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Rev. Floyd N. Williams, Sr.

Rev. Williams reappointed to TYC Board

Rev. Floyd N. Williams Sr. of Houston has been reappointed to the Texas Youth Commission Board by Governor Mark White for a full six-year term.

He had served a two-year unexpired term of Dr. George Willeford, and was originally appointed to the Board in October of 1983 by Governor White. His appointment must be confirmed by the Texas Senate during their 1987 session.

Rev. Williams was originally appointed to the Board in October of 1983 to fill the unexpired term of Dr. George Willeford.

He has served as pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Houston for the past 27 years, holds a B.A. degree from Bishop College, Dallas, and is a graduate of the Union Baptist Theological Seminary in Houston.

He has served as president of the Houston Baptist Pastors and Ministers' Fellowship; executive vice-moderator of the Independent Baptist General Association of Texas; and president of the Central Missionary Baptist General Convention.

He has also served as finance coordina-

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Corpus Attorney named to Board

Governor Mark White has appointed former district judge Jorge C. Rangel of Corpus Christi to the Board of the Texas Youth Commission. The appointment, made February 12, will undergo the Senate confirmation process during the next session of the Legislature.

Rangel was appointed to complete Dr. William Shamburger's term, which will expire August 31, 1987.

A personal injury attorney, Rangel is a partner in the Corpus law firm of Patterson and Rangel. He is also counsel for the Corpus Christi *Caller-Times* newspaper. He received his degree from Harvard Law School in 1973.

Following his graduation from Harvard, Rangel returned to Corpus Christi and joined the law firm of Kleberg, Dyer, Redford and Weil. Governor White appointed him Judge of the newly created 347th district court in September of 1983, where he served until July 1985.

He is a member of the American Bar



Jorge C. Rangel

Association, the State Bar of Texas, the Nueces County Bar Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He is board certified in areas of civil and personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Rangel has been active in community work in Corpus Christi, serving on the

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TYC OFFICIALS posed for a group photograph with Governor Mark White when he paid an impromptu visit to Giddings State School January 6. They are, left to right, Joe Franks, Giddings Business Manager; Superintendent Calvin Crenshaw; Governor White; TYC Board Member Larry York of Austin; and TYC Executive Director Ron Jackson.

Dr. Shamburger resigns from Board

Dr. William Shamburger of Tyler, who has served as a member of the TYC Board for ten years, resigned from the Board effective December 31, 1985.

He has been named to fill a new position in Central Office, that of Chief of Chaplaincy, which is being funded in part by the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas.

"Dr. Shamburger has been very active in TYC's chaplaincy program over the past two years," said Executive Director Ron Jackson, "and has devoted a great deal of time to developing activities and programs with TYC chaplains."

He retired as pastor of First Baptist Church, Tyler, in December, after 27

years in service at that church. He and his wife will be moving to Austin soon.

Dr. Shamburger, who served as chairman of the TYC Board twice during his tenure, attended Baylor University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He received his master's and doctorate in theology from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

He is a trustee of Southwestern Baptist Seminary and has served as a trustee of Baylor. He has been a member of the Christian Education Coordinating Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Dr. Shamburger has been a director of the Caldwell Schools Inc., and the J. E. Health Foundation, and he served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. He was named Tyler's Outstanding Citizen in 1976. He and his wife, Kathryn, have three children and six grandchildren.

Prior to assuming the pastorate of the Tyler church, Dr. Shamburger served as pastor of Baptist churches in Corsicana, Winnsboro, Rogers, Euless and Wellborn. He was an Army Chaplain from 1945 to 1947, serving in India.

Dr. Shamburger was originally appointed to the TYC Board in 1975 by Governor Dolph Briscoe. He was reappointed by Governor Bill Clements in 1981 for a six-year term, which will expire until August 31, 1987. Governor Mark White on February 12, named Judge Jorge C. Rangel of Corpus Christi to serve for the two years remaining on the term.

Rangel . . .

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boards for the Boy Scouts, the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Commission, and the Corpus Christi Boys Club. He currently serves as president of the Coastal Bend United Way.

In 1982 he was named Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year by the Nueces County Young Lawyers' Association.

Rangel and his wife, Lupe, are parents of three children: Jaime, 9; Jorge, 6; and Jackie, 15 months. Mrs. Rangel, who holds a masters degree in education from Harvard, has been a writer for the Sesame Street television program, and has written a column for the Corpus Christi *Caller-Times*.



CORSICANA STATE HOME students, under the direction of teacher Ginger Mullenix, presented choral readings during the campus Christmas dinner December 20th for staff and students.

The Corsicana High School drill team, the "Calicos," also performed during the event. The event was directed by Laurill Hunter and the warehouse staff.

Rev. Williams

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tor of the National Baptist Convention of America, and is on the Board of Trustees of Bishop College.

Rev. Williams' father served as pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church for 28 years prior to his appointment there. One of his sons, Floyd Jr., is pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church in Houston, and three other sons are ordained ministers. Rev. Williams and his wife, Lola, also have a daughter, who graduated from Prairie View A & M in 1984.

Mrs. Williams is regional manager of the Texas Department of Labor and Standards. She previously served as finance coordinator for Congressman Bob Eckhardt.

Mark White
Governor of Texas

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GOVERNOR WHITE chats with Giddings State School students on playground.

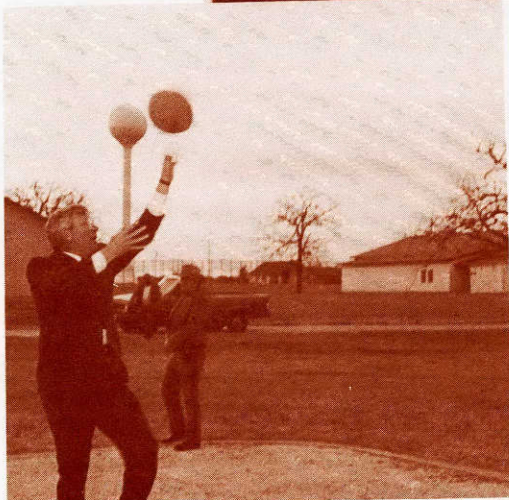


GIDDINGS STUDENT Gregory Rodriguez had an opportunity to talk personally with Governor White during his visit January 6.

Governor makes impromptu visit to Giddings State School



THE GOVERNOR fell right in the supper line at the Giddings cafeteria, sat down and ate with students and staff, and declared that the food was very good. (The regular menu Jan. 6 included meatloaf with tomato sauce, baked potato, spinach, bread/margarine, cake with whipped topping and strawberries and milk and tea).



THE LURE of the basketball court on the Giddings campus was too much for Governor White—as he took time out from touring to shoot a few baskets.



A WAVE GOOD-BYE ended the Governor's two-hour visit to Giddings State School, as the state helicopter prepares to return him, Jackson and York to Austin after supper.

New administrators begin work

David Cocoros, assistant superintendent at Crockett State School, has been promoted to superintendent, following the resignation of Bob Drake February 14. Cocoros formerly was Houston Area Parole Supervisor and Ayres House superintendent.

Two new superintendents of TYC halfway houses have been appointed recently.

They are: Larry Griffin, Middleton House; and Pedro Cohen, Valley House.

Griffin, who holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in social work, previously served Ayres House as group leader and treatment coordinator. He assumed his new position December 16, replacing Darryl Morgan, who resigned.

Cohen, formerly assistant superintendent of Valley House, was named superintendent effective January 20, 1986. He previously served as Assistant Superintendent there, and as YAS III at Salado House in Austin. Cohen replaces Rey Gomez, who was named assistant superintendent of the Brownwood State School December 2, 1985.

Three new hearings examiners began work January 2 in the Legal Department. They are Nannette Webster, an attorney from Oklahoma City, previously employed as assistant director of continuing legal education for the Oklahoma Bar Association; Reggie James, UT law school graduate, who previously worked

Governor to speak at groundbreaking

Governor Mark White will officiate at groundbreaking ceremonies April 25 for TYC's South Texas institution at Edinburg.

The new TYC program, designed specifically to provide social and cultural services to youth from a 27-county area of South Texas, will be built for 50 youth.

"Officials from all 27 counties are expected to attend the formal program, and the public will be invited to attend," said Joseph Martinez, regional administrator.

Sharing in hosting the program with the Texas Youth Commission are the City of Edinburg, Hildago County, Pan American University, and a South Texas Committee for youth services.

Already in existence at the site is TYC's mobile diagnostic team, which began work recently with committed youth in the 27 county area.



DAVID COCOROS

CURTIS MILES



PEDRO COHEN

LARRY GRIFFIN

as a research assistant and lobbyist for Consumers Union (Publisher of Consumer Report magazine); and Pamela Smith, a UT law school graduate who has worked as a felony prosecutor in the 90th district (Young and Stephens Counties).

Curtis Miles, former vice principal at Brownwood State School, has been named principal at West Texas Children's Home, effective February 3. A graduate of Sam Houston State Univer-

sity, he received his bachelor's degree in 1972. His master's degree is from the University of Houston at Clear Lake in 1982.

