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Section A: Nomination Information

Name of Nominated person, place or event: AUBREY A. ARNOLD

The nominee is being honored for outstanding contributions in the area(s) of (please check all that apply):

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Section B: Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: MILTON ARNOLD

Address: 819 BAMA LANE

City: TYLER State: TX Zip: 75701

Daytime telephone: 903-592-7178 Email: miltonarnold@sbcglobal.net

Relationship to nominated individual: SON

Nominated Individual's year of birth: 1903 Nominated Individual's year of death: 2001

Section C: Narrative

The narrative section of the application is the most important. It is the primary source of information judges use to make their selection of new inductees. The two-page narrative submittal must utilize size 12 Times New Roman font and be double spaced. Please include a recommended 25-30 word marker caption at the end of the narrative. Any additional material will be referred to only for verification of accuracy of the nomination. No submitted materials will be returned.

The narrative section must contain an explanation of the nominee's enduring contribution that make this person/place/event worthy of the honor. Please describe the impact the nominee has had on the community, county, region, nation and/or world. For Individuals, please include any honors earned by the nominee as well as a list of organizations in which the nominee has been involved. Also, please indicate their educational background as well as the length of time the individual has lived in Smith County. Inclusion of photos is preferred but optional. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

Please submit nominations to:
City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board
Attention: Half Mile of History
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710

NARRATIVE

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Mr. Arnold was instrumental in the growth and progress of the city and devoted many long hours in the performance of his work. His philosophy was shown in the untiring efforts toward making Tyler a more beautiful and better place in which to live.

“Mr. A”, as he was affectionately known around City Hall, retired in September of 1993 at the age of 90. He served unselfishly for more than 68 years. He was also referred to as the “elder statesman” of Tyler city government.

Mr. Arnold served in numerous civic and religious organizations in the community. He served as Civil Defense chairman for the city of Tyler, worked with the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce on numerous projects, East Texas Fair Association, Rose Festival Parade and Azalea Trail committees. Mr. Arnold served as a member of the board of directors of the United Way, as well as chairman of United Way for city employees. He was instrumental in insuring the success the city’s United Way efforts. He was also a past grand master of the masonic Lodge.

Mr. Arnold was a member of the Glenwood Church of Christ. He served as a deacon of the West Erwin Church of Christ, 1937-1942. He was an elder there , 1942-1951. He was secretary-treasurer for 13 years until West Erwin helped establish the Glenwood Church of Christ in 1951. He was a charter member at Glenwood and served as an elder for many years there. One of his greatest joys, was spending time with his family, especially when he would cook chicken and steaks on his backyard grill.

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But Arnold's job has lasted parts of eight decades. History has been kind to him in the sense he has benefited from good times, and his career was never interrupted by war. He was 11 when World War I began and 38 when Pearl Harbor was bombed.

"I was lucky," he said. "The oil boom came a long in the 30s and I never missed a pay day. Times were sometimes hard but I always had a job. Then after the war, I got some promotions and just dedicated my life to public service."

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Entertainment

SHOWCASE

Section 6

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1988

The Tyler Courier-Times



A Look Inside



RED BRICK ROADS: Clarence Stewart, left, and A.A. Arnold supervised the laying of 20 miles of red brick streets from the 1920s-1940s. They are helping preserve the story of this unique aspect of Tyler in a documentary commissioned by Carnegie History Center. See Page 10.

Challenges TISD Plan Methods

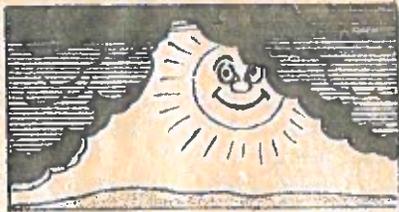
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day's school board meeting, will be
asked to address the declining en-
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Providing a basic framework for
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which have not yet been disbursed,
while other funds are collected from
owner participation paving or
drainage projects. The city will col-
lect those funds for several years.

In other business, the Council is
to resume a discussion of the city's
indemnification policy that began
COUNCIL, Page 6, Section 1

In For The Long Haul



—Staff Photo By John Harrison

CITY CONSULTANT FINDS JOB TO HIS LIKING
A. A. Arnold Has Seen Huge Growth In 65 Years Of Work

