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Williams Is Chosen From 40,000 Candidates

Arvelia Williams, an employee of Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Wanda Brasher, was recently chosen from 40,000 entries across the country as the Job Training and Partnership Act Adult Learner of the Year.

Williams, 36, received the award at a presentation held in Washington, D.C. in October.

After taking computer competency training and office skills and pro-

cedures classes at the Adult Learning Center in Lufkin, Williams was chosen as a candidate for the award. She was then chosen by the U.S. Basic Skills Investment Corp. as the winner. The 40,000 entries were submitted by centers throughout the U.S.

Williams is a resident of the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, and has been employed at Brasher's office for about six months.



Arvelia Williams

Commissioners Near Options For Airport Repairs

By ETTA PETTIJOHN
Staff Reporter

Tyler County Commissioners are considering options for ways to secure partial funding from the state for improvements at the Tyler County Airport after hearing a report from a consultant working on the project.

David C. Perrel, a consultant for the county, explained during the commissioner's meeting last Friday that two options are available for re-surfacing the runway at the airport.

Perrel said that with the first option the Texas Department of Aeronautics will provide a \$23,046 grant for the improvements, and the county will pay about \$7,682. This option would allow the existing asphalt to be patched with hot mix.

He added that the other option would be to coat the entire area, utilizing a \$27,200 state grant and \$11,688 in county funds.

Construction bids for the project were opened at the commissioner's Nov. 14 meeting. Bidders are Busby Construction of Beaumont, \$33,090 lowest possible bid and \$39,515 highest; Trout and Thompson, also of Beaumont,

\$31,165 lowest and \$36,477 highest; and Matthews Construction Company of Jasper, \$31,608 as their lowest bid and \$37,088 as their highest.

Judge Josiah Wheat was absent from the meeting, but all other commissioners were present. In other business they:

*Approved paying the bills from the county auditor's office, with the exception of a bill submitted from KVL News Director Ruth Stanford. Stanford wrote a letter to the auditor requesting \$273.26 for doctor bills and other items she had to pay as a result of a fall. According to the letter, she slipped on a wet floor in a county office while there gathering information on a news story. Commissioners advised that Stanford present the bills for reimbursement by workman's compensation, and suggested that the auditor provide a list of any bills submitted that have a zero balance or those not included in the budget.

*Heard from Woodville resident J.C. Henry, who asked commissioners if anything had been done to correct what Henry said are barriers to handicapped persons right of access to

the courthouse. Henry said he'd been in touch with federal officials and had discussed regulations concerning ramps in the courthouse and street crossings on highways surrounding the courthouse.

*Took no action on an agenda item concerning the application for cable

TV service for the Ivanhoe, Warren and Hillister areas. No representatives for the TV company were present at the meeting and only Commissioner Carol Conner was familiar with the subject. Since commissioners have seen no application, they struck the item from the agenda.

*Gave their approval of a petition signed by 41 residents of Forest Lake Road, who are concerned about dust and mud resulting from construction truck activity related to the prison unit. The court also voted to keep working with the residents of that area, to try to obtain some relief from the problem with the help of the Texas Department of Corrections.

*Approved a request from Sheriff-Elect Gary Hennigan to solicit bids for two new cars for the department. Funds for the cars were appropriated in the department's 1989 budget.

Tyler County Commissioners Attend East Texas Officials Ponder Alternatives To Landfills

By ETTA PETTIJOHN
Staff Reporter

New Environmental Protection Agency regulations governing the disposal of solid waste has prompted officials from several counties in East Texas to begin considering alternatives to landfills.

Tyler County Commissioners Pete Barnes, Willis Graham and James Jordan attended a meeting last Tuesday in Jasper where 10 officials from Jasper, Orange, Newton, Tyler, Sabine and San Augustine counties discussed these alternatives.

One of the alternatives discussed, according to Barnes, was the possibility of building an incinerator to serve a seven-county area.

Jasper County Commissioner's Judge Richard West has suggested forming a regional district, to secure financing for a feasibility study of the project.

"As soon as we get as much information together as we can on such things as incineration and recycling, we

plan to get back together and see what we can come up with," said Commissioner Barnes. He added that there are no answers for Tyler County yet.

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Briefs

Drawing Scheduled

The Henry T. Scott Alumni class of 1957 through 1968 will sponsor a ticket sale for a drawing to win \$100 worth of free groceries.

The \$100 certificate will be used at Woodville's Brookshire Brothers Grocery.

A donation of \$1 per ticket, or \$5 for six tickets will be drawn on Dec. 10, at Brookshires.

Tickets will be sold at Brookshires Woodville store through today.

Students Present Readings

Local members of the Alpha Delta Kappa, International Sorority for Women Educators, were treated to oral readings from two ninth grade Colmesneil students and Bonnie Burrow during their Nov. 14 meeting.

The students, Terri Broussard and Steven Graham, did oral readings from "The Mad Hatters Tea Party" and "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." The meeting was held at the home of Lynda O' Dell.

A part of the organization's scholarship fund raising efforts, the group also held a drawing for a handmade afghan. The afghan was made by Birdelle Baker and Joan Atkinson, of Warren, from it.

Hostesses for the meeting were Sharon Thompson, Lynda O' Dell and Harriet Langston.

GED Test Scheduled

Lamar University in Port Arthur has scheduled one General Education Development (GED) test during the fall semester.

The test will be administered from noon until 5 p.m., Dec. 1 and 2.

Anyone wishing to take the test must pay a \$25 fee at the Cashier's Office, on the Wednesday preceding the test dates. The office is located in the Madison Monroe Educational Building.

For more information contact the Cashier's Office at the university.