Rey Gomez, former Valley House superintendent, was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Brownwood State School, effective December 1, 1985. Gomez holds a bachelor's degree from North Texas State University and a master's degree from Pan American University.

New assignments

Reassignments in administrative responsibility were announced February 28 by Executive Director Ron Jackson.

Deputy Executive Director Linda Rossi is now directly supervising the operations of the Statewide Reception Center, the South Texas Region, Institutions, Community/Special Services, Education, Research and Evaluation and Health Care Services.

Assistant Executive Director Mart Hoffman will be responsible for the agency's Management by Objectives (MBO), Planning, Chaplaincy Services, and Employee Grievances. He will also direct the agency's ACA accreditation process.

Jerry Day and John Arredondo have "switched" positions. Day now heads Community/Special Services and Arredondo now oversees Institutions. The Corsicana State Home has been moved under Institutions.



BOB DRAKE, right, accepts an appreciation plaque from David Cocoros as he is honored at a going-away luncheon February 4. At center is TYC Executive Director Ron Jackson. Drake re-

signed as superintendent of Crockett State School to enter private business, and Cocoros has been named his successor.

Sunset Commission slates public hearing concerning recommendations for agency

Legislation continuing the Youth Commission and incorporating Texas Sunset Commission recommendations, will be approved June 13 by the Commissioners.

The staff of the Commission completed its recommendations in February, and the agency prepared its response to those recommendations March 1.

A public hearing is scheduled March 14 or 15 to hear the staff evaluations report on TYC and the agency's response, and to hear from any members of the public who wish to testify about the report or about activities and operations of the agency.

The Sunset Commission members will make their final vote on the recommendations April 18.

Board members met via telephone conference call February 20 to review the Sunset staff's recommendations and to provide direction to TYC staff members developing the agency's response.

Sunset staff members who have reviewed TYC's operations since September include Kathy Hutto, senior analyst, Ginny McKay, Jim Cash and Bruce Crawford.

Commission members are Sen. Chet Edwards, chairman; Rep. Patricia Hill, vice chairman; Rep. Bruce Gibson, Charles Edmonds (public member-house), Sen. John Montford, Sen. Bob McFarland, Sen. Ray Farabee and Pete Snelson (Public Member-Senate).

Staff recommendations to the Commission members are as follows:

a. The chairperson of TYC's Board should be appointed by the Governor.

b. The board composition should include a juvenile judge and a representative of a private sector agency contracting with TYC.

c. The agency should be authorized to hold funds in trust for children committed to it.

d. The commission should be authorized to maintain four special accounts in the general revenue fund.

e. The agency should be required to use a standard methodology in calculating cost per day.

f. TYC should be required to develop and utilize performance-based contracts in specified situations.

g. TYC and TDMHMR should be required to provide for a continuum of care for mentally ill or retarded juvenile delinquents.

h. The agency should be required to document a reasonable attempt to obtain services for emotionally disturbed youth in contract residential treatment centers prior to placement at the Corsicana Residential Treatment Center.

i. TYC should be required to implement a case management system for parole which objectively measure certain elements.

j. TYC should be authorized to utilize restitution as an alternative to parole revocation.

k. The agency should be authorized to develop programs which encourage family involvement in the rehabilitation of children committed to the agency.

l. TYC should be authorized to apprehend a child who escapes while under its authority.

m. Protection from legal liability should be extended to physicians for actions taken in the performance of services under contract with TYC.

n. The law should be changed regarding treatment of status offenders and other minor offenders by prohibiting revocation of CINS Probation for minor offenses. Three major policy issues were addressed by the Commission staff, with three options each:

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Three major policy issues were addressed by the Commission staff, with three options prepared for each. The Sunset staff recommended the first option under each policy issue:

1. TYC should be required to provide

more parole supervision through local county probation departments.

Option 1: Eliminate the statutory limit on contract rates. (The law currently allows TYC to pay \$3 per day up to \$60 per month for parole supervision by counties).

Option 2: Require TYC to contract whenever possible.

Option 3: Transfer Parole Supervision to local probation departments.

2. TYC should increase contracting for halfway house services.

Option 1: Require TYC to contract for future halfway house services unless all efforts to contract are unsuccessful.

Option 2: Require TYC to contract for all future halfway house services.

Option 3: Require TYC to contract for existing and future halfway house services when current leases expire.

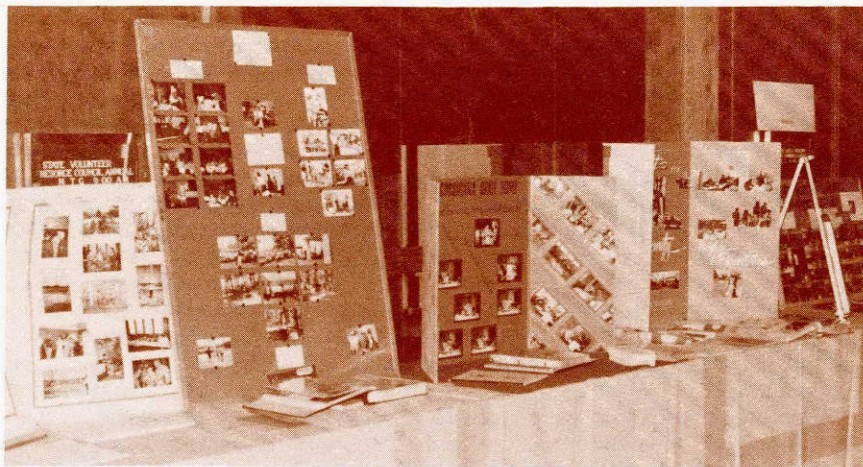
3. The State should increase efforts in delinquency prevention.

Option 1: Expand the "Communities in Schools" Program

Option 2: Increase drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment programs for adolescents.

Option 3: Expand services for runaways.

Other Sunset staff reports which have not yet been finalized, and which may include other policy recommendations impacting TYC are: A Consolidation Report, outlining proposals to combine agencies; and a Joint Issue Report, reviewing areas which impact all or several criminal justice agents.



VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS and local volunteer councils set up displays of their activities

for the past year at the annual conference in October.

Volunteers receive 1985 awards



DR. PAUL CARLIN, right, director of the Prisoners Bible Institute, was recipient of the Youth Commission's top volunteer award this year—the First Lady of Texas Award—presented here by Rev. Floyd N. Williams Sr. of Houston, TYC Board Member. The PBI program was active in all TYC institutions during the year and involved hundreds of volunteer religious witnesses from the nearby communities.

BILL MCKAY, right, was named TYC's Outstanding Individual Volunteer during the agency's annual volunteer awards luncheon October 26, 1985, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Houston. Presenting the award was Mart Hoffman, TYC Assistant Executive Director for Child Care. McKay was also re-elected Chairman of the State Volunteer Resource Council.

TYC BOARD MEMBER Jim Bowie presented the TYC award for Outstanding Student Volunteers to Nueces House students. Christy Boulter, Activities Director, of the Corpus Christi Nursing Home, who nominated the boys for their continuing work at the nursing home, traveled to Houston to accept the award for them.

Bible Institute receives First Lady of Texas award

"During 1985 one group above all others made a significant impact on the entire institutional system of the Texas Youth Commission," said Rev. Floyd N. Williams Sr. of Houston, TYC Board Member.

"Due to this wide-reaching contribution TYC wants to recognize the Prisoners Bible Institute and its founder and director, Dr. Paul Carlin, with the First Lady of Texas Award for extraordinary volunteer service from Linda Gale White," said Rev. Williams at the agency volunteer awards luncheon in Houston.

Since December of 1984, the Prisoners Bible Institute has conducted Lay Witness Weekends at every TYC institution. They brought together more than 225 trained volunteers to these campuses and to the TYC volunteer programs.

"After every weekend, volunteers returned one night a week to conduct continuing Bible studies in each cottage for at least twelve weeks," explained Rev. Williams. "In several locations they have

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Fort Worth man honored as TYC's top volunteer

Bill McKay of Fort Worth was named TYC's Outstanding Individual Volunteer for 1985 at the agency's annual volunteer conference in Houston last October.

"McKay, who was elected president of the TYC State Volunteer Resource Council during the conference, has devoted countless hours, his personal resources and talents, and outstanding leadership to the development of the State Council during the past year," said Assistant Executive Director Mark Hoffman, who presented the award to him.

McKay provided the leadership four years ago for the initial development of the Area II (Fort Worth) volunteer council, and has continued to be an ardent supporter of local TYC projects.

"Among his areas of assistance to TYC, McKay served as an advocate for the new TYC halfway house in Fort Worth when neighborhood associations were opposing it," said Hoffman. "He assisted the Fort Worth halfway house superintendent to schedule meetings with the mayor and other city officials who could be of assistance in locating the facility."