Valentine's Day Began Sweet Career For Arnold

By JOHN FUQUAY
Staff Writer

When most seniors reach the
age of 65 they rejoice at the post-
retirement opportunities await-
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But not Aubrey A. Arnold,
who has surpassed the usual re-
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Born July 30, 1903 north of
Gladewater, Arnold began work-
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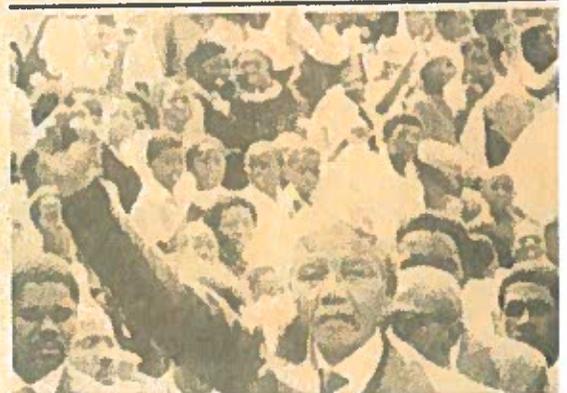
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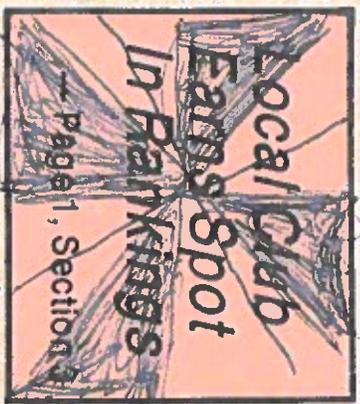
SOWETO, South Africa — Nel-
son Mandela returned to a hero's
welcome in his hometown today
and urged cheering supporters to
continue their fight against the
apartheid system that had
trapped them in "ghettos like
Soweto."

crime, and proper wages.

The 71-year-old black leader,
wearing reading glasses and
dressed in a gray suit and tie, e-
choed the major themes he has ad-
dressed since he was released
Sunday after 27 years in prison.

He said his African National
Congress would "continue the





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Elderly Tylerite Killed

Robbery Motive Possible; Police Can't ID Woman

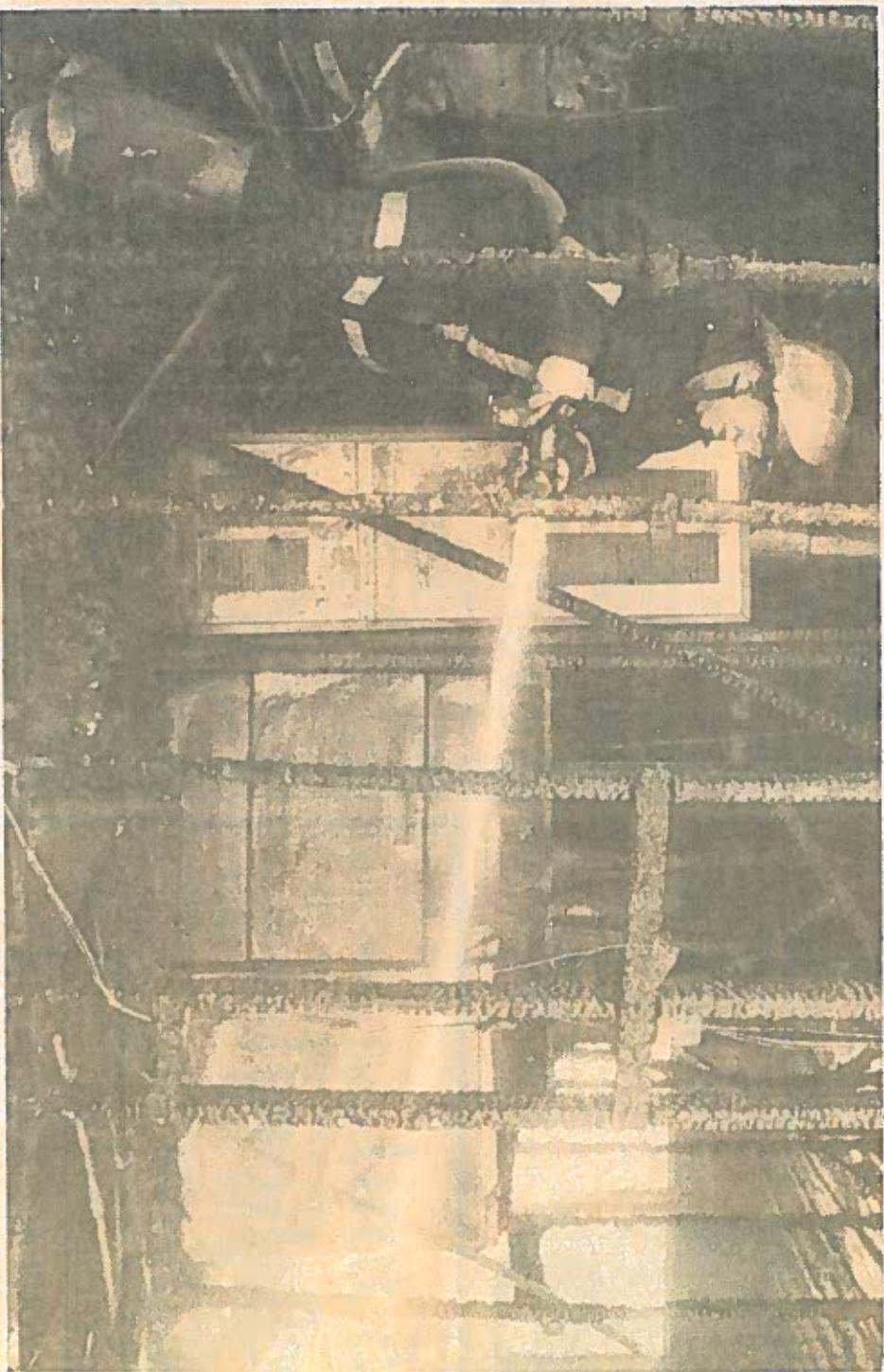
An unidentified Tyler woman was stabbed to death last night at a North Tyler residence in an apparent robbery/homicide, a Smith County judge said.

