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Council agenda light; trustees skip July

The city council faces a relatively short agenda when it meets Monday, and the school board apparently faces an even shorter one, since trustees have not called a meeting for the regular second-Tuesday date.

City Administrator Gene Britton said yesterday he had only three items on the agenda, one of which will probably be an emotional one.

An ordinance will be considered to extend the property tax exemption for persons 65 years and older, and

disabled veterans, from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

At the last two meetings, a heavy turnout of elderly residents has been in the audience. At each occasion, an appeal has been made to increase the exemption. Alderman Eldon Thompson asked that the subject be put on this meeting's agenda for consideration.

Also on the agenda will be appointments of members to the parks board and safety traffic council, and

possibly the appointment of a new police officer.

The complete agenda for Monday's 7 p.m. meeting in council chambers will be posted at city hall Friday afternoon.

There was no mention at the June school trustee meeting that this month's gathering would not be held. Trustees generally do not hold a July meeting. An administration building spokesman said no action had been taken to call a meeting.




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Permits nearing \$1-million

Building permits through the first six months of 1978 are almost double that for the same period last year, according to figures released by the Iowa Park City Hall.

Though only one permit for a new house was issued during June, move-in of three mobile homes bolstered the month's total, which amounted to \$99,075. That compares with \$60,650 for June, 1977.

For the year, permits have been issued for \$957,960 in construction in the city, as compared with \$496,111 last year. The total permits issued in 1977 was \$1,303,526.

Permits issued during June included: Rip Smith, 44 Surrey, new residence, \$43,000; Mark Bottles, 409 W. Poe, mobile home, \$14,300;

Ray Parker, 901 E. Park, mobile home, \$18,875; Edwin McDonald, 406 S. Wall, mobile home, \$16,400; W.T. Crawford, 1321 Fourth, change

of use to dental office, \$2,500; G.L. Smith, 105 W. Pecan, addition, \$3,000; James Crowley, 902 Dosa, carport, \$1,000.

Traveler reports \$785 lost here

A Massachusetts woman lost \$785 during her brief stop Saturday in Iowa Park, according to local police.

Tina Kord of Chicopee, Mass., told police she stopped at the Jiffy Food Store on Johnson Road about 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

She said she either left her billfold on the counter or misplaced it while opening the door to her car with her hands full.

Included in the contents of the billfold was a \$5 bill and \$780 in

traveler's checks. Fourth of July burglars hit the Bobby Taylor home at 310 Valley Drive, police said. The break-in netted burglars \$200 in cash and a police scanner valued at \$150.

Last Friday S.B. Reaves, 311 W. Alameda, reported the theft of a carburetor from his pickup truck, and last Thursday Carl Davis told police someone stole the towel dispenser and money box from his car wash at 404 W. Bank.

Towns' trip to mountains not exactly as planned

Local postal carrier Lee Towns went to the coolness of the mountains for an operation last week. But it was unintentional.

Towns and his wife decided to spend the third week of his vacation, visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson, at Alpine, which is on the edge of the Davis Mountains in far southwest Texas.

En route, Towns began complaining of abdominal pains about Seymour, and by the time they reached Alpine at 4 Wednesday afternoon, he was in "real pain".

Four hours after their arrival

he saw a doctor, and six hours after their arrival in the mountain community, he was being wheeled into the operating room for removal of his appendix.

He was dismissed Saturday from Big Bend Memorial Hospital, and the couple returned home Monday.

Towns called Wayne Williams, assistant postmaster, from the hospital Thursday and told him to change his records from vacation to sick leave, since he was scheduled to return to work the following Monday.

Delegation of five head for FFA meeting

Iowa Park will have five representatives among the 6,000 Texas Future Farmers and guests who are expected in attendance at the 50th convention of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America next week at the San Antonio Convention Center.

Members Wendy Hicks, Area IV vice president and will serve on the convention Courtesy Corps, Mickey Gregg and Gavin Jackson will be accompanied by Advisor Dennis Brooks and Mrs. Ray Hicks.

The delegation plans to leave here early Tuesday and return late Friday, Brooks said.

Convention participants will have

an opportunity to reflect on the heritage and historical developments of the FFA and vocational agriculture education program.

The convention theme is "FFA at 50: A Golden Past and Brighter Future."

Each person registering will receive a 50th convention souvenir program and a special golden anniversary medallion as a memento of the meeting.

Over \$320,000 worth of scholarships, plaques and other awards will be received by FFA members and supporters of the program during the

convention. Outstanding FFA members will be recognized for their leadership and supervised farming or agribusiness education programs.

Federal money to support vocational agricultural education was provided in 1917 with the passage of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act. In 1928, the Future Farmers of America organization was created.

Nearly one million agricultural students have participated in vocational agriculture programs since their inception.

Records of achievement and progress continue in today's vocational agricultural programs. Today's FFA members represent 50 years of vocational agricultural education excellence.

Leader still among tops

The Iowa Park Leader continues to be one of the better newspapers in Texas, according to judging of Texas Press Association newspapers with 2,000 to 3,500 circulation.

The Leader was awarded three certificates, one second and two third places, recently at the annual convention of the TPA.

A second place award was for column writing, which drew a judge's comment, Bob Hamilton "uses column well to attack community problems, particularly liked fire alarm in schools" subject.

One of the other certificates was in appearance, where judging is made of typography, presswork, and makeup. The other was in the category of news writing.