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Nueces House students receive recognition

Nueces House residents were named the agency's outstanding student group serving their community as volunteers during the TYC annual volunteer awards luncheon in October.

"One of the goals of TYC's rehabilitation program is to instill in our youth a commitment to the community in which they live," said TYC Board Member Jim Bowie, who presented the award.

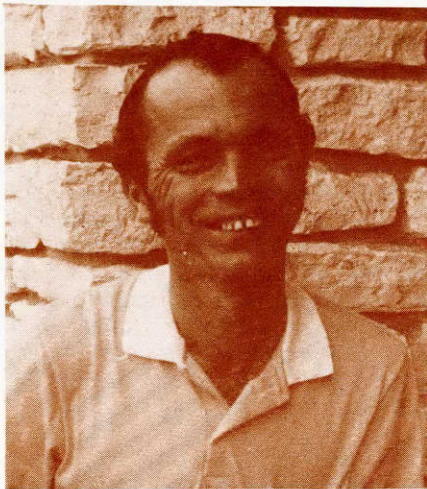
"This year's winners provide an average of about 40 hours a week to the Corpus Christi Nursing Home, and they were nominated by the Home's activities director, Christy Boulter," said Bowie.

Ms. Boulter's nomination reads: "Nueces House residents have been the finest youth volunteers I have had the privilege to work with. They have taken a leadership role in the nursing home, helping to supervise other volunteers, aid residents and carry out activities. They have exhibited patience and empathy in working with the elderly and disabled, and have many times contributed insightful information and opinions to improve resident care."

"These boys truly do everything from

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during annual conference in Houston



MILTON HOBBS, youth activity supervisor at the Giddings State School, received the award as TYC's Outstanding Employee Volunteer at the annual volunteer conference in Houston in October.

Giddings employee receives award

Milton Hobbs, a youth activities supervisor from Lexington who has worked at the Giddings State School for five years, was named TYC's outstanding individual employee volunteer for 1985 during the agency's volunteer awards luncheon in Houston in October.

Hobbs, who has been taking students off-campus on his own time, has volunteered over 1,400 hours of free time to the Big Brother program at Giddings State School.

"Each weekend when he is off-duty, he travels more than 80 miles round trip to take a student to his home and back," said TYC Assistant Executive Director, Mart Hoffman, who made the announcement.

Hobbs takes the students shopping, to movies, to attend community activities such as the May Fest in Brenham, swimming and out to eat at local restaurants.

"All expenses, of course, come from his own pocket," explained

Recently Hobbs accepted legal guardianship of a 16-year-old student who was ready to be paroled. The student's family situation was a tragic one which he could not return to, so Hobbs took on the responsibility to provide for the young man.

"Milton's love and concern for this youth and his welfare is simply an exten-

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DIANA STEWART, manager of the Pizza Hut in Giddings, received the Outstanding Contributing Business award for 1985. She was presented a plaque at the awards luncheon in Houston October 26 by TYC Board Member Jim Bowie.

Giddings Pizza Hut presented award

The Giddings Pizza Hut was named TYC's Outstanding Contributing Business for 1985 during the agency's annual volunteer awards luncheon in October.

"The Giddings Pizza Hut has been a leader in providing jobs for students at the Giddings State School," said TYC Board Member Jim Bowie, who made the announcement.

The Giddings off-campus work program began even before the state school there was designated the TYC facility for violent offenders. In 1980 and 1981 it was relatively easy to place students in jobs in the community. In 1981 there were eight different employers, and an average of 16 students working each month, with an annual combined income of \$63,000.

"Such is not the case since the Giddings school began taking violent offender students. Only four local employers participate in the program, and only about 9 students work each month... and annual income has dropped to \$36,000," said Bowie.

"That's why the Pizza Hut has been such a great supporter... they have always welcomed our students, accepting them for their potential and not dwelling on past mistakes," he said.

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HOWARD PAYNE University Baptist Student Union received TYC's award for Outstanding Group Volunteers at the agency's annual volunteer conference in Houston. Presenting the award was Steve Robinson, left, Brownwood State School superintendent, to Leslie Wilkins, head of HPU's BSU state school missions program. At right is Paul Sullivan, BSU director at Howard Payne.

Howard Payne students get volunteer award

The Baptist Student Union at Howard Payne University in Brownwood was named TYC's outstanding volunteer civic group during the agency's 1985 volunteer awards luncheon in Houston in October.

"This year we recognize a group that has been active in our program in Brownwood for over 12 years," said Rev. Floyd N. Williams Sr. of Houston, a TYC Board Member.

"Because of the Howard Payne BSU, Brownwood State School has been able to provide greater individualized attention to students," said Rev. Williams.

"BSU members display a contagious enthusiasm and desire to help, and with their caring attitude and sensitivity to the needs of our young people, they truly make a difference in the daily lives of our students. This results in a tremendous impact on our rehabilitative efforts," he said.

"These students have also added greatly to the overall program at Brownwood through their involvement in such activities as drama, arts and crafts, intramural athletic events, religious activities,

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McKay . . .

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McKay has visited several TYC facilities and is well-informed about both the child care issues as well as the business aspects of programming for troubled youth.

He is a board member for High Frontier, a residential treatment center which contract for TYC youth, and has served as a consultant to the program. At one point he functioned as interim administrator of the program, personally supervising the day-to-day operations.

He is also on the Board of the Lena Pope Home in Fort Worth, another TYC contract program, and is described by its director as "the individual who makes his board involvement as important as his business . . . He advocates for all youth and enjoys his role and level of hands-on involvement."

"Because of his interest in youth, McKay wants all programs and agencies working with the juvenile justice system to work together toward a common goal," said Hoffman.

McKay is also chairman of the Board of the Edna Gladney Home in Fort Worth, a home for unwed mothers. Because he is an adopted child, and one of his children is also adopted, McKay has been interested in the problems of adoptees. He has been involved in the passage of national legislation establishing an adoption registry which is being used in 20 states. In this registry, information about the birth father and mother is available to an adopted child at age 21.

"It is indeed a pleasure to present this award to Bill McKay as this agency's Outstanding Individual Volunteer for 1985," Hoffman concluded.

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Other 1985 nominees for the agency's Outstanding Individual Volunteer were: Jerry Cockerham, Corsicana; Emilee Terry, Fairfield; Belene Moore, Giddings; Olga V. DeBadia, El Paso; Marilda Roberson and Arlene R. Wagner, Houston Parole; Judy Zarate, Schaeffer House; Gene Deason, Brownwood; Bro. Ken Neff, Crockett; Rev. and Mrs. Pat Baucum, Gainesville; Johnny McCracken, West Texas; Larry Raiss, Dallas parole; Bob Stewart, Austin parole; Beryl Johnson, Middleton House.

Nueces House students . . . (Cont. from Page 6)

calling Bingo to training new incoming volunteers," she said. "The patients so enjoy them, that they are requested by name for their help. They have earned the reputation of being dependable and well-liked and have been innovative in developing activities for the 200 residents."

"Most important, they have bridged the gap separating the very young from the very old. Through the openness of their hearts and with tenderness they visited those who have no one. They have allowed our residents to have something to look forward to."

"The Texas Youth Commission is proud of the outstanding service the Nueces House boys are voluntarily providing to the Home," said Bowie. "We also thank you, Ms. Boulter, for giving

Milton Hobbs . . .

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sion of the many other hours he's spent as a dedicated volunteer for many youngsters," concluded Hoffman.

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Other nominees for Outstanding Employee Volunteer were: Dr. Charles Smith, Corsicana; Fred Robarge, Crockett; Linda Turner, Fairfield camp; Donna Bass, Gainesville; Corkey Hensley, West Texas; Bill Pagan, Schaeffer House; Lalo Gutierrez, Austin parole; and Myrtle Mayberry, Middleton House.

them the opportunity to find rewarding experiences in serving others," he concluded.

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Other nominees for Outstanding TYC youth volunteers were: Head Start volunteers at Brownwood State School; Fairfield Wilderness Camp 'Beautify Fairfield' volunteers; Corsicana State Home students; Turman House Explorer Scout Troop; Schaeffer House volunteers; El Paso volunteers; and the Student Councils at Crockett, Giddings and West Texas.

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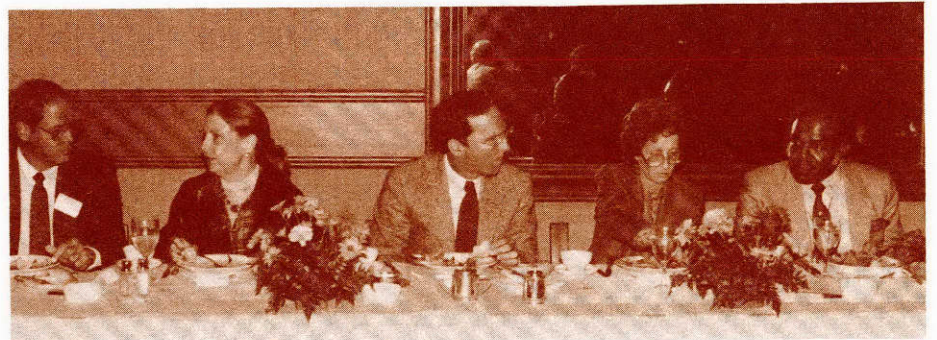
developed into permanent Bible classes."