Police detectives this morning were investigating the slaying of the woman, described as a "black female in her early 70s." Police Public Information Officer Sandra Nauls-Mast said. She said the body was found in a residence at 1922 N. Border.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Bill Beaird said he thought the crime was a robbery/homicide, saying the intruder apparently killed the woman.

"The preliminary investigation is still continuing this morning," Beaird said. "There were several different identifications in the house, so we are not even sure what the woman's name was."

Beaird said police were at the



MOBILE HOME DESTROYED — Winona volunteer fire-fighter P.T. Brumley extinguishes the remains of a mobile home on U.S. Highway 271 gutted by a fire Monday afternoon. Red Springs Fire Chief Charles Wilson said his department was on the scene "just after lunch" at the site, about one-

quarter mile north of Tyler's Loop 323. Wilson said the blaze, which also destroyed two acres of woods behind the home, is under investigation. Firefighters from Winona, Red Springs, Tyler, Chapel Hill and the Texas Forestry Service had the blaze under control after about 30 minutes, Wilson said.

(Staff Photo By John Harrison)

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ng snafu in the most explosive financial industry question before Congress in the next few years. Many private experts say deposit insurance helped encourage the risky behavior that created mammoth S&L losses. But others fear tinkering with the insurance could destabilize the entire financial system, making banks much more prone to runs by depositors.

Last year, Congress did not even consider changing the \$100,000 limit studies of the subject. Federal insurance of accounts up to \$2,500 began in 1934. Over the years, the limit was raised, with the last big step, from \$40,000 to \$100,000, coming in 1980. Gonzalez said few people have bank accounts that large and questioned "the public policy of government guarantees for the most affluent in the society."

Coverage of \$100,000 "was enacted DEPOSIT, Page 4, Section 1

discuss U.S. troop cutbacks and increased burden sharing for the upkeep of U.S. forces based in South Korea. Lee, speaking at the same press conference, said his country had "accepted in principle the gradual cutback in troop strength" of the non-combatant U.S. forces. He pledged to work with U.S. military officials to work out the precise CHENEY, Page 4, Section 1



AYOR JOINS ARNOLD AT 65-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
From Left, J.R. Arnold, Irene And A.A. Arnold

—Staff Photo By Jim Fossman

newly arrived, who welcomed Bush and the presidents of Peru and Bolivia to the summit site at a heavily guarded naval base. "No, we will not weaken, we will not let the deaths of thousands of Colombians be in vain," said Barco, whose country has been ravaged by bombings, assassinations and other violence from drug lords and leftist guerrillas.

At midmorning, the four leaders strolled briefly in 85-degree heat

Security was extraordinarily tight around the summit site. Patrol boats sped along the shore with machine guns pointed inland, and a Colombian frigate was stationed just off the peninsula. Across Cartagena Bay, the wharves were empty, and the streets of this resort city — normally packed with traffic and pedestrians — were virtually abandoned.

65-Year City Employee 'Floored' By Outpouring A.A. Arnold Receives Gifts, Letters

Aubrey Addison Arnold celebrated his 65th year as a City of Tyler employee Wednesday amid letters from political dignitaries, including President George Bush and Gov. Bill Clements and about 300 admirers.

In a statement issued after his arrival at the summit, Page 4, Section 1

Arnold, 86, started working for the city on Valentine's Day 1925. He "retired" in 1974 and has since been working under contract as a planning consultant.

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Friends and fellow employees gave Arnold a 27-inch color TV console and a video cassette camera and recorder. Letters of commendation were presented from Bush, Clements, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall, state Sen. Ted Lyon and state Rep. Bill Howell. State Rep. David Hudson announced he would introduce a legislative resolution to honor Arnold.

"There were sure a lot of good people who made contributions to the city. I'm quite proud of what they did," he said.

"I was floored," Arnold said. "I was shocked; I didn't expect anything like that.... I started to holler

Arnold also was recognized with a plaque by the East Texas Council of Governments, of which he became the first director after organizing it during the 1960s. Senior City Planner John Yeates said a seven-panel display of articles and photographs of Arnold from the 1920s to 1980 was prepared and is scheduled to be on display at the Tyler Public Library next week. The display will be given to Arnold after public viewing.

Nosedive t Arrives

A peak wind gust of 60 mph was raked in Lufkin as about an inch rain fell in an overnight thunderstorm.

