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CHAS. N. SHAVER

Candidate for
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Chas. N. Shaver is candidate for his first elective term as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Shaver, an experienced school man, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of S. M. N. Marrs and consequently is now serving as State Superintendent.

Mr. Shaver, a native of Williamson county, graduated from Sam Houston State Teachers' College in 1922 with a Bachelor's degree. He began teaching in the rural schools of Williamson county when 18 years old. In 1909, he was elected superintendent of public schools at Bellville, where he served ten years, leaving there to take the same position at Granger, where he served for four years. He was elected superintendent of city schools in Huntsville in 1923; served there for nine years. He was a member of the Texas Legislature for Walker and San Jacinto counties from 1927 to 1929.

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While in the Legislature, Mr. Shaver was vice-chairman of the education committee and a member of the appropriations committee, which afforded him an excellent opportunity to study the needs of the educational system of Texas.

In announcing his candidacy to succeed himself as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, he says:

"Election to the state superintendency is a challenge to the best that any man has to offer in patriotic service and sane leadership. No other office in the state government is of more vital importance to the welfare of the people. To measure up to its responsibilities a man must be wholeheartedly devoted to the cause of public education; must believe in and work for the education of all of the children of Texas. The training of its children for useful citizenship, irrespective of their place of residence or their material circumstances, is a primary function of a democratic state.

"As a preparation for my work as State Superintendent, I have shared the experience of thousands of Texas boys and girls on the farm and in the rural school; I have first-hand knowledge of the problems of the rural teacher; of the teacher and principal of the small town school; and I know the educational problems of the urban centers.

"My legislative experience, as vice-chairman of the committee on education and as a member of the committee on finance, gives me a thorough understanding of the problems and responsibilities of the legislative branch of our state government and will enable me to cooperate with the Legislature in its plan to finance an efficient system of public education.

"I pledge myself to advance in every possible way a constructive, economical, and comprehensive educational program for Texas."