Through PBI, more than 25 churches have become involved with the youth and religious programs and have donated not only volunteers but program funds as well.

PBI is currently arranging for funds and manpower to build a new chapel at West Texas Children's Home in Pyote, after noting the need during their Lay Witness Weekend there.

"PBI has had a very positive effect on TYC's chaplaincy program," said Rev. Williams, "and our youth have been fortunate to receive the services of these dedicated and trained volunteers."

Dr. Carlin was presented a personal letter of thanks from Mrs. White and an appreciation certificate from Governor Mark White, in addition to the engraved First Lady of Texas Award plaque.



AMONG THOSE at the head table for the volunteer awards luncheon were, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKay of Fort Worth (McKay, State Council chairman, served as master of ceremonies for the event); Mart Hoffman, TYC Assistant Executive Director for Child Care; Dorothy Kemp of Corpus Christi, State Council secretary; and Rev. Floyd N. Williams Sr., TYC Board Member.

1985 TYC volunteer conference



TABLE TOPICS were popular feature of the annual TYC volunteer conference.



REDETTE BOOKOUT, member of the West Texas Children's Home community council, reports on that group's outstanding activities for the year during the annual volunteer conference October 24-26 in Houston. At head table are Peg Johnson of Giddings, State Council vice president; Jim Acker, State Council treasurer; and Dorothy Kemp, State Council secretary.



DENISE KENNEDY, Houston Parole Officer, delivers the door prize of a black and white television during the volunteer awards luncheon to D.B. Chever of the Houston Progressive Adolescent Learning Center.



DIONNE BAGBY, Chairman of the Fort Worth volunteer council, gave the Area II council report during the volunteer conference.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER for the TYC volunteer conference was Dr. Bobbie Allen Henderson, left, Associate Professor, Texas Southern University, shown here with Eva Ponce, Houston volunteer council chairman.

Howard Payne BSU . . .

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recreation and accompanying staff on off-campus trips.

"The influence of Christian love and values they convey to our students is profound . . . they are to be commended and recognized for their contribution to the goals and philosophies of the Texas Youth Commission," he concluded.

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Other nominees for Outstanding Social or Civic Group Award were: Noon Lions Club of Crockett; Free Indeed Outreach Program, Dallas; Catholic Daughters of America, Giddings; First Baptist Church, Kermit; VFW Post 8787, Austin; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Houston; Harvey Street Baptist Church, Gainesville; VFW Post 5872, Fairfield; First Baptist Church, Corsicana; and Corsicana High School Student Council.

Pizza Hut . . .

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"Their example of consistent support has persuaded other employers in the community to give our kids a chance," he added.

Pizza Hut, under the management of Diana Stewart, was also the first Giddings business to accept females from the school as employees.

Stewart is also an active Community Advisory Council member and serves as a surrogate parent in the A.R.D. school program. She has also made presentations to pre-release students concerning job interviews and employer expectations.

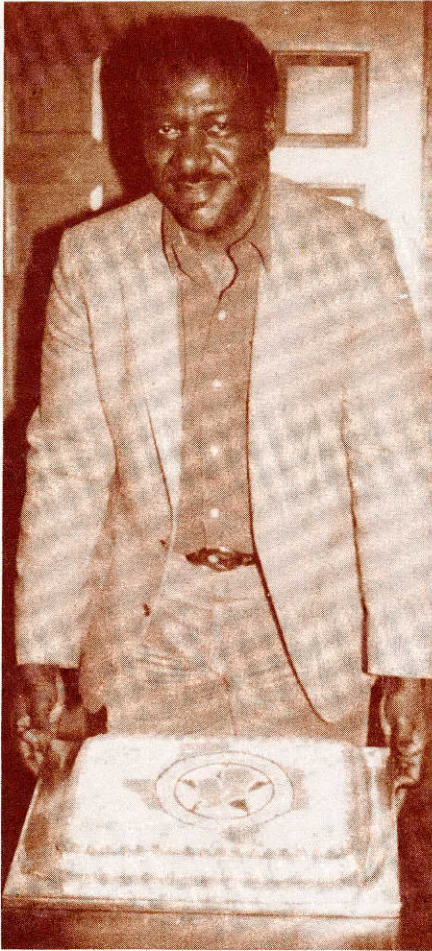
"Pizza Hut also donated a large gas oven, valued at over \$1,000, to the student benefit fund," said Bowie, and regularly provides special discounts for large functions, such as football banquets or student council meetings.

During the three years Stewart has managed the Pizza Hut, 75 students have worked for her and have earned a combined income of \$30,000.

"We are grateful to Pizza Hut and Diane Stewart for supporting the state school through good times and bad," concluded Bowie. "They took the risk when other businesses decided to sit back and wait."

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Other nominees for outstanding contributing business for 1985 were: George Hadid's Grocery, Crockett; Fairfield State Bank, Fairfield; Harvey Street Baptist Church, Gainesville; M-Systems Food Stores, West Texas; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Schaeffer House; VFW Post 8787, Austin Parole; the George Foundation, Middleton House.



*Board
Member
Jim
Bowie
honored*



MR. AND MRS. BOWIE and Jackson pose in front of the cast iron barbecue pit which was given to the Bowies at the dinner.



JOE FRANKS, Giddings business manager, prepared rib-eye steaks for the sixty guests attending the Bowie Appreciation dinner in Giddings. The meal was complemented with baked potatoes, green beans, salad, and rolls.



RON JACKSON, TYC Executive Director, presented Bowie a desk box with the Board's resolution commending his service engraved in brass.

FORMER TYC BOARD Member Jim Bowie of Houston was honored at an appreciation dinner December 12, 1985, at Wright Distributing Company in Giddings. His six-year term on the Board expired August 31, 1985.

87% of TYC employees choose Blue Cross

In Austin, 75% chose an HMO

Texas Youth Commission employees who have a choice between Health Maintenance Organizations and Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance coverage continue to select Blue Cross/Blue Shield more often, said Trennis Jones, Director of Personnel and Staff Development.

Fifty-eight percent of those with an option have selected Blue Cross this fiscal year.

"That reflects a decrease of six percent over last year, when 64 percent chose Blue Cross rather than an HMO," he said.

"This reduction may be attributed to Blue Cross's conversion to a single coverage plan that pays 80 percent of most health and hospital needs," he explained.

Previously Blue Cross/Blue Shield of-

fered a Plan I that paid 100 percent coverage on most of the items that now pay 80 percent.

"Employees who are risk averse, are more likely to switch to one of the HMO's," Jones said.

In Travis County, where there are 149 employees (in Central Office, Austin parole, and Turman House,) the situation is reversed. One hundred eleven (111) or 75 percent have coverage with an HMO, generally Central Texas Health Plan.

The same ratio is generally true in Harris County, where 12 of the 15 employees there are enrolled with an HMO rather than Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Overall for the agency, 87 percent are insured with Blue Cross/Blue Shield — a slight 2 percent reduction from the 89 percent during fiscal year 1985.

Fort Worth House named for Mrs. Willoughby

TYC's ninth halfway house program will be for girls

The Texas Youth Commission will open a halfway house for girls in Fort Worth with a formal ceremony March 12.

The facility, located at 8100 Elizabeth Lane, will be named in memory of Mrs. Clara Pope Willoughby of San Angelo, an activist in improving and supporting the juvenile justice system in the state.

The residential program is designed to address the needs of adolescent girls aged 15 to 17 years who have been committed to the agency, primarily because of non-violent offenses.

Speaker of the House Gib Lewis will be the keynote speaker at the open house and dedication from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. Dr. George Beto, TYC Board Chairman, will give the dedication speech.

The program is under the direction of the TYC volunteer council in Fort Worth, and several of its members will take part. Dionne Phillips-Bagsby, chairman, will emcee the event; Bill McKay will introduce Speaker Lewis; and Rev. Jerden Davis will give the invocation.

Ray W. Willoughby Jr., and Mrs. Clara Willoughby Cargile, children of Mrs. Willoughby, will be present for the dedication ceremony.

Girls who live at the TYC program will learn daily living skills and receive training designed to help them cope with the family and with social problems which brought them in contact with the juvenile justice system.

The house will be the only one of TYC's nine halfway houses which will have its own teacher and classroom. A teacher from the Fort Worth Independent School District will be assisted by Willoughby House staff and volunteers in teaching the girls.

"As the girls progress in the on-site schooling, they will be allowed to attend public schools," said L. Lynne Parra, Willoughby House superintendent.

During their stay at the house, which will average between four and six months, residents will receive individual and group counseling in the areas of drug abuse, problem solving, and physical and sexual abuse problems. Girls will also receive technical training, career counseling, and on-the-job training in cooperation with neighborhood businesses.