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Limited Choice Of Contraceptives Said To Be Reason For Sterilizations

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — A limited choice of contraceptives in the United States is leading to increas-

and 44, the report said. It said about 20 percent of this number have been voluntarily sterilized. Among sexually active men with

contraceptive failure."

About one-third of American women at risk for unwanted pregnancies use oral contraceptives.

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Martin Freed; Judge Drops All Charges

By DAVID BAUERLEIN
Staff Writer

Johnny Robert Martin left the Smith County Jail a free man today after a jury acquitted him Wednesday of attempted murder and a judge signed an order dismissing three other pending felony charges.

Martin had been jailed since last September in lieu of \$400,000 bond. He was released at 10:50 a.m. and his family met him at the door, deputies said.

A jury Wednesday acquitted Martin of attempted murder, finding instead that he acted in self-defense when he opened fire at a family friend while visiting his estranged wife.

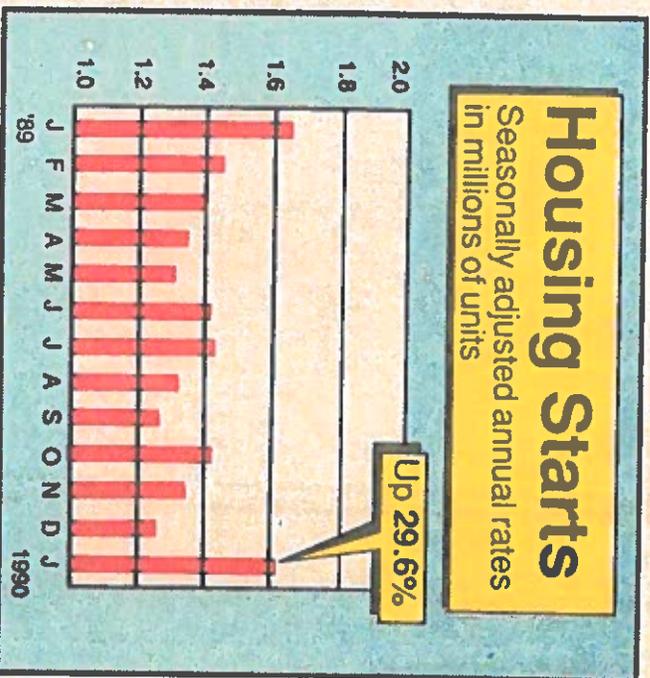
Martin, 47, admittedly shot Clarence Odom MARTIN, Page 4, Section 1

Kidnapper Appeared To Be On Drugs Irving Man Abducted Near Bergfeld Park

By KEVIN MCCARLEY
Staff Writer

An Irving man's lunch break in his car near Bergfeld Park Wednesday

p.m., he was sitting in his 1987 Nissan, parked on the East side of College Street adjacent to the park. eating lunch, Middleton said.



UPI Graphic

Housing Start To Record Inc

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Housing starts, boosted by the warmest January on record, rebounded 29.6 percent for their biggest gain on record last month after falling to a seven-year low during December's cold spell, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said new homes and apartments were built at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.63 million units in January after slumping a revised 6.9 percent in December. Starts in December originally were reported to be down 7.9 percent.

The department said the January

increase, which it attributed to usually warm weather, was the best since housing starts first recorded in 1959. It topped the previous record gain of 29.3 percent reached in July 1982.

Analysts had expected a jump in starts during January cause of the contrast in weather from December.

Some, like Michael P. Niemi of the Mitsubishi Bank in New York, suggested in advance of today's report that a truer picture of housing activity could be drawn by averaging the starts for the two months.

Thomas Holloway, senior ec

Cheney Tells South Troop Cuts, More

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told South Korean officials the Pentagon wants to slash its forces in Asia by 10 percent by 1995.

"We shall move forward with the decisions that we have had to make."

Sixty-Five Years Of Public Service

Valentine's Day Reception Celebrates Arnold's Dedication To Ty

By JOHN FUQUAY
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When most people reach the age of 65 they rejoice at post-retirement opportunities awaiting them.

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A.A. Arnold's Lifetime Of Service Exemplary

If ever there should be a title of "Mr. City of Tyler" based on high quality lifetime service to the city, Mr. Aubrey Addison Arnold likely would be the only candidate.

Mr. Arnold, who died Monday, spent 68 of his 97 years as a city of Tyler employee and consultant. Quite a record for someone who began his city duties in 1925 in what he considered a temporary job.

But it was not just a record of longevity as an employee that he established. He was a highly capable, dedicated and devoted public official who served many long hours which likely would have extended his time of service well beyond 68 years if divided into 40-hour workweeks. His was a lifetime of true public service.

Born in West Mountain in 1903, Mr. Arnold graduated from Gladewater High School and was married to Irene Boyd in 1931.