90th Birthday

Cobb Recalls Long Life Of Laughter And Love

By ETTA PETTIJOHN
Staff Reporter

Ida Risinger Cobb has already begun looking forward to her 100th birthday. Last week she cele-

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brated her 90th birthday with the usual cake and punch. And the not-so-unusual greeting from Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan. "This has been a wonderful day," said Cobb. "Imagine the president sending me a letter."

According to Cobb, this was not the only wonderful

ing life that included lots of laughs and "Trying to live a good, Christian life."

Cobb is the last surviving member of the Risinger family that migrated to this county in the early 1800's. Her eight siblings have all passed away, but they all lived their long lives here in Tyler County.

She also raised her four sons and two daughters here.

She still reads without her glasses, is an avid Dallas Cowboys and Houston Astros fan, and loves politics.

"I used to like the soap operas until they became too dirty," she added.

Her son, Yancy Cobb of Sea Drift, and her daughter, Alva Lee Arnold, of the city of South Pasadena, Calif., were on hand for her birthday celebration held at Holiday Pines Manor.

According to Cobb her late husband, who owned and operated Cobb's Lumber Mill just south of Woodville, employed 30 to 35 men during the height of the Great Depression.

She said that money was scarce then so her husband, Dan Cobb, often took barter in return for lumber that people needed to repair their homes or barns.

"We took eggs, butter, milk, vegetables, or just about anything in barter," she said. Often, employees would come in Mr. Cobb's office and ask him for a couple of dollars to take their sick child to a doctor, and, according to Cobb, he never refused them.

"He (Mr. Cobb) was such a good man, and he just loved people," said Cobb.

She met him at a dance near Doucette, where local teenagers gathered to play an "electric piano" and dance and socialize. According to Cobb, her husband was a good dancer and very popular.

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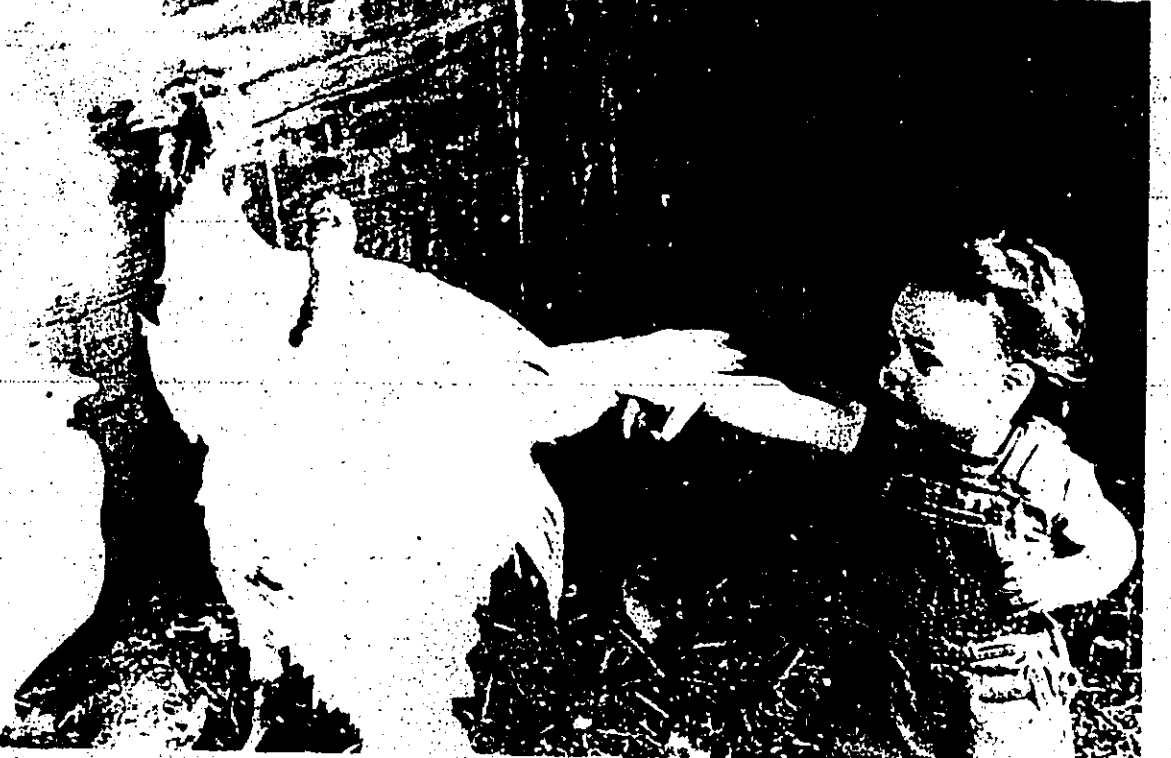
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Surveying Thanksgiving Dinner

Matthew Miller, 16 months, takes a good look at what he'll be having for Thanksgiving dinner this year. Matthew is the son of Sarah Miller of Chester, and the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Neel Hartman of Chester. He is shown on the Hartman's ranch, where they raise turkeys and chickens for themselves, and some of which are donated to the "Caring Is Sharing" program to help feed the needy during the holidays.

No Injuries Reported In U.S. 69 Accident

No injuries were reported last week when a Central Freight Lines truck veered off off S. H. 69 and collided with a pick-up truck that was left parked, unattended, on the side of the highway.

The accident occurred near the gate of the Ivanhoe development, about one mile south of Hillister.

According to Department of Public Safety Officer Mike Scales' report, the driver of the 18-wheeler, Thomas H. Hol-

land of Tyler, stated to Scales that he must have fallen asleep. The owner of the 1982 Chevrolet pick-up truck is LeRoy Moyer. Moyer had left his pick-up and walked somewhere for help when the Nov. 15 collision occurred.

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A Birthday Kiss

Ida Risinger Cobb receives a birthday kiss from her daughter, Alva Lee Arnold, who came from Calif. for her mother's 90th birthday party at Holiday Pines Manor.