"Our goal is to teach positive behaviors which will help each girl develop the



Clara Pope Willoughby

self-esteem necessary to lead a happy, productive life," said Parra.

The physical plant, a 6,800 square foot building in West Fort Worth, provides six bedrooms and three bathrooms for three girls each, a spacious living room/recreation room, kitchen and three offices for staff members.

TYC Board members will also attend the event. They include Dr. George Beto of Huntsville, chairman; Susan Bush of Athens, vice chairman; Richard Abalos of Odessa; Judge Jorge C. Rangel of Corpus Christi; Rev. Floyd N. Williams Sr. of Houston; and Larry York of Austin.

TYC's other halfway houses are located in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Harlingen, McAllen, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Richmond.

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Mrs. Willoughby began actively supporting juvenile programs in the early 1930's, and culminated in her 1981 appointment to a six-year term on the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, which she was serving on at the time of her death last August.

"Juvenile delinquency is a serious problem," she was quoted as saying in 1965. "It strikes at the roots of our soci-

ety and can leave us with a shaky, unhealthy core on which our nation must struggle to survive."

She served as a board member for the Girl Scouts in San Angelo, helped establish San Angelo's child welfare unit of the Texas Department of Welfare, and helped establish the graduate School of Social Work at the University of Texas.

Her late husband, Ray W. Willoughby, was a prominent West Texas rancher and national leader in the livestock industry. Mrs. Willoughby served with numerous agencies and committees.

In 1949, she worked with then-president of the UT Board of Regents Dudley Woodward and former Senator Dorsey Hardemann to obtain appropriations in the legislative budget for a graduate School of Social Work.

The UT School of Social Work honored her for her contributions during a commencement convocation in May 1983. UT awarded her a plaque and citation in 1967 for distinguished achievement in establishing the graduate school.

The former Clara Starr Pope was born Sept. 2, 1902, in Marshall to a family with financial interests in real estate, banking, stocks, bonds and oil and gas properties.

She was given the Governor's Award in September 1980 for donating her ancestral home, Maplecroft, to the state. The historic mansion was built by her grandfather in 1871.

Mrs. Willoughby was a third-generation Christian Scientist and an active member of the San Angelo Church of Christ, Scientist.

She has also been honored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the UT System Chancellor's Council, the UT Austin President's Associates, the Tom Green County Bar Association, the Texas State Sheriff's Association, and the Governor's Board of Status of Women.

WTCH staff honored

West Texas Childrens Home employees were honored with an appreciation day at Pyote Baptist Church February 9.

Pastor Delton Flowers praised the rehabilitative efforts of the staff at a fellowship luncheon.

TYC's outstanding 1984 volunteer opens halfway house in San Antonio

Donna Anderson optimistic about Gateway halfway house

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Donna Anderson, a volunteer in San Antonio who was named the agency's outstanding individual volunteer in 1984, served as a parole officer aide and made home visits, home evaluations and transported TYC parolees. She volunteered as a TYC aide at the Salvation Army Home for Girls and counseled the 12 to 14 TYC girls in contract there more than 20 hours per month. She also took vacation time from her job as a psychiatric nurse to travel to other Area IV offices to give communication skills training to other TYC volunteer groups. This article was reprinted from the November 9, 1985, San Antonio LIGHT.)

BY ENEDELIA OBREGON

For 17-year-old Melissa, Gateway is better than the youth shelters and foster homes she has lived in for the past nine years.

"You get more freedom and more structure," she said of the half-way house for disturbed teens she has called home for three months. "Everything is straight down the line. You do something, you pay for it. You learn from your mistakes. It upsets you, but that's life. You can't always have what you want."

Her dream is to be a cosmetologist because she "likes to make people look nicer." Her smooth, *cafe au lait* skin, she said proudly, is due to painstaking care. A compliment brings out a radiant, dimpled smile.

But to 16-year-old Joe, it's "just another placement" in a string of countless ones he has known since he was 8 years old.

"The rules are too strict," complained Joe, who has been a resident about four months. "They say kids have different problems and need to be treated different. But I think they need to be treated the same."

Joe, a runaway who would like to be a policeman someday, figures "he's heard it all before."

He thinks he'll be a good "cop" because he knows the streets of San Antonio and knows how the kids on the street think and feel. Besides, he reasons, when he becomes an adult, his juvenile criminal file will be closed and he can start anew.

Donna Anderson, a soft-spoken woman with graying blonde hair and a caring face, shares their dreams to start life anew. That's the reason this former psychiatric nurse decided to open Gateway, which sits nestled between other period homes on Post Street just a stone's throw away from Fort Sam Houston.

"We get kids the other placements (halfway houses) won't take," she said. "It's a last resort for a lot of them. Many of them are referrals from other halfway houses. They've run away or they've gotten in fights and been discharged."

Anderson—with the help of a staff of 13—received the first resident on May 21. She and the staff spent the month prior in training. But the month-long wait was nothing compared to the bureaucratic red tape she encountered once she made up her mind she wanted the place.

"We had to go through DHR (Department of Human Resources), TYC (Texas Youth Commission) and AACOG (Alamo Area Council of Governments)," she said. "Then we had some placements who saw us as competition. But there could be 10 times the number of placements and there would still not be enough."

She settled for the large, two story-house because the zoning was right and it was large enough to accommodate 16 youngsters plus the live-in counselors.

But getting the money wasn't easy. For two years, she and Gateway's medical director, Dr. Jose Hernandez, worked on the plans. Finally, several banks came through, as did church groups and small businesses, which donated a lot of the office furniture, kitchen equipment and bedroom furniture.

It's a place with few frills. One of the exceptions is a small color television set—also donated—around which the youngsters crowd to get a good view.

Anderson is hoping someone will donate a large television for Christmas, or perhaps items or money for gifts for the youngsters during the holidays.

"We wanted it to work as a family unit," she explained about the house. "That's why we decided to go co-ed. Of course, we keep a close eye on them. The guys are downstairs and the girls are upstairs. And they can't visit each other's rooms."

The rules are few but they are strictly enforced: no drugs, no fighting, no sex between residents, all chores assigned must be done, no damage or hurting others simply because there isn't a specific rule against it.

"It's very structured so they don't get in trouble," Anderson said. "When they get bored, they get in trouble."

Trouble is what brought these teen-agers to Gateway. Anderson estimated the majority of them are runaways who have been physically or emotionally abused. About three quarters of them have been sexually abused. None of them, she said, have come from good family situation.

While living at Gateway, they attend school. If they have dropped out, they attend Graduate Equivalency Diploma classes. Since many of them also have learning disabilities, the staff provides closer monitoring and provides extra help.

"My belief is that these kids aren't bad," said Anderson. "They just need help getting their acts together and to set goals and learn responsibilities."

Part of Anderson's goal is to teach the residents independent living skills. Many of them will not return home once they turn 18, and even the younger ones who return home will not stay there long. Those almost 18 must have a job before being discharged.

To enforce living skills, the residents take turns cooking (under adult supervision) and cleaning the house and yard. When it's not done, there's a price to pay.

For example, last weekend they refused to pick the pecans the trees had dropped in the yard. So Anderson posted a sign on the bulletin board stating there would be no skating this weekend.

"I bet the pecans get picked this weekend, though," she said with a laugh.

The discipline is the most difficult part. These youngsters

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Fire destroys Turman House

Austin halfway house teens find temporary home at Blind School

Twenty-eight Turman House residents were displaced January 10 when fire nearly destroyed the Austin halfway house, located at 7308 Cameron Road.

The boys escaped the 5 a.m. fire without time to retrieve any clothing or personal possessions, and stood outdoors in 36-degree weather watching the house burn. The fire apparently originated in the electrical wiring in the bedroom wing.

Over the weekend following the fire, the boys were taken to the Parrie Haynes Ranch near Killeen by staff members. By Sunday night their living quarters were set up at the Texas School for the Blind, 4th and Lamar, where they will remain until a new halfway house is constructed.

The actual building which housed the program was not a state building but was built to TYC specifications in 1982 by M. G. Investments, and leased to the agency. The lessor has indicated that the house will be rebuilt at the same location. Completion is expected to be in July.

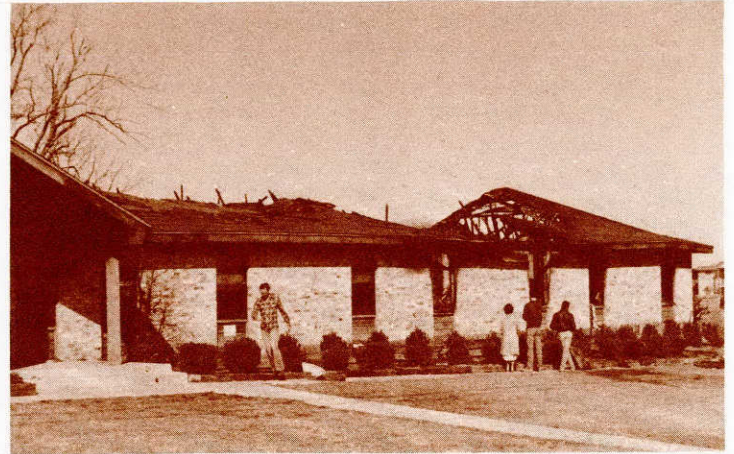
Although TYC provided each of the boys with emergency clothing the afternoon after the fire (each had three shirts, three pairs of jeans, socks, shoes, underwear and a jacket), Austin residents donated thousands of dollars worth of clothing after learning of the situation.