His employment record with the city may be the longest tenure of municipal employment in Texas history. Over the years, he worked tirelessly for Tyler and its residents with excellence and distinction in several assignments.

During the years he was with the city, Tyler had 20 city managers. He was an outstanding performer in a variety of positions — on a survey crew, as office manager for the Engineering Department, city planner, assistant city engineer, superintendent of public works and assistant city manager. He also served as executive director of East Texas Council of Governments.

In 1925, when Mr. Arnold first started working for the city, Tyler had no paved streets. Over the years, he had an important role in the paving of many streets still used by city residents today. He coordinated the city's first planning commission, issued plats, took zoning applications and issued city building permits.

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Numerous city and religious organizations in the community also benefited from his unselfish community service. He served as Tyler's Civil Defense chairman in the World War II era, and worked with the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce on many projects. The East Texas Fair Association, Rose Festival Parade and Azalea Trail also were on his community service list, and he was a director of United Way and chairman of that organization for city employees. He was a past grand master of Masonic Lodge.

He was a charter member of Glenwood Church of Christ, which he helped establish in 1951, and served as an elder for many years. Earlier he had served as a deacon, elder and secretary at West Erwin Church of Christ.

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nd Irene Arnold and Clarence and Bernice Stewart
f 'The Brick Streets' and reception for A. A. Arnold



HONOR FOR ARNOLD — A surprise reception for longtime city employee A. A. Arnold, left, was held at Carnegie History Center Thursday. Mayor Bob Montgomery presented Arnold a copy of a proclamation marking the occasion. The reception coincided with the premiere showing of a documentary about Tyler's red brick streets in which Arnold appears.
(Staff Photo By Paul Buck)

*The Honorable Mayor
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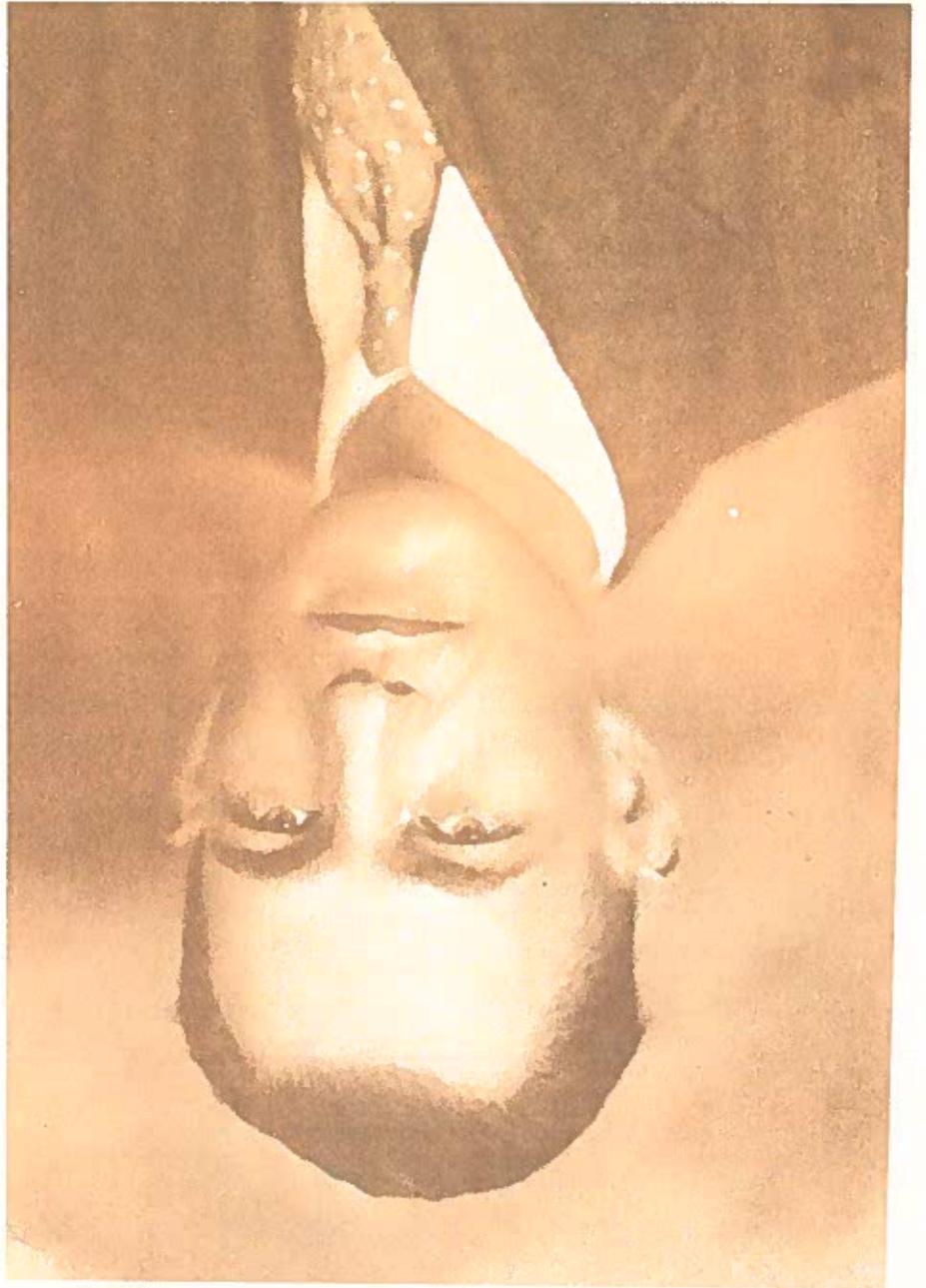
*cordially invite you to attend an
Appreciation Ceremony for*