Christmas Tour Of Local Homes Is Scheduled

The Federation of Women's Clubs in Woodville are sponsoring a "Christmas Tour of Homes" from 1 until 4 p.m. Dec. 3.

Area residents whose homes will be shown are Christine Sanders, Harmony area; Judy and Rusty Davis, Hillister; and Ann and Curtis Garner of Cheswood.

The tour of Sanders' home is sponsored by the Woman's Study Club. The Tyler County Heritage Society will sponsor Davis tour, and the Reading Club, the Garner's home.

PERSONAL & FAMILY accent on tyler county

Hillister News

The Tom Campbell family... night with a fish dinner... day School class enjoyed it. About thirty people were class get together at the present. All reported a Baptist Church Saturday good time.

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Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Swan were in Beaumont over the week end where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the home of their daughter. Among friends who went from here were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Irvine. Elvis and Joleen Sautler with their grandson Charles Sautler of Nederland were her Saturday visiting her sister Marie Cornelius and family. Jo Harry De Ramus had a get together Saturday in her home to celebrate her mother, Alberta Haynes 92nd birthday. About 25 people called, among those who came from out of town were her son George Haynes of Jasper, grand-son George Martin Haynes and

back and daughter, Mindi of Austin. Glen and Lillian Waldrop of Groves were here for the week end with Gerold and Thelma Waldrop. Donald Rice and family of Nederland were here Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Olen Tucker were in Port Arthur

last week to see Ruth Lee and Sibby Gray. Bobby Jordan of Livingston visited his sister Lonnie Jo Tucker and Mr. Tucker last week. The Baptist Church extends an invitation to the community to come out Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock for a Thanksgiving service. Every body is welcome.

It's A Boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Thomas McElvain of Lufkin announce the birth of their son, Ryan Thomas McElvain born October 17 at Woodland Heights. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Grandparents are—Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Mott and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McElvain, all of Woodville. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Acey G. Frump of Gonzales, La., Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Mott and Jackie Earfield, all of Woodville, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McElvain of Port Neches.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Shepherd will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, with a reception at the Hopewell Church. The reception is being hosted by the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Shepherd, Mrs. Jo Vandenburg and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Shepherd.



50th Anniversary

Childrens Art Contest

The Tyler County Children's Services Board is sponsoring the Children's Christmas Season Art Contest. Downtown Woodville shop owners will display the winning entries beginning Nov. 23. Each school district will have five place winners in two divisions—K through 2nd grade and 3rd through 5th or 6th grade. The winners are invited to meet Santa Claus at the Fairway parking lot, Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m. and accompany him to the Courthouse Square.



On Honor Roll

Allen Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Read of Splendora, has recently been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at North Harris Community College. The Dean's Honor Roll is composed of students who complete 12 or more credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.30.

News From Our Military

Army Pvt. Larry C. Chandler, son of Walter C. and Peggy S. Chandler of Woodville, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. During the training, he received, besides such as drill and ceremonies and weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions during his basic training.

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Looking over a donation of oral histories and transcripts are, from left, Josiah Wheat, Peggy Burton, Quaid Sullivan and Christine Moor Sanders. The histories and transcripts were presented to the Allan Shivers Library last week by the Tyler County Heritage Society.

Oral Histories, Transcripts Presented To Library

The Tyler County Library, received a special gift last week that is intended to record the history of the area through the words of some of the older residents living here, and those of one of the county's earliest settlers. The oral histories were recorded by the Institute of Texan Culture of San Antonio. Marking the first acquisition for the Library's proposed Oral History Section, these transcripts and others to come will be accessible for use by students and historical researchers at the library. Plans are under way for the Allan Shivers Library, a full section that will eventually house and protect both the recordings and transcripts, including those completed last year by Iris Wiedenfeld, chairman of the Oral History Project of the Heritage Society. Funding for the addition for the library will come from interest generated by the library's endowment fund, according to Peggy Burton, chairman of the library's Administrative Board.

A campaign is currently underway to raise \$500,000 from grants and public donations. Quaid Sullivan, director of the library and museum, accepted the donation. Also on hand was Tyler County Commissioner Judge Josiah Wheat whose oral history transcription was included in the initial collection. Wheat's great-grandfather Josiah came to Tyler County in 1835 and later deeded 200 acres on Turkey Creek for the new county seat, which was named Woodville. A diary, written by J.M. Wheat, in 1922, was also presented to the library. Other oral history transcripts included in this collection are those of Harold Lewis, history of Peach Tree and the Chester area; Paul Walker, early river traffic on the Neches River and Rosemary Tolar Asta, whose family donated the 1866 Tolar Oral History transcripts to the library.

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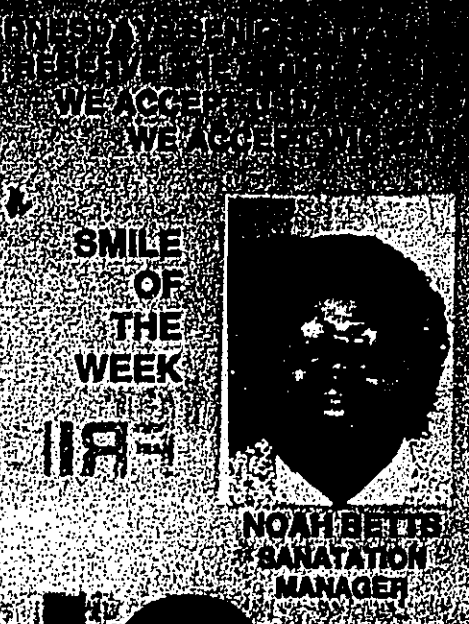
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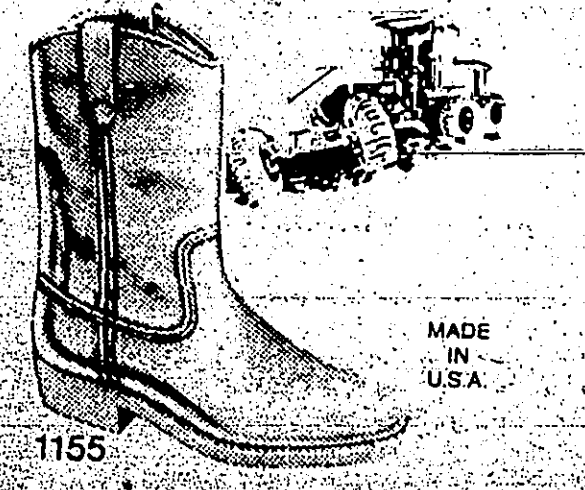