Noe Molina, the staff member on duty at the time the fire was detected, said he was about to do his 5 a.m. bed check when a resident said he smelled smoke coming from the attic. The two woke up the other boys and got them out of the burning building.

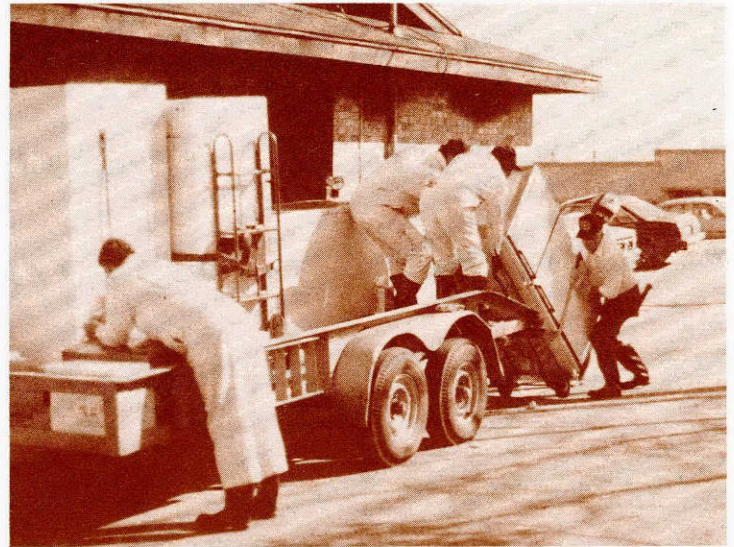
Molina was overcome by smoke and was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation. A firefighter at the scene was treated at Brackenridge Hospital after a piece of glass sliced through one of his boots.

"Several boys were sent home after the fire—those who were nearing completion of the program. Currently 20 boys are in residence at the School for the Blind, and staff responsibilities have been carried out at that location," said Marie Murdock, superintendent.

The Austin Area Community Advisory Council has sent out a letter requesting contributions to help replace boys' personal property which was destroyed in the fire.



THE EARLY MORNING blaze which nearly destroyed Turman House in Austin on January 10th started in the bedroom area (pictured at the center of this photograph) and gutted the wing of the halfway house where 28 boys had been sleeping shortly before 5 a.m. All 28 were led to safety by the staff member on duty, Noe Molina, who was overcome by smoke and treated for smoke inhalation.



GIDDINGS STAFF members and Turman House staff and students assisted in moving undamaged equipment from the halfway house following the January 10th fire which nearly destroyed the building at 7308 Cameron Road in Austin.

Governor's volunteer conference set

The Governor's Office of Community Leadership will sponsor the 1986 Texas Volunteer Conference on April 7-8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin.

Gay Erwin, Director of the Office of Community Leadership, said the program is designed to assist both volunteers and professional administrators of volunteer programs from both the public and private sectors.

Workshop topics will include Creative Fundraising, Community Service Restitu-

tion Volunteers, Professional Certification for Paid Administrators, Corporate Volunteers, Legal Liabilities, Burnout/Stress Management, Working with Boards, Marketing Your Program, and Special Needs of Rural Volunteer Programs.

Several new innovative volunteer programs will also be presented.

Texas First Lady Linda Gale White will present awards to outstanding volunteers selected in five categories. Official

nomination forms have been sent to the volunteer coordinators in each TYC program.

Several state agencies, including the Texas Youth Commission, and many private organizations will co-sponsor the conference.

Senator Barrientos speaks at group home dedication



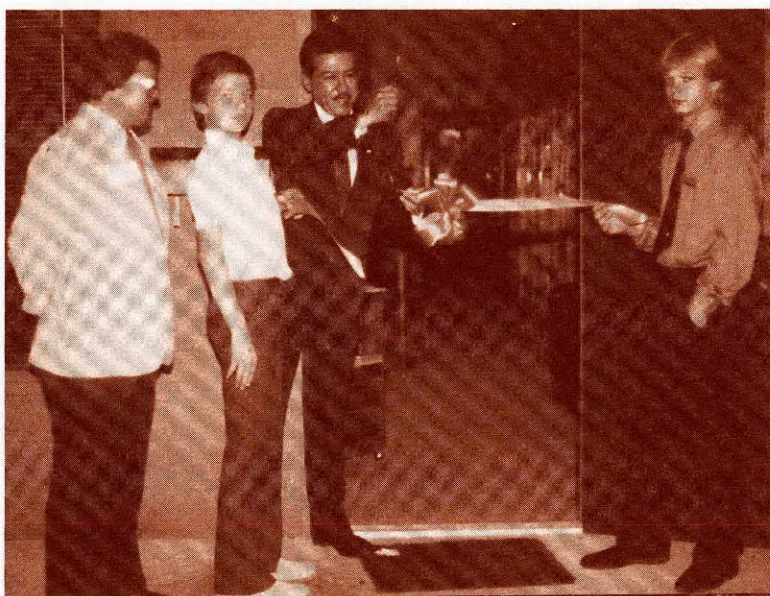
AUSTIN GROUP HOME is located at 3710 South 2nd.



STATE SENATOR Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin, right, shakes hands with TYC Board Member Richard Abalos of Odessa during TYC open house and dedication for new Austin group home, located at 3710 South 2nd. Senator Barrientos was keynote speaker.



DEE PREWIT, right, Austin volunteer council chairman, greets Austin group home relief houseparent Tyrone Hunter during open house and dedication of the facility.



SENATOR BARRIENTOS cuts ribbon to new Austin group home during dedication ceremonies November 14. Two residents held the ribbon, and at left is TYC Board Member Richard Abalos, who served as master of ceremonies for the event.

AMONG THOSE attending the Austin group home open house were, left to right, Pat Tucker, Austin Parole, Tori Alvis, Turman House, and Sandra Spiller, TYC group home coordinator.



Governor orders reduction in spending, hiring, travel, purchases, construction

TYC cuts out all hiring except direct child care positions

Governor Mark White's Executive Orders MW-36, directing each state agency and university to structure a contingency plan to achieve an overall 13 percent reduction in spending, were issued February 18.

The state's anticipated revenue from oil and gas has declined sharply, as excessive production has driven down oil prices significantly below earlier projections. Also effecting the outlook is federal budget reductions. These factors have resulted in a \$1.3 billion reduction in estimated revenues for the current biennium.

The Governor's order directed agencies to implement the plan by March 1, 1986, including the following cost saving measures:

1) State agencies and universities shall not hire employees except for positions that are critical to the continuation of the most essential agency programs or for complying with court orders;

"The only new employees TYC is hiring are direct child care positions," said Executive Director Ron Jackson. "Those include youth activity supervisors, caseworkers, dorm directors, nurses, cooks, parole officers and teachers. Most other positions were frozen the day the Orders were issued."

2) No promotions or merit increases shall be granted without prior written approval of, and justification by, the chief executive officer of the agency (nothing in this order shall effect salary rates authorized in the FY 86-87 General Appropriations Act); and

3) No new professional and personal services contracts shall be entered into except those absolutely required for the continuation of the most essential public services - subject to the prior approval of the chief executive officer of the agency; and

4) No purchase of non-essential supplies, motor vehicles and capital equipment shall be made, except those for which documented savings can be clearly demonstrated during this biennium; and

5) All construction and renovation of buildings shall be deferred indefinitely except that authorized for the housing of individuals in the custody of state

agencies, that required for compliance with court orders or that which is certified by the chief executive officer or the agency as critical for the continuation of the most essential programs; and

6) State agencies and universities shall review all existing contracts for leased space and renegotiate any such contracts which would result in additional savings to the state; and

7) All out-of-state travel shall be limited to functions involving the direct delivery of services or that which is absolutely required to perform the statutory mission of the agency and must receive the prior written approval of the chief executive officer of the agency. In-state travel expenditures shall be reduced by 20% for FY 86-87; and

8) State agencies and universities shall review the operation of all lighting, cooling, heating and water use equipment facilities and implement maximum savings in energy and water conservation; and

9) State agencies and universities shall rigorously examine all administrative and program functions, establish priorities, maximize alternative funding sources, and eliminate areas

of duplication; and

10) All state agencies and universities shall develop and implement procedures to ensure compliance with the provisions contained in this order; and

11) The State Purchasing and General Services Commission shall develop and implement procedures to assist all agencies and universities with the compliance with relevant provisions of this order.