Aubrey Arnold

*TJC Student Center
1401 East Lake Street*

*Wednesday, February 14, 1990
3:30 p.m.*

AUBREY A. ARNOLD
APPRECIATION CEREMONY
FEBRUARY 14, 1990



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AUBREY ADDISON ARNOLD

AUBREY A. ARNOLD
ROGER'S STUDENT CENTER
TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

February 14, 1990
3:30 P.M.

Welcome	Paul L. Parker
Invocation	Tommy King Minister Glenwood Church of Christ
Introductions and Recognitions	Paul L. Parker
Proclamation	James R. Montgomery, Mayor
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Tom Mallory
Commendations	Robert Layton
Comments of Appreciation	Gary Gwyn, City Manager
Closing Remarks	Paul L. Parker
Reception	

Aubrey Addison Arnold was born on July 30, 1903 near Gladewater. Arnold applied for a job with the City of Tyler in 1925. He considered the job on the Water Department's construction crew to be only temporary. With a salary of \$13.44 for a six day work week, Arnold was confident that he would soon move on to find more gainful employment and establish a career. Aubrey Arnold was able to find more gainful employment, but he did not have to move on. And as for a career, Mr. Arnold made the City of Tyler his career, a career he has been practicing for 65 years.

Mr. Arnold, has worn many hats at City Hall. He has served as a clerk and draftsman, office manager, Traffic Engineer, Assistant Director of Public Works, Superintendent of Public Works, Assistant City Manager, and presently, as that of Planning Consultant. Mr. Arnold has worked under 19 different City Managers during his long tenure.

Mr. A. has served as Civil Defense Chairman, as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Fund and as Executive Director of the East Texas Council of Governments. Over the years Mr. A. has been involved with the East Texas Fair, the Rose Festival Parade, as well as many other community projects, so much so, in fact, that Mr. Arnold is said to have had more nonpaying jobs than anyone in town.

Mr. Arnold's 65 years of public service with the City of Tyler has been one of loyalty and dedication. His philosophy of public service is reflected in his untiring efforts toward making Tyler a better community in which to live. Aubrey A. Arnold is Tyler.

Aubrey Addison Arnold

Services for Aubrey Addison Arnold, 97, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Chapel, with Tommy King, Jim Welch and Dr. Jay Lockhart officiating.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home, Tyler.

Mr. Arnold died on May 28, 2001, in a Tyler hospital after a short illness.

He was born July 30, 1903, in West Mountain and was a graduate of Gladewater High School.

Mr. Arnold married Irene Boyd on Dec. 17, 1931. They were happily married and devoted to each other for 69 wonderful years.

In 1925, Mr. Arnold began what he considered a temporary job with the city of Tyler laying water pipes. He stayed for over 68 years, which may be the longest tenure of municipal employment in Texas history. While working for the city he worked under 20 city managers, was on a survey crew, was office manager for engineering department, was city planner, assistant city engineer, superintendent of public works, assistant city manager and executive director of East Texas Council of Governments. When he was hired in 1925, Tyler had no paved streets. In the years to come Mr. Arnold had a big role in paving many streets used by residents today. He coordinated the city's first planning commission, issued plats, took zoning applications and issued building permits for Tyler. He was involved in four master plans for Tyler. Mr. Arnold helped plan the location of many schools, parks, streets, railroad tracks and other structures.

Mr. Arnold was instrumental in the continued growth and progress of the city and devoted many long hours in the performance of his work. His philosophy was in his untiring efforts toward making Tyler a more beautiful and better place in which to live. He was truly a public servant and loved and respected by all.

"Mr. A.", as he was affectionately known around City Hall, retired in September, 1993, at 90. He served the community unselfishly more than 68 years. He was indeed the "Elder Statesman" of Tyler city government. Mr. Arnold was a living history of Tyler.

Mr. Arnold served in numerous civic and religious organizations in the community. He served as civil defense chairman for city of Tyler, worked with the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce on numerous projects, East Texas Fair Association, Rose Festival Parade and Azalea Trail committees. Mr. Arnold served as a member of board of directors of United Way, chairman of United Way for city employees. He was instrumental in insuring the success of the city's United Way efforts. Mr. Arnold was a past grand master of Masonic Lodge.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Sallie and Arthur Arnold and sister, Ruth McCary.

