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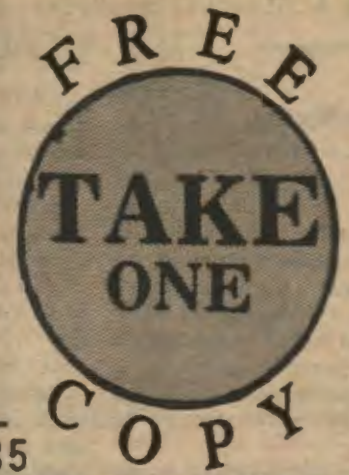
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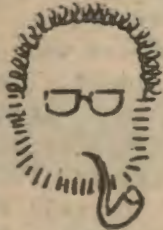
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VOL 1 NO. 26 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1985

## UP-N-DOWN 290 By Marty



When I first came to Texas a hundred years ago, one of the things that really impressed me was the excellent network of Farm to Market roads throughout the state. Someone explained that the state built and maintained these FM roads to do exactly what their name implies; provide a good way for our farmers to get their crops to the market place. I'm told that farm machinery, like tractors and combines, has priority over cars on these roads, and I guess that it's a good idea, at least in theory. The system seems to work pretty well in our rural areas, but when you get near a big city like Houston, a person could really get into a lot of trouble trying to stick to the FM system.

I met an elderly gent from Louisiana farm country who wanted to get to Giddings this last Christmas. He came into Texas on I-10, and wanted to miss the Houston traffic, so he planned to use the FM system to do it. He got up early, swung north off I-10 through Dayton, picked up FM1960 at Humble, and found himself heading down through the Champions area at 8:30 A.M. on a Monday morning. Not the best choice of roads in the world at the moment. Perhaps he should have picked up Westheimer at the Galleria, as that's an FM road too. Kind of hard these days to picture how much fun it would be to drive a combine down Westheimer on Saturday afternoon.

Not too many years ago, I remember driving up 1960 for several miles, looking for a particular stable to pick up a horse. It was very rural, with farms, pastures and dense piney woods. A small cafe and two gas stations is about all I saw. Now look at it.

Up until the last 2-3 years, you could drive from Waller to Tomball on FM 2920, and never meet a car after 8:00 at night. It was a lonely road. The only business you saw was the old feed store at Rose Hill. Now it is being built up on both sides of Rose Hill, and about all of the way into Tomball. The Waller end has the new shopping center going up, too.

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Dedication and hard work in many facets of community life earned Theresa Miller the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Waller Chamber of Commerce. In the picture, she is seen receiving the award from chamber president Tim Phelan.

## City Of Waller

### WALLER CITY COUNCIL

Members of the Waller City Council have voted to change the city's fiscal year from the calendar year to one that begins Oct. 1 and runs through Sept. 30.

The decision was made after the council had discussed several items in conjunction with the city's fourth quarter financial report presented by CPA Virginia Snider, during the Jan. 14 meeting.

In other business, the council voted to accept the bid of Appel Motors of Brenham on a new pickup truck.

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Dr. Carey B. Looney, a psychologist in private practice, was the guest speaker at the Waller Chamber of Commerce annual installation banquet, held Jan. 22 at the new Lions Center in Waller.

## Chamber Installs New Officers

The annual Installation Banquet of the Waller Chamber of Commerce, held Jan. 22 at the new Lions Center in Waller, was highlighted by a sparkling guest speaker and great musical entertainment, as well as a review of the chamber's 1984 accomplishments and recognition of members.

In addition to installation of 1985 officers, the chamber recognized the dedicated work of one of its members with its "Citizen of the Year" award.

Theresa Miller received this prestigious plaque from out-going and in-coming president, Tim Phelan. Miller, of Miller Implement Co, Inc., was also installed as first vice president of the chamber.

More than a hundred members and guests attended the banquet, which was catered by Bruno's Bar-B-Que of Waller and, in addition to enjoying the food, they were entertained by an "Oompah" band from the Waller High School.

Guest speaker Dr. Carey B. Looney, a psychologist in private practice, was both amusing and informative in his talk entitled "The Human Reservoir," which advocated kindness to others and avoidance of the "Darts at 10 Paces" game.

The opening prayer was offered by John Isom, youth director of the Waller Baptist Church and the evening closed with a prayer led by Rev. Norm Campbell of the First United Methodist Church of Waller.

