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CAMERON COUNTY

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Jan. 2, 1960.

DR. Hector Garcia,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Friend:

I think you know me to be a sincere man--and I will say that no one presented a stronger argument for Padre Island as a national recreational area than your good self.

I know that you are the friend of Ralph Yarborough; and the Latin people never had a better friend than Ralph Yarborough. And I think that Ralph Yarborough could take the lead on this matter--and we could work miracles.

I believe the Latin people would jump at the opportunity of night schools, where they could learn at least the three R's; and I cannot think of anybody in Texas who would be in a better position to take the lead than your good self. I assure you that I will give the fullest cooperation. No one would be so able to go into Latin America and put over goodwill and progress, as our Latin Americans who are American citizens.

I enclose you quite a library; and you may want to wait until after the holidays to take time to read it all.

While I am supporting Senator Johnson, both for reelection to the Senate and for President--everybody must know that I shall fight to the last ditch against ditching Mrs. Randolph. Would it not be some story for those who bolted the ticket to kick out a real Democrat who supported the ticket? In fairness, I understand that Chairman Conley supported Mr. Stevenson both in 1952 and 1956. But I am sure that all members of the Committee did not so do.

Very truly yours,

Oscar C. Dancy

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Oscar C. Dancy -- County Judge.

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OF

HON. RALPH YARBOROUGH

OF TEXAS

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Thursday, February 19, 1959

Mr. YARBOROUGH. Mr. President, down in southern Texas people will tell you the initial "C." in the name of Oscar C. Dancy stands for "Concrete." They mean it as a compliment.

They mean that Oscar C. Dancey, who calls himself "just a country judge from Texas," is a man of the highest principles and ideals and has never wavered from his beliefs.

The people of Cameron County and of Texas have a right to be proud of Judge Dancy. This man has served them faithfully and unselfishly for almost 27 years.

All example of his devotion to duty is the fact that he is at his desk and working by 5:30 a.m. each day.

But it is the type of work he does that distinguishes this great men. Today, there are more than 360 miles of all-weather, class A highways in Cameron County, which contains only 857 square miles in all. One of the men mainly responsible for this is Judge Oscar C. Dancy. What makes his interest in highway development unusual is that he does not drive an automobile himself.

Since Judge Dancy took office, about $10 million has been spent on various public works in his county.

The judge has been active in other development projects for the good of his home area and the good of the State. For example, he has been extremely active in projects for the conservation of our natural resources, particularly in irrigation and other water problems which have beset Texas and the Southwest.

Another thing I particularly value from Judge Dancy in his wise counsel. I am proud to say that the judge and I have been friends for many years, and his advice and wisdom have often helped me in making decisions. I value his friendship highly.

Mr. President, as a tribute to Oscar C. Dancy, the "country judge from Texas," a man of character, wisdom, and farsighted and unselfish service, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the RECORD the well written article "The Country Judge From Texas," written by Clarence Laroche, and published in a recent issue of the San Antonio Express magazine.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE COUNTRY JUDGE FROM TEXAS

(By Clarence Laroche)

"I have absolutely no business to warrant such a call," the polite white haired gentleman told the young woman secretary, "but I just want to meet a county judge who spent more money than I did."

The young lady made a brave attempt to present the usual cold front to would-be callers, but she was completely disarmed by the warm, frank glow of the elderly but rugged man. The hard lines on her face thawed and melted into a smile. She asked the gentleman to wait while she checked.

In a few minutes, the President of the United States walked out, face beaming and arm outstretched, as he grabbed for the hand of Oscar C. Dancy, "the country judge from Texas."

"I meant what I told that young lady," Oscar Dancy explained later. "Harry Truman, as county judge of Jackson County, Mo., is the only county judge who outspent me when it came to putting out public funds. Of course, Truman had a bigger and richer county, and the reason I came in second is because I've been doing my spending over a quarter of a century."

After comparing notes that morning, Harry Truman and Oscar Dancy found the former had spent $20 million in bond money during his terms as county judge while the latter had spent about $10 million.

Down in the Rio Grande Valley, they'll tell you the "C" in Judge Dancy's name stands for "Concrete." The quip is a tribute to the judge who has been a pioneer in road construction not only in his own country and section but in the State as well. Today, Cameron County has a total of 363.32 miles of all-weather class A highways, and Oscar "Concrete" Dancy is key figure who helped bring that program about.

Oddly enough, this man who has brought about a great modern paving program to his county and section has never himself driven over the highways he helped build. He has never owned an automobile and has never learned to drive one.

But the lack of an automobile has not stopped this ex-North Carolinian. If anything, the walking he has been reduced to, played a role in keeping him healthy. Despite the exercise, he gets lifts either by regular bus service or by friends. He is usually home by 5:30 in the evening and in bed by 8 p.m. Next morning, if you should happen to be in the Texas Cafe about 5 o'clock, you will probably see one of the waiters looking through the big plate glass up the street. He will turn, draw a cup of coffee and place it before a nonexistent customer. A minute later, Judge Dancy will come through the door and sit before the coffee. He's at his desk in his office at the courthouse by 5:30 a.m.