Left to cherish the memories of Mr. Arnold is his wife Irene; son and daughter-in-law, Milton and Betty Arnold; granddaughter and husband Amy and Joe Clark, Tyler; grandson and wife, Wade and Amber Arnold, Allen; sisters, Kathleen and Edwin Rasco, Tyler, and Evelyn Ray, Aransas Pass. Brother, A.D. and Donna Arnold of Houston. Great-grandchildren, Justin and Heather Clark, Tyler and Addison and Davis Arnold, Allen. Also numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Joe W. Clark, Justin Clark, Wade Arnold, Steve Arnold, Tom Arnold, Ben Pieper, John Rasco and Jerrell Alexander
 Honorary pallbearers: past and present elders of the Glenwood Church of Christ.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at funeral home.

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ARNOLD



Special to The Dallas Morning News

Aubrey Addison Arnold — "Mr. A" to most residents — has worked with Tyler city government full time since 1925. After appreciation day Wednesday, he'll be back on the job.

In for the long haul

Tyler tells 86-year-old 'thank you' for 65 years with city

By Jonathan Samuels

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

Many employees receive recognition for their hard work, but friends and co-workers say it would be hard to find one more deserving than longtime Tyler resident Aubrey Addison Arnold.

The East Texas city will honor the 86-year-old man on Wednesday for his 65 years of service — both as a full-time Tyler city employee and a full-fledged volunteer — even though he is still working a 40-hour week.

"It's been great to serve the city — I have just done the best I could," Mr. Arnold last week.

"When you look at him, you wouldn't think he is as old as he is," said Gary Gwyn, Mr. Arnold's 19th city manager. "He is a very productive employee. I wish we had more like him."

As a consultant for the Planning Department, Mr. Arnold is the primary right-of-way agent for Tyler, handling the initial negotiations for any property purchases by the city, as well as applications for zoning changes.

Known in Tyler as "Mr. A," said Paul Parker, the assistant city manager, he is also the city's "unofficial record." Mr. Parker said that people call on Mr. Arnold for answers about general Tyler history, as well as for more obscure knowledge, such as the location of buried water lines.

"When people come in to get some informa-

tion, they go straight to him," said Mr. Parker. "They would rather wait half an hour to speak with Mr. A than come to me if I'm not busy."

Mr. Arnold's vast span of Tyler knowledge comes as no surprise to people who know that he played an integral role in all four master plans for developing Tyler from a small town into a city.

"I furnished the planning firms with information each time," said Mr. Arnold, referring to the projects that began in 1929, 1945, 1960 and 1974.

Mr. Arnold was born on July 30, 1903, in Gladewater, Texas, grew up there and graduated from high school in 1922. He roamed East Texas, working for many road contractors building roads and bridges for three years, during which time his parents moved to Tyler.

Mr. Arnold decided to rejoin his parents, and on Feb. 14, 1925, he accepted a temporary job with Tyler's Water Department construction crew that paid \$13.44 for a six-day, eight-hour per-day week.

He transferred to the Engineering Department's survey crew that October and found himself in City Hall a few years later as a clerk and draftsman. "I just kept the main office running and did some drafting," he said.

In the ensuing decades, leading up to his 70th birthday, Mr. Arnold held many titles, including:

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A ROLE MODEL

It was heartwarming to observe the topmost editorial page attention you gave the departure of Mr. A.A. Arnold, a 68-year employee of the City of Tyler.

Personally, I enjoyed several reasons to consider Mr. Arnold a role model of the highest quality. He was a church leader; that had to rank first. But something else turned out to be a particular help for me. Mr. Arnold deeply respected our heritage, both national and local, and was particularly fascinated with Tyler lore. Like me, he regarded Tyler's oldest streets as historic treasure troves.

What I never could have achieved alone as a journalist, he made possible from his city planner's desk with suggestions for a much-talked-about heritage series on Spring, Beckham, Boner, Charnwood, Brwin, etc.

To say a man like Mr. A.A. Arnold is missed is a gross understatement.

