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# School Board Secretary Steps Down

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P. H. Carlton



E. A. Chapa

Mrs. T. P. Clendenin said Monday she will not run for re-election for Place 4 in the April 6 election of the Board of Trustees of El Paso Independent School District.

Mrs. Clendenin, secretary of the board, and a 19-year member of it, made the disclosure at Monday night's board meeting. Dr. J. Leighton Green, president of the board since 1959, will not choose to be re-elected to Place 3, according to reliable sources. Dr. Green is in Dallas on business and



Mrs. Wakefield

is scheduled to return Wednesday. He is expected to announce he is not running at that time.

The other position to be decided in the election is Place 5, and incumbent Paul H. Carlton filed for re-election with Dr. H. E. Charles, superintendent of schools. Elman A. Chapa, a sales department member of United Fund, filed for Place 4. Cement Co., filed for Place 3. Mrs. C. William Wakefield, a budget committee member of United Fund, filed for place 4.

Persons wishing to file for either Place 3, 4 or 5 must do so on or before March, 6, with Dr. Charles at the 100 W. Rio Grande administrative office. The term of office begins in April and ends April 1974.

In the board meeting, the trustees passed a policy that eliminates the necessity of a high school student choosing from three routes to graduation. The new policy is effective starting in September, 1968. The old policy was that a student had to choose either the academic, vocation-business or science-engineering route. Hibbard Polk, assistant superintendent for instruction, said that the student still has the choice of the three routes. Polk said if the student did not wish to select one, then he would be eligible for a basic route. The basic route, which has the required 20 units, has from four to five more elective choices than the other three routes.

# Tennis Club Women Slate Dinner, Dance

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**MRS. C. W. WAKEFIELD**

—(Portrait by Baker-Ray)

Mrs. C. W. Wakefield is chairman of arrangements for an informal dinner and dance to be sponsored by Women's Association of El Paso Tennis Club at 7 p.m. Saturday in the members lounge of the Tennis Club. Assisting Mrs. Wakefield are Mrs. A. M. Derrick and Mrs. George Udell.

The event is scheduled as part of entertainment for the 1968 Southwestern Open Tennis Championships which begin Thursday at the club and continue through Sunday. Players will come from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico for the matches.

Members of the decorations

committee for the dance are Mrs. O. J. (Buddy) Shaffer, chairman, Mrs. Barbara Ellis and Mrs. Thomas A. Prendergast. The serving table will be centered with an original wire sculpture by Mrs. Shaffer depicting two tennis players in action. Individual tables will be covered with green cloths and centered with hurricane lamps containing multicolored candles. A small combo will provide music.

A. M. Derrick is EPTC president. Mrs. Walter Driver is Women's Association president. Reservations may be made through Friday by members and their guests by calling the Tennis Club.

# Two Withdraw From School Board Race

Two announced candidates for El Paso School Board places withdrew from the race Wednesday, explaining they had been advised that their election as trustees would jeopardize the right of relatives to do business with the school district.

Mrs. C. William Wakefield and Mark Howell said they have a first cousin and a brother-in-law respectively whose means of livelihood would in part, be affected.

Under the nepotism ruling of Texas school law, no person related to a school board member "within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity" may receive salary, fees or compensation of any kind, directly or indirectly.

Both candidates expressed regret at the necessity of withdrawing but emphasized that, if elected, they would adversely affect the interests of relatives.

The withdrawals left two candidates for each of three places on the board.

They are Elman Chapa and Richard Carvajal, Place 3; Mrs. Hal Dean Jr. and Mrs. William Collins, Place 4, and Paul Carlton, the incumbent, and Robert Rosenberg, Place 5.