His trips are frequent to Austin, Washington, and other cities where important measures and policies are formed. Phoenix and Denver, Albuquerque and El Paso know him from the Reclamation Bureau meetings he has attended in regard to valley water projects. He knows his way around Austin about as well as Mayor Tom Miller, and long ago threw away his guide to the Nation's Capital.

In fact, it was at a Washington congressional committee hearing that his "country judge from Texas" tag took hold. His extreme air of honesty and straightforwardness caught fire with a newspaper reporter, who promptly tagged the judge with the colorful—but very fitting—sobriquet in a report of the day's committee activities.

It is this same air of frankness, coupled with his complete honesty and integrity, that have contributed to his success as a politician, helping him to retain his office almost continuously for almost 27 years. The lone break in this long tenure came in 1932.

"It seems I got blamed, along with Hoover, for the depression," the judge explains wryly, "and was forced to take an involuntary leave of absence for a couple of years." It is noteworthy that he was returned to office in 1934 and has been in office ever since.

Still in full harness after over a quarter of a century as Cameron County judge, Dancy is definitely a throwback to a type of statesman of a century ago. In fact, one of the major compliments recently paid him was the reference to him as a "backwoodsman." He considers that a tribute.

Today, at an age when most men become conservative in both their physical and mental attitudes, "the country judge from Texas" refuses to take things easy. He has an open mind, is tolerant and would be classified as a liberal. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, he believes, was the greatest President the country ever had; he's wholeheartedly in favor of many New Deal projects and philosophies, and is bitterly against any attempts by big business to run the country. He is equally as bitter against communism and its potential menace to America.

Brownsville Herald [illegible]
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Deny PASO, Teamster Tie

Valley delegates to the San Antonio convention of PASO denied Monday — and with emphasis — that the reelection of Albert Pena Jr. as state chairman means PASO and the Teamsters will go steady from now on.

"The question of whether the Teamsters will operate in PASO was not an issue in the election," Filemon Vela of Harlingen, Cameron County chairman of the Political Association of Spanish-speaking Organizations, said.

"The Teamsters will not dominate PASO" Leo J. Leo of La Joya, Hidalgo County Chairman, echoed.

"You fellows (newsmen) started all this and it's a lot of lies," Dr. Ramiro Casso of McAllen, who seconded Pena's nomination, commented.

Pena, who with the Teamsters had a hand in pulling the Crystal City coup, snowed under Willie Bonilla of Corpus Chirsti in the election. The vote was 41 to 20. Bonilla based his campaign on a promise to keep the Teamsters out of PASO.

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Dr. Hector Garcia of Corpus Christi, who supported Bonilla's candidacy, walked out of the convention in disgust after the election. He was quoted as having said:

"I'm still convinced there is a tie-in between the Teamsters and PASO. I feel they have chosen between Shafer and me (Ray Shafer of San Antonio, South Texas head of the Teamsters). They chose Shafer. Then he can direct and guide them. I have withdrawn from the state PASO until the association with the Teamsters has been ended."

Shafer attended the convention, held Saturday and Sunday, but not as a voting delegate.

Albert Fuentes Jr. of San Antonio, PASO Executive secretary, denied charges that the Teamsters had an influential part in PASO operations. However, there was never a clear statement of policy on what relations with the Teamsters will be in the future.

Fuentes was an unsuccessful candidate for state chairman.

The Cameron County Delegation, consisting of Vela, E. B. Duarte of Brownsville and Roberto Vela of Harlingen, voted for Bonilla. Hidalgo County delegates went for Pena. The unit rule was followed in the voting.

The election of an executive secretary was postponed until consideration is given a constitutional amendment which would make the office appointive. The action gave Pena and Fuentes a free hand to keep things as they are, which probably means Fuentes will remain on the job.

Filemon Vela said this morning the walkout of Dr. Garcia and several of his followers from the meeting hall meant nothing whatsoever. Vela was elected legal adviser to the group.

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"Dr. Garcia is a wonderful American," Vela said. "But he went overboard because he didn't get his way. We felt the two candidates were equally qualified and the only issue was experience and age. It was a vote of confidence for Pena. I believe Dr. Garcia would have walked out no matter what happened. I can tell you this: the Teamsters are not coming in Cameron County."

Dr. Casso said he was convinced the accusation about the association between PASO and the Teamsters is a lot of baloney.

"It is my opinion," Dr. Casso continued, "That the vote indicates a vast majority of PASO members feel that the charges the Teamsters are running PASO are a lot of lies. It means exactly the opposite, that PASO is running PASO."

Leo said he felt Pena was crucified and that his opponents wanted to get rid of him "for other reasons. If the Teamsters question had not been injected," Leo commented, "Bonilla might have had a better chance to win. I think the campaign against Pena was unjust and unfair."