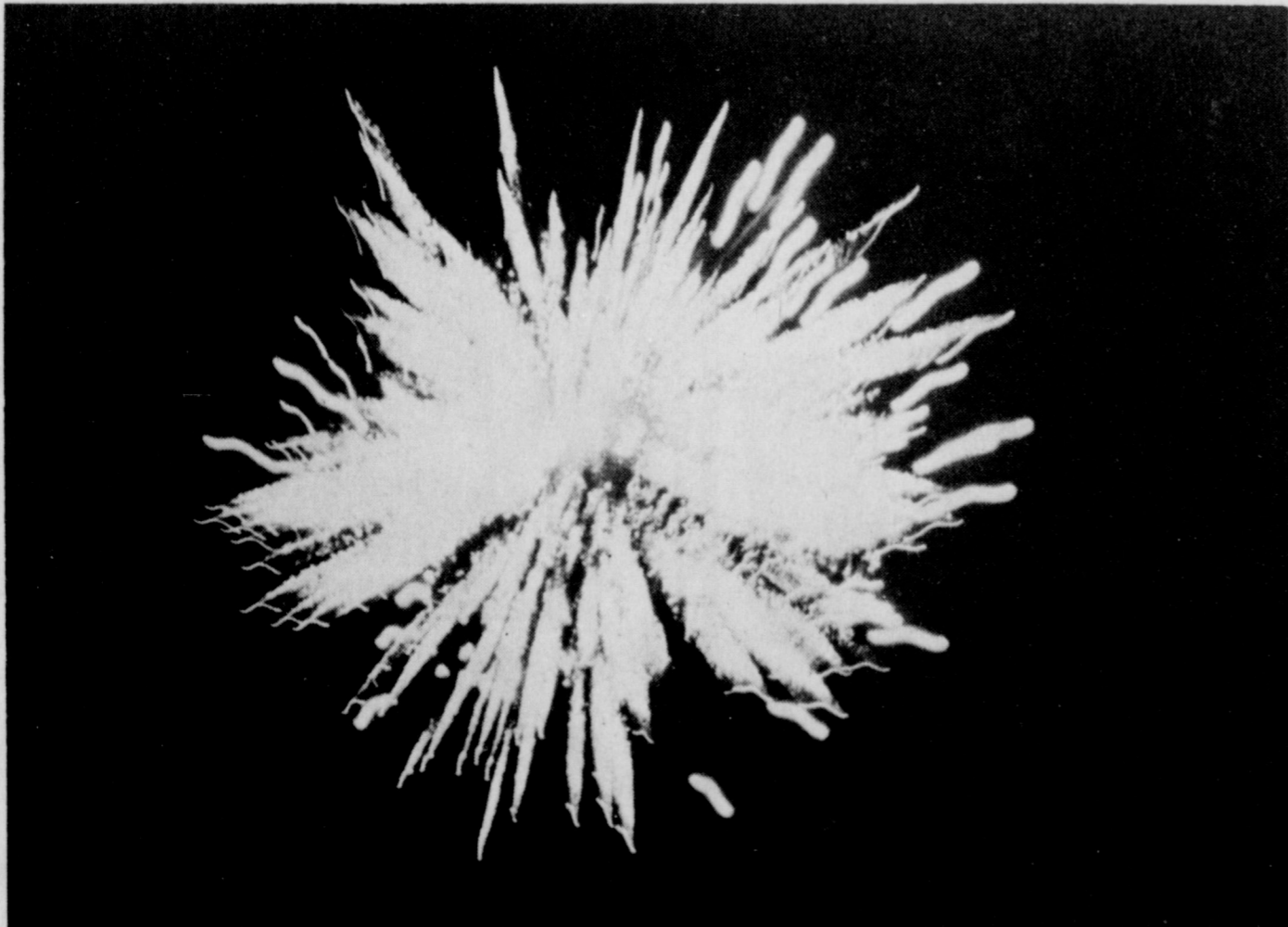
First place in column writing was won by the Brownfield News. Placing above the Leader in appearance were the Rusk Cherokeean and Pearland Journal. First place in news writing went to the Allen American, and Canton Free State News was second.

Judging this year's TPA better newspaper contest were members of the Georgia Press Association. Awards earned in the contest were presented at the 99th annual TPA summer convention held in Amarillo.



TOWERING POLES are being erected along West Magnolia which will allow Texas Electric Service Company to service Cryovac with 69,000 volts of electricity. The huge, 65-foot tall poles almost double the regular height poles throughout town. Line completion is expected this week, but it will not be energized until early August,

according to Wayne House, office manager. The line is being erected to insure constant service, because, as Charlie Lee, Cryovac manager, says, the slightest flicker of service causes a shutdown in the sensitive equipment and is very expensive to resume production in the plant when it happens.



CELEBRATING NATION'S BIRTHDAY - Thousands of area residents flocked to Sheppard Air Force Base Tuesday evening to watch the annual July 4th fireworks

display. Despite a brief rainshower, viewers stayed for the hour-long show, considered by many to have been the best since it was started a few years ago.



BAD SCENE - Department of Public Safety trooper investigates one-car accident Friday afternoon a mile south of the expressway on Bell Road. Escaping serious injury were Calvin Sampley of Iowa Park, driver of the vehicle, and a passenger Tommy Lee, also of Iowa Park. After topping a rise, the northbound car went out of control, skidded several feet, slammed into the west bar ditch and overturned once before landing upright. Friends of the driver said he was trying to avoid hitting a dog on the county road.