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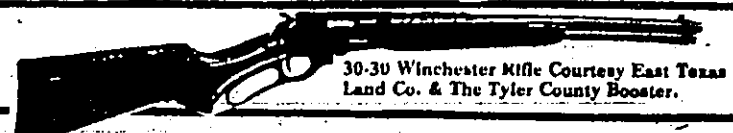


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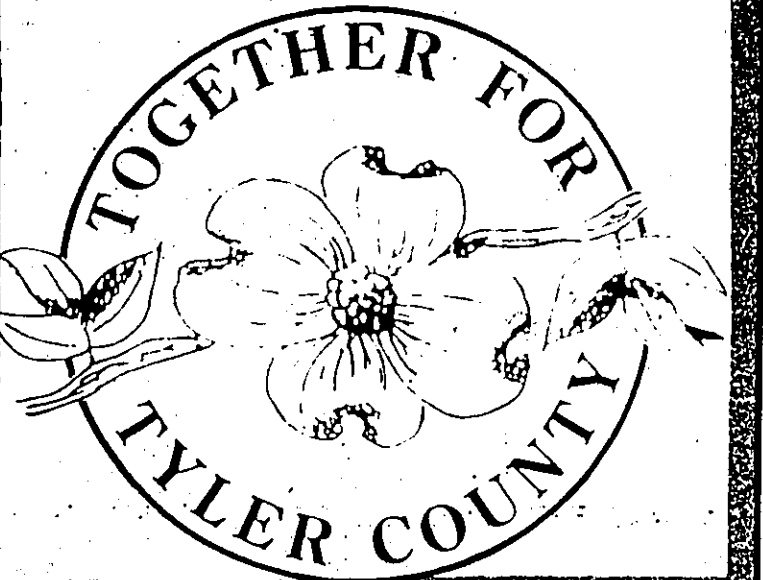
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Prison Unit Dignitaries To Attend Groundbreaking

By ETNA PETTIJOHN
Staff Reporter

Woodville will roll out the red carpet on Nov. 28, when several dignitaries visit town to participate in one of its most monumental events.

The event is the groundbreaking ceremony for the Texas Department of Corrections Gib Lewis Prison Unit, which will kick off at 4 p.m. on the north side of the Tyler County Courthouse grounds.

Some of the dignitaries expected are Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Gib Lewis, whom the unit is being named for; a representative of Congressman Charles Wilson's office; State Sen. Carl Parker; Rep. Mark Stiles; and several TDC officials.

Local officials include Woodville Mayor Thomas Knapp, county commissioners and representatives from the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce.

The public is invited to what can be called this monumental event. An event that will signal the beginning of new jobs and economic growth for Tyler County.


According to Jeannie Buck, executive secretary for the Chamber, the event is designed to recognize the people who helped bring the prison unit here. That list includes the everyday people in the county who have contributed their time or monetary contributions to the project.

"A lot of people worked extremely hard to get the prison here," said Buck. "It took about two years of work and planning to get to where we are now."

Chamber member Gene Sowarby agrees that an event like this is needed to recognize local people who worked so hard to make this unit a reality, and also to acknowledge TDC officials and others for their contributions.

According to Sowarby, it won't be a typical groundbreaking ceremony, where all the officials gather in front of a ribbon and plunge shovels into the site ground. The event will be held on the north side of the courthouse, rather than at the home site of the unit.

Wheat will serve as the master of ceremonies. Buck and Sowarby both say they hope for a large turnout from the real backbone of the effort to locate the prison in Woodville. The people of this county who worked so hard to make it a reality.



TOM KNAPP

Anti-Crime Stand Prompted Name Of Unit

Who is Gib Lewis? Some may know him as the speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. And most folks in Tyler County know by now that a prison unit in Woodville will be named after him.

Why? According to a news release from the Texas Department of Corrections, the Woodville unit was named for Lewis because of his contributions to law enforcement and corrections in the state. First elected to the House in 1971, Lewis's name was chosen for the unit because the TDC wanted to recognize his support of anti-crime legislation and efforts to expand the state prison system. With the County know by now that a prison unit in Woodville will be named after him.

Another news release from Lewis's office, states that while in the Legislature, Lewis helped sponsor bills that were designed to show appreciation for Lewis's efforts to help expand ethics laws, and toughen laws against drunk drivers.

For those who wonder who Lewis the man is, he: *

Was born in Limestone County, in a town named Oleta on Aug. 22, 1935.

*Crew up in Mexia, and graduated from Cleveland High School in 1955. Later, he also graduated from Sam Houston State Teacher's College, and then continued his studies at Texas Christian University while assigned to Curswell Air Base in Fort Worth.

*Married Sandra Majors in 1958. The couple has two daughters and three granddaughters.

*Owns a multi-million dollar firm, Lewis Label Products, Inc.

*Lives with his wife in northwest Tarrant County, where, since he moved there, he has been active in civic affairs, including the Fort Worth Jaycees.