This order effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended or rescinded by the Governor.

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Further information and clarification concerning immediate measures to be taken by TYC will be forthcoming.



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FORT WORTH Community Advisory Council has been hard at work planning the open house and dedication ceremonies for Willoughby House. Members include, left to right (Back row): Bill McKay, Dr. Michael Murry, Rev. Jerden Davis, Lt. Hank Snow, Cecilia Speer and Charles Dobbs. (Front row): Dr. Jose Gonzales, Henry George, Bill Whitworth, Betty Clark, Linda Barker, and Dionne Bagsby.

Feasibility study underway on electronic monitoring devices

A comprehensive study of the feasibility of the use of electronic monitoring devices for offenders who remain at home is being conducted by the Criminal Justice Policy Council.

The study includes an examination of Texas laws which might be effected, economic and program impact on criminal justice agencies, and the experience of other states.

John Arredondo, TYC Director of Community/Special Services, is a member of the 18-person committee.

The group will determine cost estimates, equipment and program reliability, projections of those who would be eligible, citizen and community response, and legal and civil rights issues.

"Application of electronic monitoring is a feasible diversion alternative for TYC youth," said Arredondo. "I would, however, be cautious in that we clearly spell out our objectives for this type of program as its application for juveniles . . . We should have both student and parent consent," he added.

During the committee's first meeting January 21, presentations were made by six vendors who market electronic monitoring devices.

The final report is expected to be completed in time for consideration by agencies in developing their 1988-89 budget requests to the Legislature.

Interest in the electronic monitoring of offenders goes back at least to 1966,

when receivers were used to trace the wearer's movements through a building.

More recently, the concept of electronic monitoring has expanded to include active and passive systems—to monitor an offender's presence in a given environment, —usually the home —where the offender is required to remain for specified periods of time.

Devices consist of various elements, including a miniaturized transmitter, (strapped to the offender's wrist or ankle which broadcasts a signal at regular intervals; a receiver-dialer located in the offender's home; and a central computer to accept reports from the receiver-dialer over telephone lines, compare them with the curfew schedules and alert officials to unauthorized absences.

The National Institute of Justice, in an early assessment, concluded that 1) Monitored home confinement appears to be acceptable to the local criminal justice community; 2) The concept does not appear to pose legal problems when used as an alternative to detention; and 3) As compared to detention, monitoring results in "substantial savings" to the criminal justice system.

NIJ has also noted that the devices do not have the capacity to eavesdrop or otherwise reveal an offender's activities. Their only capability is to indicate whether the wearer is present, has left, or has returned to a specific location.

In addition, home confinement in each jurisdiction now experimenting with electronic bracelets, is a voluntary choice by the offender.

"Monitored home confinement may prove to be a valuable tool to expand currently limited supervision capabilities," said James K. Stewart, NIJ Director. "It may eventually be useful in intensive supervision programs, in forced early release programs due to crowding, and in protecting the community from high-risk offenders awaiting court action."

Dallas House assists needy

During the Christmas holidays, Dallas House staff, residents and volunteers helped collect clothing, food, services and money for six needy families in the area. Clothing, toys and furniture were sorted, boxed and delivered by residents.

Dallas House publicized the drive through radio, TV and newspaper articles. Community residents donated toys, clothing, medical supplies, medical services, groceries, furniture and money.

The drive was coordinated by Andy Muniz, community coordinator. More than 75 persons, including 50 children, were effected by the gifts. The total dollar value of the goods and services was \$13,000.



TWO VOLUNTEERS of the Corsicana State Home, arranged for and accompanied nine Corsicana girls to the Dallas J.C. Penney's Hair Salon for free haircuts and styles, vocational information on cosmetology as a profession and a day of shopping and fun in the North Park Shopping Center. Among those making the trip were, left to right, volunteer Rella Callaway; student Elaine Castillo; volunteer Floy Dockery; and student Connie Baker; Belinda Johnson is pictured seated in front. Callaway, a professional makeup artist, conducted an earlier session for the girls in their cottage.

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are used to setting their own rules. But Anderson, who was a psychiatric nurse for 20 years as a civilian in military hospitals, sees beneath that tough exterior.

"Kids need and want discipline," said Anderson. "They don't like it and they rebel against it. Those that don't get it feel unloved. Many of these kids say they wish their parents had made them do this or that. Some parents just didn't know how to give discipline or how to enforce it."

Anderson has always had a soft spot in her heart for teenagers. She and her husband, Wendell, a professor at St. Mary's University, were always involved in Scouting when their children were young. Everywhere they've lived, Anderson has done work with mental health and crisis centers, always focusing on teen-agers. In Virginia, she helped set up a home for runaways.

Upon moving to San Antonio seven years ago, she volunteered at Texas Youth Commission and the Children's Center.

Anderson is optimistic about her future with Gateway. She'd like to set up an after-care program on an out-patient basis where former residents can come in periodically for counseling.

She hopes to set up an after-school program as well for those who have returned home but still need some help adjusting.

Hispanic commitment rate shows increase

A recent report on "The Incarceration of Hispanic Youth" has concluded that the percentage of minorities being held in U.S. detention centers and training schools is increasing, according to Elsa Garcia, TYC research assistant who reviewed the report.

"Inversely, the percentage of white juveniles confined is decreasing," said Garcia.

The report, based on information from the years 1977 to 1983, was made by the National Coalition of Hispanic Mental Health and Human Services Organizations.

Key findings were:

1. The number of incarcerated hispanic youth increased by 43% from 1977 to 1982.
2. The number of incarcerated black youth increased by 22% from 1977 to 1982.
3. The number of incarcerated white youth decreased by 7% from 1977 to 1982.

In juvenile detention centers, the percent of minority youth increased from 42% in 1977 to 54% in 1983. Hispanics accounted for 11% in 1977 and 15% in 1983. Blacks accounted for 31% in 1977 and 36% in 1983.

Meanwhile, the percentage of white youth decreased from 58% in 1977 to 47% in 1983.

In training schools, minority youth accounted for 47% in 1977; in 1983, they accounted for 54%. The percentage of hispanic youth increased from 7% in

1977 to 10% in 1983. Blacks accounted for 37% in 1977 and 42% in 1983.

On the other hand, white youth in training schools decreased from 53% in 1977 to 46% in 1983.

TYC's Hispanic commitments rise sharply

Hispanic commitments to TYC (the Texas Youth Commission) rose by 92% between fiscal year (FY) 1980 and FY 1985. By comparison, commitments of white and black youth rose by only 28% and 13%, respectively, yielding an agency increase of 41% during this period.

"Whereas Hispanic youth comprised 28% of the commitments in FY 1980, they constituted 38% of the commitments in FY 1985," said Dr. Chuck Jeffords, TYC research specialist.

One factor contributing to the dramatic increase in Hispanic commitments in particular was a 14% growth in the state's Hispanic 10- to 17-year old population, as estimated by Texas Department of Health figures.

The corresponding white juvenile population is estimated to have risen by only 5% and the black population by 1%, he said.

An increased juvenile population was not the sole factor, however, as the rate of Hispanic commitments per Hispanic juvenile resident rose by 68% during the five-year period (from 87 per 100,000 population to 147), compared to 22% for whites (from 58 to 71 per 100,000) and 12% for blacks (from 178 to 199 per 100,000 population).

While the percentage of FY 1980 Hispanic commitments who were not U.S. citizens could not be determined, non-U.S. citizens represented 14% of the Hispanic and 5% of the agency's commitments in FY 1985.

TYC COMMITMENTS BY FISCAL YEAR AND RACE

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Total</u>
1980	675	496	462	1633
1985	862	558	887	2307

STATE JUVENILE POPULATION BY FISCAL YEAR AND RACE

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Total</u>
1980	1,165,360	278,290	529,189	1,972,839
1985	1,218,966	279,901	604,176	2,103,043



THIRTEEN JAPANESE church people were in Brownwood in November visiting churches, schools, universities and social work institutions, and visited the Brownwood State School. Chaplain Swede Erickson took the group on a tour of the campus. Shown with the group, at back, are Superintendent Steve Robinson and Volunteer Coordinator Nancy Miller.



CROCKETT COOKS were named first place winners in the TYC institutions' Halloween decorating contest for food service staffs. Shown above are some of the outstanding Crockett costumes. Second place went to Giddings food service staff, with special recognition for student talent, and third place was awarded to Corsicana.



BROWNWOOD STATE School students enjoyed a "teacher in-service" day riding horses provided by Mike Harman, Parrie Haynes Ranch Manager, and John Franks, TYC Fiscal Director.

Even though it took most of the day, Supt. Steve Robinson saw that all students who wanted to ride horses got the chance.

Texas Networks for Children forms statewide organization

The Texas Networks for Children is a combined effort of both the public and private sectors across the State to impact Texas' complex system of children's services.