Recognition of the 1984 directors was a tribute to last year's officers: Tim Phelan, president; Jack Harris, first vice president; Mike Guthrie, second vice president; Virginia Snider, secretary; and Theresa Miller, treasurer; and board members: Darrell Hutchinson, John Isom, Lenny Saladino, Charlie Sanders and Larry Sherrill.

In his review of 1984's accomplishments, Phelan listed the erection of the "Welcome to Waller" signs at both ends of the city, the staffing of the chamber office on a regular basis, sponsorship of the 3rd Annual Wallermelon Fest, the chamber's work with the city on the park and playground equipment, the organization and continued support of a Welcome Wagon for new residents, organization of the community Easter Egg Hunt, and sponsorship of the Christmas parade, decor-

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**UP-N-DOWN 290...By Marty**

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My guess is that FM 2920 will be strictly urban in just a few more years. The subdivisions are sprouting like weeds in spring all through northwest Harris County, and Waller County is not far behind. The Waller school district has had to stay "high-behind" to keep ahead of the student growth these last few years and, like the fellow said "you ain't seen nothing yet!"

According to the local tax assessors my little patch of land on FM 362 is worth a whole lot more than anyone has been willing to pay me for it. I think they've appraised it way too high, and lots

of local landowners feel the same way, but my gniping about it didn't get it reduced a nickle. Like a lot of other folks around these parts, I'm hoping to get the value out of it someday when I retire, but the way my luck runs, I'll be trying to sell it when the next great depression hits.

As this area continues to "urbanize" the traffic on our FM roads will increase geometrically until we will someday face the same problems they have in the 1960-Jones Road area. Hard to believe? Well, you'd better believe it. Just eleven years ago, while working at Waller Implement, I sold a large plow to a dairy farmer to use

on his fields. Where were the fields? Just off the corner of FM 1960 and Jones road. The dairy is gone now, and I'll bet that the farmer (or his kids) is a rich man today, but he told me he had moved out to that area just a few years earlier, because the city was closing in on his old dairy down in Spring Branch. I can't help but wonder if he bought a place out here for the same reason.

Well, its getting harder and harder to spot you in all of the traffic on 290, but I'll continue to look for you. up-n-down the road.

**Waller**

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The bid from Smith Disposal Service for garbage pickup within city limits was also accepted for the new year.

The council approved the terms of a lease agreement with J.C. Umland for the city park and authorized Mayor Danny Marburger and the city secretary to execute the lease.

The Waller-Hempstead Emergency Medical Service received council approval, as did L-H Laboratory Services.

Waller residents over 65 will be getting a bonus from the city. The council voted to raise the Over-65 Homestead Exemption to \$20,000 off the assessed value. The exemption was formerly \$10,000 off the assessed value.

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**Chamber Installs**

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decorating contest and activities.

New officers and board members were introduced as Tim Phelan, president; Theresa Miller, first vice president; Gloria Hammons, second vice president; Barbara Beaumont, secretary; and treasurer, Virginia Snider; and the board: Darrell Hutchinson, Jo Shelton, Lenny Saladino, Fred Wiesner and Larry Sherrill.

In his first official act as president, Phelan announced the Chamber of Commerce program for 1985. He told the group that an Economic Development Committee would be formed, that a new Waller Area brochure is in the works and that plans include lighting the welcome signs at the edges of the city.

Phelan also announced that the Waller-melon Fest is planned for May and that

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# City Of Waller

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Maxie Kulhanek was appointed the city's representative to the newly created committee to handle those complaints regarding the county-operated

dispatching system.

Former police officer Charles McClellan appeared before the council to discuss his termination from the department. After some discussion, Mayor Marburger advised McClellan that he had made his decision in the case and that it would stand.

The council will support stricter enforcement of the city's junk car ordinance during 1985, and has decided to ban the sale of fire-works within the city limits. The city attorney was advised to draw up the necessary ordinance.