Some of House Speaker Gib Lewis's activities during his political career include:

- *Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources-1971
- *Chairman of the House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs-1977
- *Chairman of the House Select Committee on Urban Needs-1980's

Also, some of the major bills passed that he played a key role in include:

- *Passage of the Texas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act
- *House Bill 72, Education Reform Bill
- *Texas Water Plan Bill
- *Tougher DWI Law



GIB LEWIS

VOCATION

Most people think of a prison unit as a place to keep prisoners, people who've broken the law and are being punished for it. That's basically true. But many do not know about some of the excellent vocational education opportunities offered to prisoners as part of their rehabilitation.

Some of the things manufactured in prisons across the state include flags, both state flags and highway safety flags; dump trucks; license plates for automobiles; janitorial supplies; textiles; laundry supplies; park equipment; school buses; shoes and boots and all types of furniture.

At the Gib Lewis unit in Woodville, prisoners will specialize in furniture. Specifically, they will be building anything from office furniture to living room furniture. They will also build wardrobes, desks and game tables for use inside the prison, as well as in many other supported agencies in the state.

According to the 1987 Annual Overview, a publication of the TDC, there are 29 factories or plants in 16 locations throughout the state that produce goods and services for use within the system, or that are for sale to other tax-supported agencies and their political subdivisions.

The publication also states that the industry program is responsible for transporting, storing, agricultural products, food and supplies to the various facilities and other mobile equipment, and for the operation of two large warehouses.

In 1963, when the TDC was authorized to sell prison-made goods, what is today a blossoming industry was launched. Legislation was passed to provide adequate, constant and suitable employment for vocational training and rehabilitation of the inmates. The legislation also allowed utilization of labor of inmates for self-maintenance and reimbursement to the state for expenses incurred by their inmates.

Another result of legislation authorizing the operation of industry in the prison system is the requirement that disbursement of prison products without the possibility of a personal profit by the inmates. By producing many of the products used on a daily basis, industry is able to hold down the TDC's operating expenses and help fulfill its legislative mandate to be as self-sufficient as possible. The TDC oversees these.

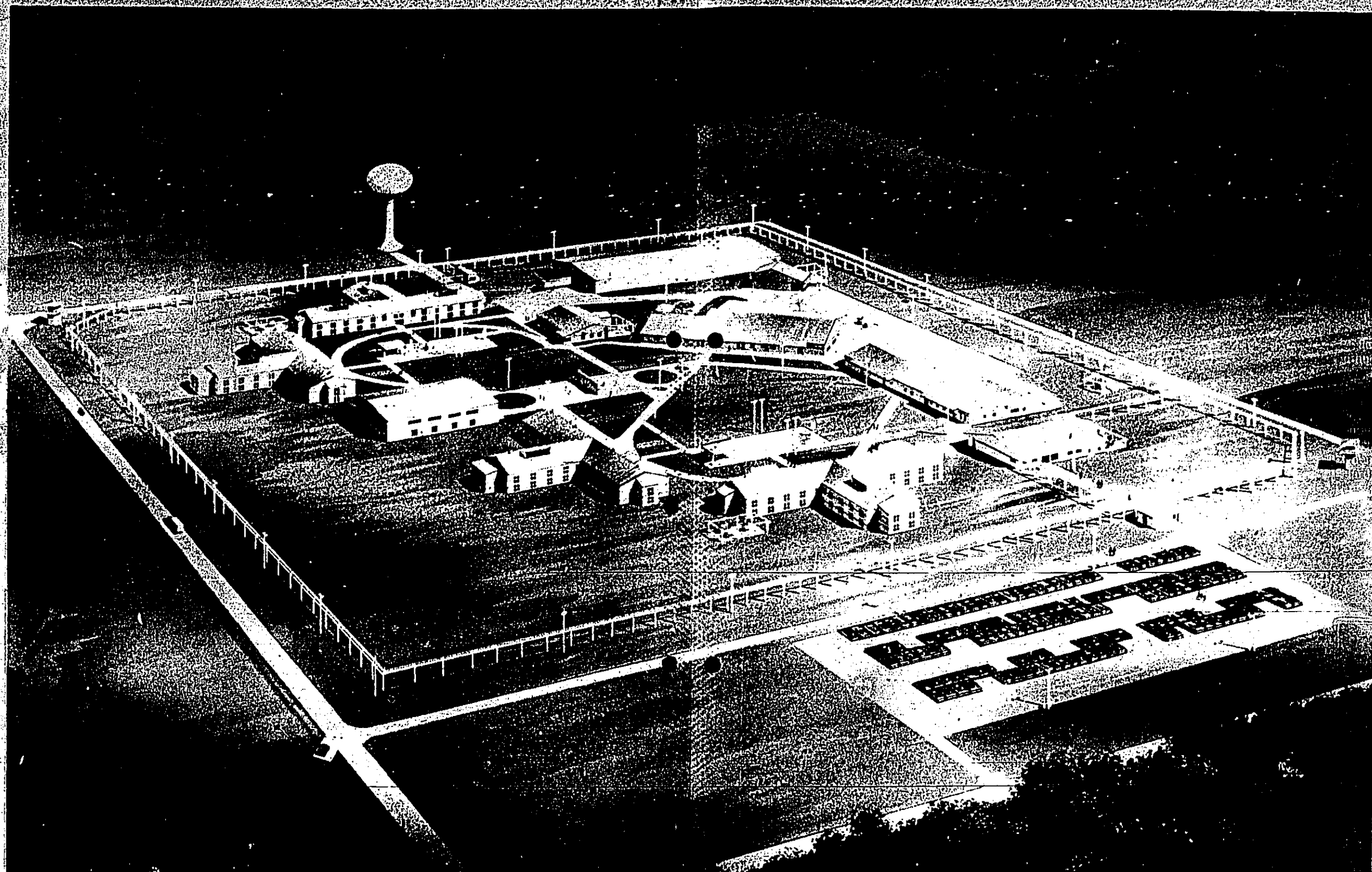
In 1985, the Legislature passed House Bill 1573, authorizing the TDC to establish a nine-member "Industries Advisory Board" and allow prison industry to enter into contracts with private businesses and to conduct programs on or off property operated by TDC. It also allows private enterprises to develop industry programs on TDC property for the development of industry programs.

