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GOVERNOR'S JOB MATCHING CAMPAIGN Reagan Brown, Chairman October 1976

AMARILLO SELECTED

Amarillo has been selected as the site of the first Job Matching Fair, according to Jerry Heare, director of Community Development for the Texas Industrial Commission.

"The large number of available jobs in the area was one reason we chose Amarillo," Heare said. "We want to match as many underemployed and unemployed people as possible with job openings, and to do that, you've got to have available slots to fill."

Initial meetings with LeRoy Tillery of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and George Loudder of the Panhandle Regional Planning Council indicated the community was receptive to the job fair, and would work with the Industrial Commission in the planning and coordination of the project.

"The enthusiastic response we received, and the promise to help as much as possible, clinched our decision to go to Amarillo," Heare said. "To make these job fairs really successful, we're going to need ideas and manpower from as many sources as possible, and Amarillo has shown that's exactly what they plan to contribute."

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GOVERNOR HONORS DU PONT

Governor Dolph Briscoe signed a TEXAS FIRST citation and presented it to officials of the E.I. du Pont de Nemours plant in Victoria October 12 during ceremonies marking that company's 25 years in Victoria.

Receiving the citation, TEXAS FIRST flag and glass engraved desk plaque were Chairman of the Board of Du Pont Irving S. Shapiro and Plant Manager A.D. Cyphers.

Governor Briscoe noted Du Pont has more invested in Texas than in any other state, and the Victoria plant contributes more than \$350 million annually to the economy.

"Our success in turning around recessionary thinking rested with our existing industries like the Victoria Du Pont plant which kept the faith in Texas and our economy by not only resisting cutbacks, but by actually expanding," Briscoe said.

Bob White, executive vice-president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, said Governor Briscoe's speech highlighted week-long activities honoring Du Pont and its employes for their contributions to the community.

Dave Lack, a past president of the chamber, became the leader of a spontaneous community movement to join in Du Pont's 25-year activities. They purchased bill-boards saluting the company, and held an evening reception and barbecue.