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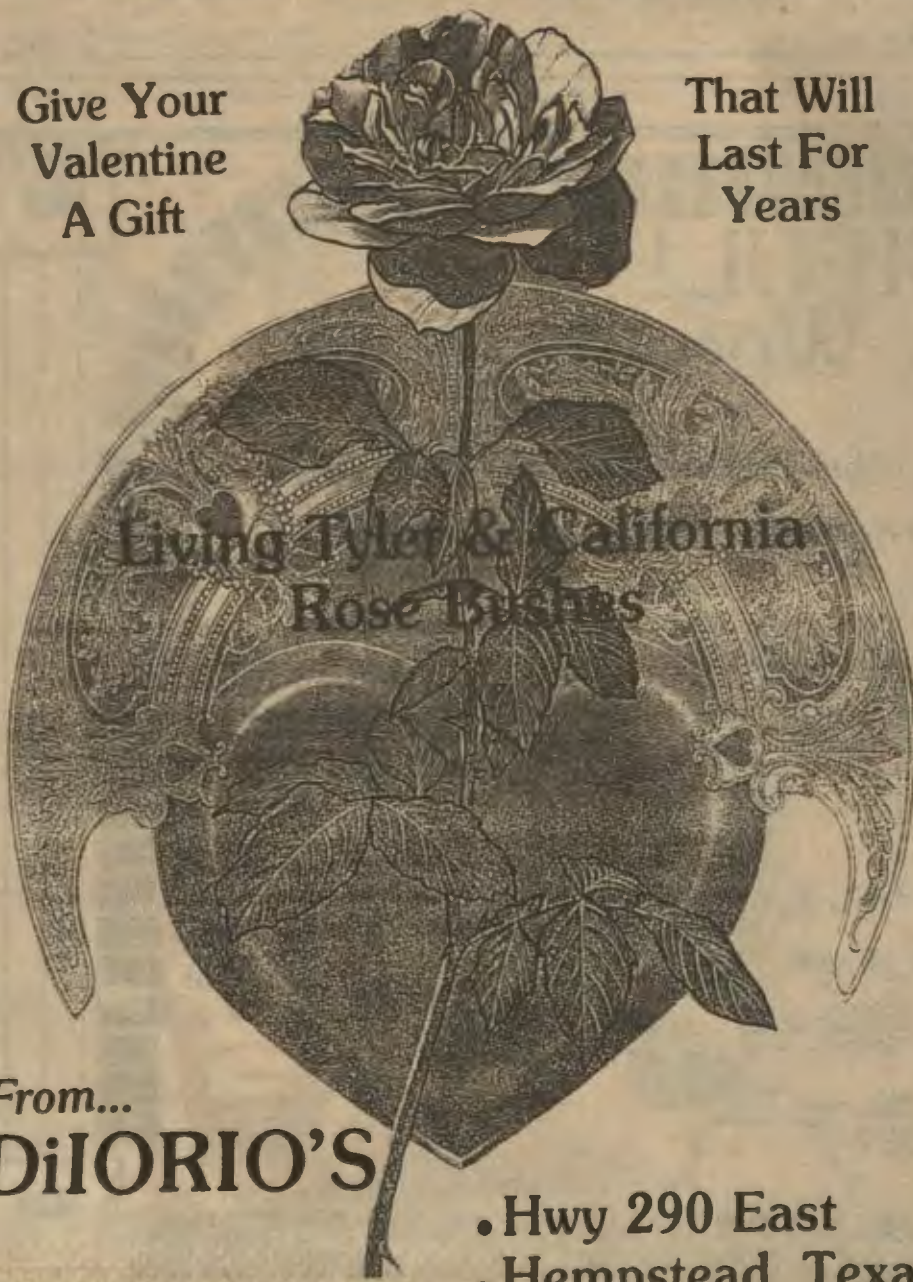
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# Chamber Installs

the chamber would continue its spring cleanup campaign and its work with the city on the park.

The chamber will be expanding its Easter and Christmas activities under the new directors and will increase its participation in the Waller County Fair. It will also continue to sponsor the monthly "Employee of Distinction" awards and the yearly "Citizen of the Year" award.

The chamber now has 62 members and 32 were present to receive their 1985 membership plaques. The chamber also gave five honorary memberships to the City of

Waller, Avery Electrical Construction, Mr. B.M. Kimich, Mr. A. William Schild and the Waller Independent School District.

Employee of Distinction awards for both December and January were presented and they went to Doris Gregston of Houston Title Co. of Waller County, and to Marie Hare of Waller Florists.



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