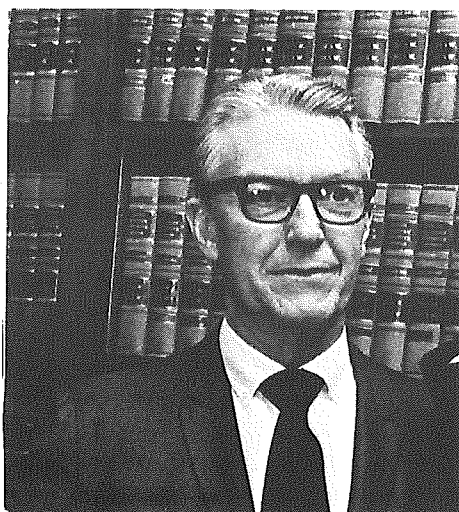
Louis Wilson, Dallas, district judge, 44th judicial district; died Oct. 1, 1972.

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originally appointed by Jim D. Bowmer, immediate past president of the State Bar, has been working for several months. District Judge Walter E. Jordan of Fort Worth is chairman of the committee.

The committee appointed by Bowmer includes Associate Justice Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow of the San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals; Associate Justice Clarence A. Guittard, Dallas Court of Civil Appeals; District Judges James R. Meyers, Austin; and Lewis Dickson, Houston; Royal H. Brin, Jr., Harlingen attorney; George E. Pletcher, Houston attorney; and Preston Shirley, Galveston attorney.

Four members were recently added to the committee by new State Bar President Leroy Jeffers. They are Associate Justice Quentin Keith, Beaumont Court of Civil Appeals; Associate Justice Phil Peden, First District Court of Civil Appeals, Houston; Gus M. Hodges, University of Texas Law professor, and Dean W. Turner, Henderson attorney.



**JUDGE R.C. VAUGHAN**  
... plans memorial ...

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"Voluntary Assumption of Risk in Texas — a Plea for Its Abolition." He will also speak at the noon luncheon on Thursday.

Judge Pickett will discuss the recently enacted Ethics Bill as it concerns and affects the judiciary and Associate Justice Langdon will speak on the proposed Code of Judicial Conduct.

The proposed Standards of Judicial Conduct will be submitted for approval of the Judicial Section at the conference. The Judicial Section's Ethics Committee, chaired by Associate Justice Pope and composed of Judges Thomas H. Crofts of Terrell; Warren P. Cunningham of Houston; Charles E. Long of Dallas; Langdon and Pickett, has worked diligently on proposed canons for the past several months.

The Judicial Section's paid-up membership is at an all-time high, Chief Justice Paul W. Nye of the Corpus Christi Court of Civil Appeals, secretary-treasurer of the Section, has reported.

During the past year, in addition to District Judge James F. McCarthy of Dallas, chairman of the Section; Associate Justice Denton and Chief Justice Nye, the Executive Committee of the Section has included Judges Ross E. Doughty, Jr., Uvalde; R. Temple Driver, Wichita Falls; Edward R. Goff, Angleton; Austin O. McCloud, Eastland; Connally McKay, Tyler; Wendell A. Odom, Austin; James H. Starley, Pecos, and Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio, immediate past chairman of the Section.

(Edward R. Goff, County Court-at-Law and Domestic Relations Judge, Brazoria County, Angleton, was killed in an automobile accident on July 27).

Legislative committee is made up of Judges Howard O. Davison, Lubbock; Darrell Hester, Brownsville; Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr., Houston; Tom King, Dallas; Charles D. Mathews, Austin; C. L. Ray, Marshall; Franklin S. Spears, San Antonio; Ardell M. Young, Fort Worth, and Truman E. Roberts, Austin.

The Conference will officially get underway Wednesday, Sept. 26, with registration in the Villa Inn Motel.

A golf tournament sponsored by the Potter County Bar Association will be held during the day Wednesday at the Amarillo Country Club.

A night-time highlight of the conference will come Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, with a barbecue at Palo Duro. Conference Delegates will go to the Canyon in buses.

Thursday's luncheon will be held in the Camelot Inn, with Thursday night's banquet at the Amarillo Civic Center. Shuttle buses will provide transportation between the Villa Inn and Camelot.

Trial judges and appellate judges will attend separate sessions Thursday afternoon with both sessions scheduled for the Villa Inn.

Friday's luncheon will be at the Villa Inn, with Bar President Jeffers the speaker.

District Judge J. F. Clawson of Belton will introduce new judges at the opening session Thursday morning. District Judge R. C. Vaughan of Sherman will conduct the memorial services for judges who died during 1973.

Potter County Bar President

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Eugene Huff and S. Thomas Morris, Amarillo attorney who is helping with arrangements for the conference, will also have spots on the program at the opening session. Huff and Morris are both members of the Amarillo law firm of Ochner, Adkins, Harlan and Hankins.

The Rev. Winfred Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, will give the invocation at the opening session.

Ladies activities will include a luncheon and style show at the Amarillo Country Club Thursday and a tour-luncheon at Cal Farley's famous Boys' Ranch Friday.

### **Justice Bob Hamilton Now Lives in Tyler**

Former Supreme Court Justice Robert W. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton have moved from Austin to Tyler. Their address is 3808 Copeland Road, Tyler, Tex. 75701.

Judge Hamilton served on the Supreme Court from 1959 to 1970. Prior to that he was a member of the El Paso Court of Civil Appeals and is also a former district judge at Midland.

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