By 1987, the TDC industry had grown from six facilities to 29. Sales to others outside the TDC had increased from \$164,000 yearly to \$24,554,012.

Another point the 1987 outlook made was that the greatest contribution of the industry program is the role the industrial programs play in maintaining the stability of the institutions. Also, that corrections officials agree a busy and productive inmate is much easier to manage than unproductive inmates.

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ECONOMICS

What does the Texas Department of Corrections Gib Lewis Unit mean to Tyler County in terms of economics?

According to the TDC, it means as many as 260 new jobs could be opened for Tyler County residents, a surge in the real estate market and an upswing in the number of retail purchases in the county, according to Charlie Brown, public relations officer for the TDC.

Brown contends that up to 350 percent more people will be brought in from the Woodville area originally. Of that number, about 260 new employees will come from this area. The unit

will need administrators, correctional officers, maintenance workers, educators and doctors, to name a few of the occupations. "The administrative staff will be about the only people we'll be moving into the area," said Brown. "Months before we open we will set up an office to take applications, and finally to train personnel that are hired for the unit."

He added that some of the people who will be brought in from the Woodville area originally. Of that number, about 260 new employees will come from this area. The unit

reside in the adjacent area, he said. That will mean when the facility is in full operation, the TDC expects a monthly payroll of about \$600,000, much of which will be spent in Tyler County businesses.

Just the cost of utilities to support the unit alone will be an estimated \$400,000 yearly," Brown said.

The salaries that different employees will make will vary, he said. But he added that the annual salary of a correctional officer is about \$21,000.

Brown said that when the unit is in full operation, the unit will

administrators who are brought in are going to need places to live, which could prompt the upswing in the real estate market, and since county residents begin making the commutes, five salaries offered by the TDC, the result probably will be an overall increase in retail sales.

Bids for construction contracts for the 1,000 man unit will be opened on Dec. 22, and completion of the unit is expected to be early 1989 year, according to Brown. The site preparation is presently about 50 percent complete, said Brown.



EDUCATION

As part of the rehabilitation program in the Texas Department of Corrections utilizes for inmates, education stands in the forefront.

The promise of an education and the skills to live a productive life outside of the prison is one of the greatest hopes TDC has for inmates leaving the system.

Part of the basic principles of TDC is to provide an education to these inmates. And admittedly, the lack of basic education and work skills led many of the inmates to enter the system in the first place.

The Continuing Education Division offers academic and vocational post-secondary education programs which lead to associate, bachelor or master's degrees.

*Classes in special education for the handicapped include the same areas as those in the basic academic program, as well as supplementary instruction in functional living skills.

The Chapter One, federally funded Compensatory Education Program provides remedial instruction in the areas of mathematics and communication skills, to supplement and support the academic program for inmates 20 and younger. The purpose of this program is to provide additional educational assistance to students who are educationally disadvantaged because of social, economic or cultural factors.

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The 1987 TDC "Annual Overview" lists these facts concerning the agencies educational program:

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| FALTY | 69 | 30.8 | 26 |
| COBELL | 677 | 15.3 | 26 |
| TYLER | 661 | 24.7 | 26 |
| ROFFER | 65 | 24.8 | 26 |
| CUNYESS | 647 | 28.3 | 26 |
| LIBERTY | 647 | 28.3 | 26 |
| RANDALL | 621 | 28.3 | 26 |
| JOHNSON | 548 | 28.3 | 26 |



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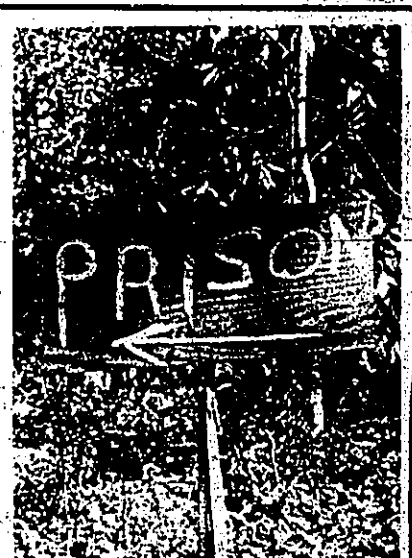
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It could mean as many as 260 new jobs for local residents with a \$600,000 monthly payroll.



Wheat To Serve As Master Of Ceremonies

When Tyler County becomes the "tidal wave" of state dignitaries to Woodville's version of a groundbreaking for a new prison unit here, lifelong resident Josiah Wheat will be at the helm.

Wheat will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. And who better could do so than the man whose family donated the land for the county seat centuries ago.