It is modeled after two networks that had been in existence for over eight years—the Regional Network for Children (RNC) and the Tri-Regional Association for Children (TRAC).

The purpose of the Texas Networks for Children is to design, operate and evaluate a continuum of care for children within the State of Texas. Their service delivery areas are:

- (1) To develop and maintain the Texas Networks for Children.
- (2) To facilitate networking between the public agencies and with the private sector.
- (3) To provide a forum for the public and private sectors to identify and to discuss issues relating to children and family services in Texas.

The president of the Board of Directors is Del Barnett of New Horizons Ranch. The Texas Youth Commission's public child-placing agency representative is John Arredondo.

There are four types of memberships:

- (1) Founding Member—minimum of \$500.00
- (2) Sustaining Member—Minimum of \$250.00

(3) Agency Member—Minimum of \$100.00

(4) Individual Member—Minimum of \$ 20.00

Those interested in joining Texas Networks for Children should contact Sue S. Wilson, Chairperson of the Membership and Regional Network development Committee, (512) 450-3144.

'Networks' slates conference

"Connecting for Children and Their Families" is the theme for the Texas Networks For Children conference slated April 28-30 at La Mansion Hotel in Austin.

Dr. Larry B. Silver of the Devereux Foundation will give the keynote address.

Thirty-four workshops are scheduled, including: 1) Divorce Survival Skills for Children; 2) Eating Disorders; 3) Emotionally Disturbed Adopted Adolescents and Their Families; 4) Positive Discipline; 5) Setting Rates of Reimbursement; 6) Adolescent Suicide; 7) Substance Abuse; 8) Interagency Coordination; 9) AIDS; and 10) Sexual Abuse of Children; 11) How to Deal with your Board; and 12) Marketing Techniques in Fund-Raising.

Deadline for pre-registration is March 28. The fee is \$70. CEU's will be awarded.

Wilderness Challenge youths commended

(The following letter was received by Mike Qunell, Wilderness Challenge Director, from National Park Service ranger Martin C. Ott, Chief Park Ranger at the Big Bend National Park, commending the staff and students of TYC's Wilderness Challenge Program).

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Dear Mr. Qunell:

On November 9, 1985, a Wilderness Challenge group assisted Big Bend National Park by undertaking a work project. This group cut and cleared brush which had intruded along the 1-¼ mile Santa Elena Canyon Nature Trail. The group also collected litter along the route.

The task was performed thoroughly and safely. Group members were eager and completed the job in high spirits. All-in-all, it was a true team effort.

We especially wish to thank the staff which consisted of Lee Lovinfosse, Mike Ash, and John Sickles. They, along with eight hard-working young men, did a commendable job.

Sincerely,

Martin C. Ott
Chief Park Ranger



NEW GAINESVILLE CAC Chairman, Jim Fielder, left, presented a certificate of appreciation to outgoing chairman Electa Taylor. Other new Gainesville Council officers for 1985-86 are Robbie Carson, co-chairman; Mary Sowder, secretary; and Ben Turbeville, treasurer. Eleven new members have recently joined the Council.

Detention workers conference set March 23-26

The 1986 Midwinter conference of the National Juvenile Detention Association and the Texas Juvenile Detention Association will be held in Houston March 23-26.

Steven Kossman, program chairman and head of the Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center in San Antonio, says the conference program will address current issues as well as anticipate future concerns for juvenile detention workers.

More than 12 workshops have been scheduled, included one which deals with detention of the AIDS child.

"Detention facilities which have not yet been confronted with a child with AIDS or ARC (Aids-Related Complex) should prepare their staffs now because it's just a matter of time," warned Kossman.

Conference participants will also have an opportunity to tour the new Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.

For information, contact the Texas Host Committee, P.O. Box 13258, Houston, Texas 77219. Phone 713 521-4153.

Church provides services

The West Hill Church of Christ provides weekly campus Sunday morning services for residents of the Corsicana State Home. About one-third of the student population attends the services.

Last fall members of the church hosted a campus weiner roast for students who attend the services. They also host a campus evening devotional session, and a follow-up ministries program for students who leave the program.

The youth group of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Corsicana hosted Corsicana youth for a volleyball game and dinner, arranged by Greg Schwab, the church youth director.

TCJJ conference features Judge Justice as keynoter

"Designing the Future", a three-day conference sponsored by the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice, is slated May 6-8 in Austin at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

According to Executive Director Anita Marcus, the conference has been developed for both the volunteer and the professional who are interested in children and youth-at risk.

Workshops are planned for community leaders, public officials, law enforcement personnel, educators, volunteers, human services professionals and probation and court representatives.

Federal District Court Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler will give the keynote address at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, on "People Handlers."

Featured speaker at the May 7 general session will be Fay Honey Knopp,

founder and coordinator, Prison Research Education-Action Projects. She will speak on "Striking Out: The Adolescent Sexual Offender."

Hunter Hurst, director of the National Center for Juvenile Justice, will be the featured speaker at the afternoon session. Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby will address the closing session.

Twenty-four different workshops are slated, with many to be given more than once. A workshop on the sex offender program at the Giddings State School will be given by Dr. Matthew Ferrara, Chief of Counseling; Mario Garza, director; and May Webb, staff psychologist.

Registration deadline is March 25. The rate for TCJJ members is \$55; for non-members, \$65. One-day registration is also available.



FIRST PLACE WINNER for the second year in a row in the Corsicana Christmas parade was the Corsicana State Home float, which depicted "an Old Fashioned Christmas" with a family in

a horse-drawn sleigh on their way to church. Staff and students contributed many hours of work on the float.

'Bobby' Starts 'Square' Again

(Reprinted from the Sweetwater Reporter)

Ed. note: Beginning last summer, the Sweetwater Reporter published a series of three articles on a lad we called Bobby because he was a juvenile and his real name could not be used. He is 17 now, no longer a juvenile, but we shall still call him by the name we arbitrarily assigned.

The first article in the series dealt with Bobby's juvenile record and what he thinks were some of the factors behind his staying in trouble with the authorities. The second article

was an over-all view of the Texas juvenile system, and how it pertained to Bobby. The third story was about the juvenile group home to which Bobby was assigned by Texas Youth Commission.

The fourth deals with Bobby's personal experiences for the past year, and with his hopes for the immediate future.

By OTIS FRANCIS

Legally, Bobby is all square with the world.

He is 17 years old and his juvenile crime record has been sealed. He was not, by his own

admission, exactly a model citizen prior to this time last year, but that was then.

He would like for law-enforcement officers to treat him no worse than they treat others his age. But that may be hard for some of them to do, considering his track record in staying on the right side of the law.

Bobby was eight years old when his name came to the attention of local juvenile officers. That was when he stole money from his mother. Later on, there were the nitpicking things, such

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Bobby . . .

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as truancy, and the more serious offenses, such as teaming up with a companion to extort or rob small amounts of money from other youngsters.

Finally, there were the two instances of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle that got Bobby committed to Texas Youth Commission when he was 16.

His arrival in Brownwood left him with ambivalent feelings. "I figured that if I had guts enough to do it (stealing the vehicles), then I had guts enough to pay for it." Later he said that "Outside I was taking it like a man, but inside I wasn't taking it worth a hoot."

Even so, his attitude toward life began to change when he got to Brownwood, he said, even though he seriously planned to escape from the minimum-security TYC reception center soon after he arrived there. All he had to do was scale a fence, he said. "Man, I was scared to death," he said last week. "I thought my roommate was going to kill me. He said he was in (TYC) for killing his mother and daddy. I was ready to go home."

Instead he went to a 10-boy group home in a rural area between Albany and Breckenridge. TYC officials had interviewed, tested and classified him, and figured such an environment was best for him.

That was Sept. 1 last year when Paul Cooper, operator of the group home, brought Bobby to Albany. It was July 1 this year when Bobby returned home — a year older, a year wiser and \$500 richer.

The stay at Cooper's group home was intended to be fairly close to the family life of a large, rural family and, according to Bobby, it was. Each of the 10 boys was encouraged to attend church and each had a hand in keeping the home running.

Each was assigned duties such as washing all the dishes, doing all the laundry, setting and clearing the dinner table, sweeping up the dormitory-like room, and taking out the trash.

There were also some farm chores to handle — Bobby took care of the chickens most of the time he was there — and school.

That's where Bobby got what might be the largest sum of money he has had in his life. He raised a hog through the Albany High School Future Farmers of America chapter, won a blue ribbon in the county show, and sold the animal. With that and a little money earned with the chores, he came home with \$500.

With that cash and some his mother gave him, Bobby got what he had stolen before — a pickup truck. He also got a summer job, and

intends to enroll in Sweetwater High School this year.

Instead of punishment, Bobby looks on his experience near Albany as educational. "Actually, it was a lot of fun; I would recommend it to anybody. I had no problems up there; it did a lot of good . . . I used to drink a lot, and now I don't."

Herman Fox, regional parole supervisor with TYC, has been encouraging. He told me 'I think you can make it,' " Bobby said, "and I will."

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