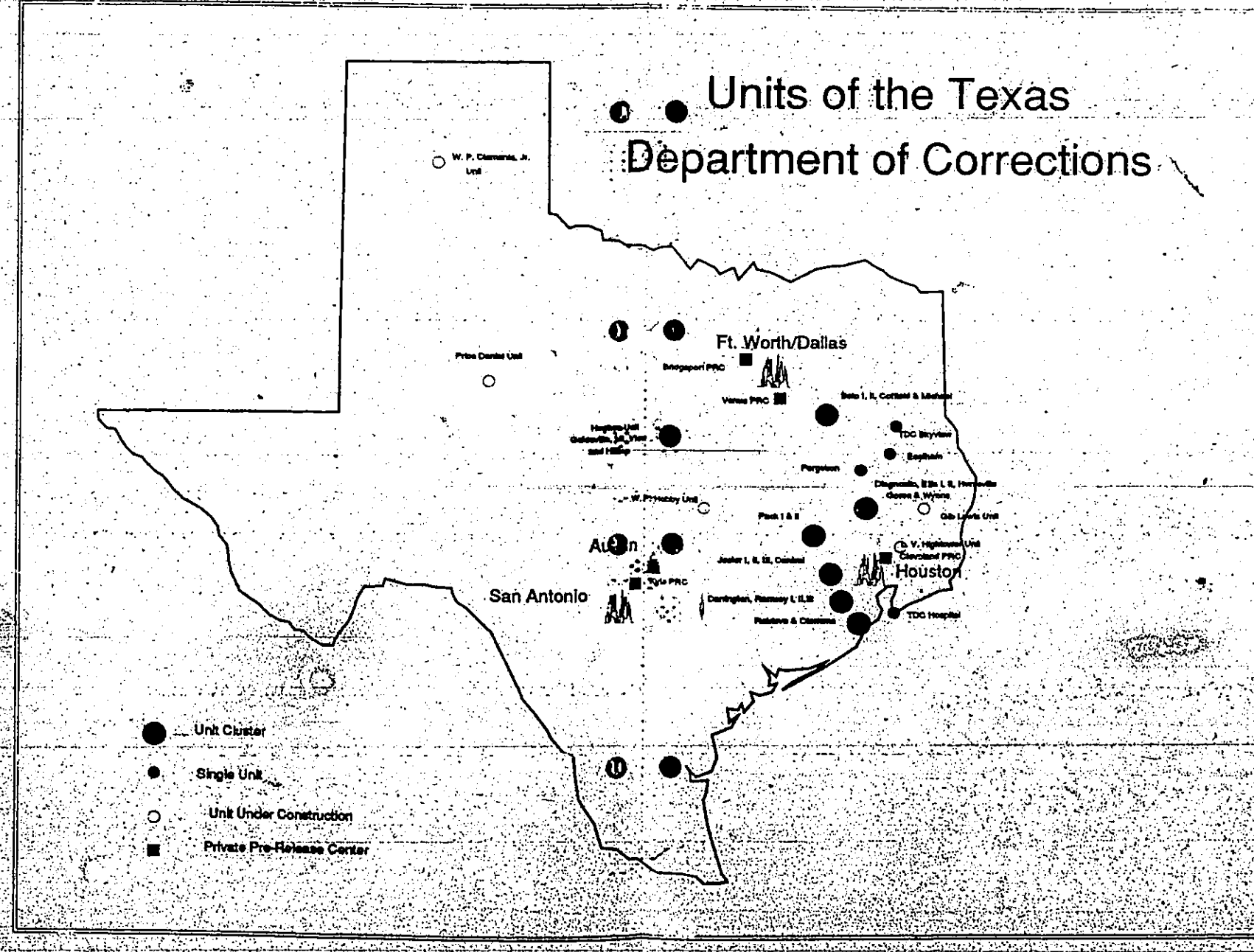
Wheat's ancestors were some of the first to settle in what eventually became Tyler County. Many of them have been community leaders throughout the years, including Wheat.

who now serves as Judge of the Commissioner's Court, the legal counsel for the city of Woodville, and who is a partner in a local law firm.

As part of the ceremonies, Wheat will introduce state and TDC dignitaries who are scheduled to speak. And, according to Wheat, other local people and organizations will participate, including Bob Waters, the district supervisor of the Beaumont District United Methodist Church; and the Woodville High School Band, to play "The Star Spangled Banner."

The specific purpose of this ceremony is to formally announce the commencement of the construction phase of the new unit, and to welcome the personnel of the TDC to Tyler County as our new citizens and neighbors," said Wheat. "To mark the occasion, we wanted to do something special."

Josiah Wheat is the Commissioner's Court Judge at Present



Owens Views New Unit As "Our Opportunity"

"Our opportunity has arrived," are the words that Tyler County Commissioner's Court Judge-Elect uses to describe his feelings about the new prison unit being located here.

Jerome Owens is Judge-Elect for Commissioners' Court.

Jerome Owens, who will take over his new duties in the judge's office in early January, said he thinks that the unit will be a great asset to this community.

"I have talked to county judges who have prisons in their communities, and they all expressed the benefits that can be reaped from having this type of facility," said Owens. "I have come to the conclusion that it is a positive direction for this county to take."

He added that this type of facility can bring not only jobs and more revenue to this county, but also it is needed to keep young people from having to leave the county seeking career opportunities.

"It's an opportunity Tyler County was chosen for the facility, he said, that a lot of counties are still fighting for," he said.

because TDC realized "It is a nice environment to live in, and for the TDC people to raise their families in."

Another factor he attributes to Tyler County's acquisition of the unit is "The ability and enthusiasm of the business sector and private sector here. If you get down to the basics, we have got the energy and the know-how to give TDC initiative to come here."

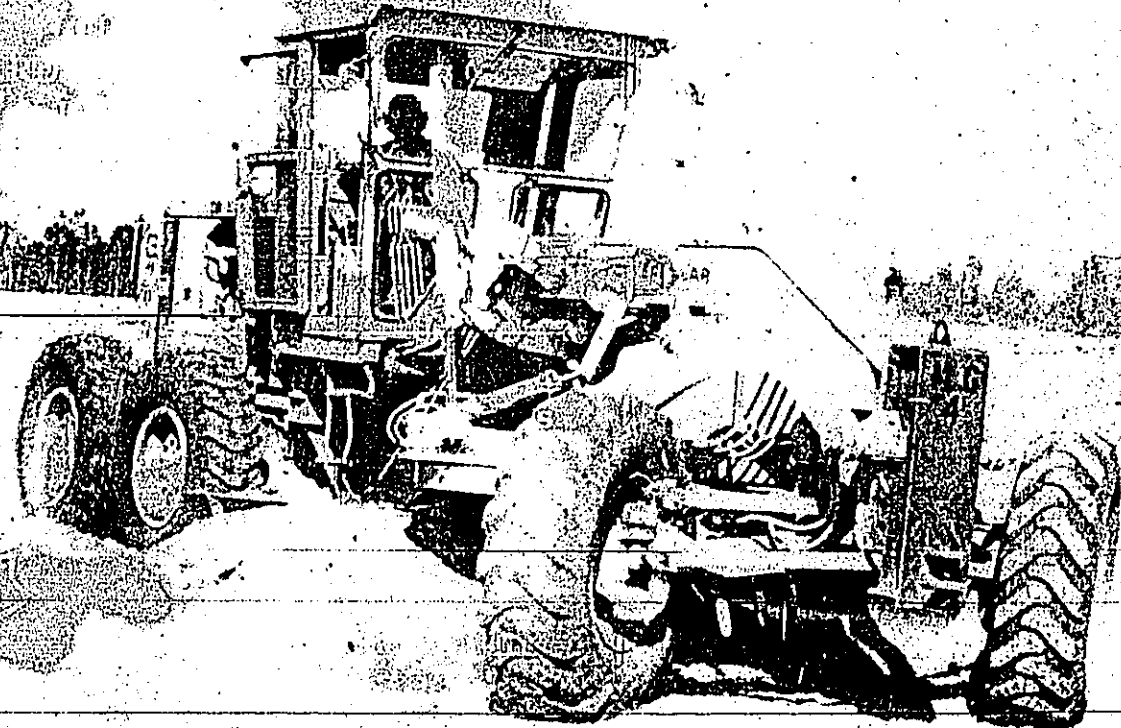


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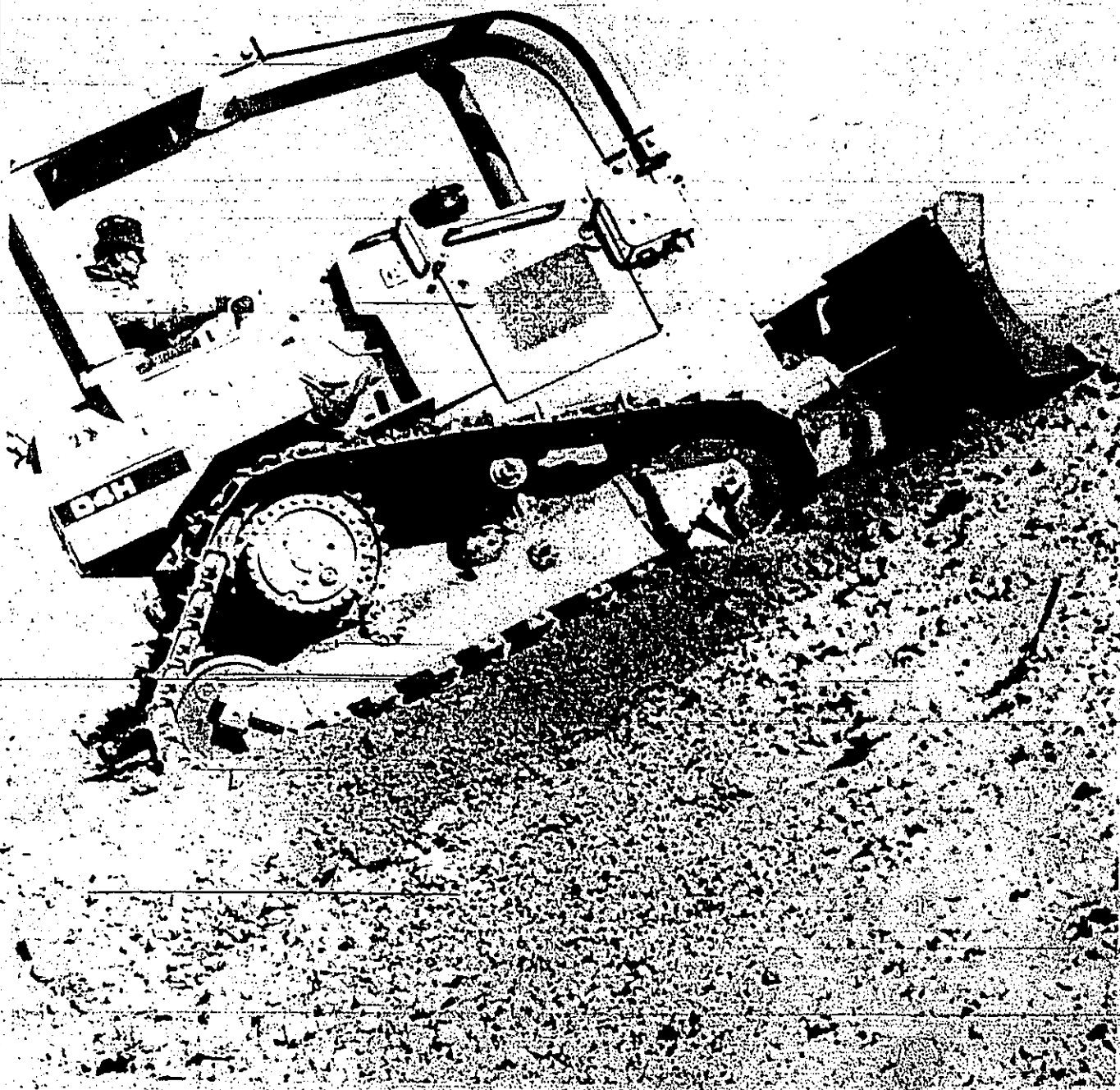
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