*Charles Lewis
Lindale*

68-Year City Of Tyler Employee Arnold Dies

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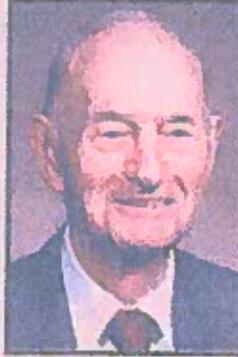
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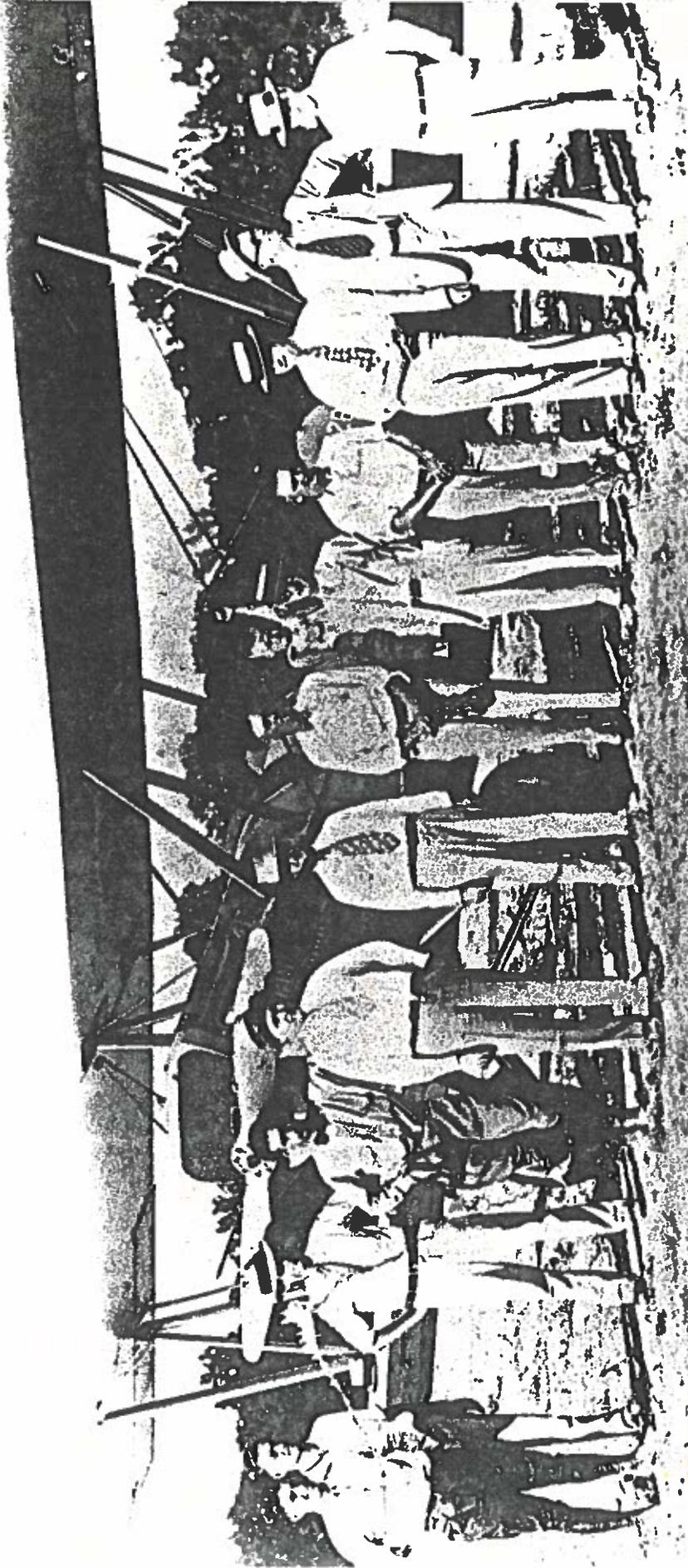
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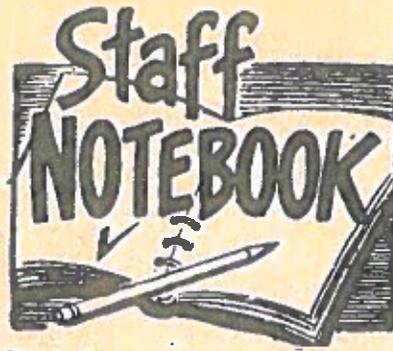
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July 31, 1981



Flyin' High At 78

Aubrey Addison Arnold, affectionately known as Mr. "A" around City Hall, celebrated his 78th birthday July 30.

Mr. Arnold, now working for the Planning and Zoning Department as a consultant (he long ago passed the mandatory retirement age), has worked with the city 56 years.

Thursday, Mr. A took time out for a little reminiscing with some younger friends at City Hall who were enjoying some of his birthday cake.

Warming to his listeners' incredulous responses to his stories of the old days, Mr. Arnold said, "Oh, there's a lot of things you kids have never heard of; you've never said, 'Give me a crank,' or 'Let's drive out to the end of the pavement.'

Obviously, thing that hasn't changed or lessened in 78 years is Mr. Arnold's sense of humor. He was telling his friends how he kept up with his age:

"You know when the Wright brothers made their first plane? Well, that was the year I was born.

"I always tell my friends that I was born when the first plane was built, and then I ask them which do they figure has made the most improvements."

Whatever the answer, we're sure everyone would agree with City Engineer Rocky Arnold's (no kin) comment about Mr. A: he's definitely still flying!

-DOTTIE ROARK

Aubrey A. Arnold was born July 30, 1903. In 1925, at the age of 22, Arnold began what he considered to be a temporary job with the City of Tyler, laying water pipes for \$13 per week. That "temporary" job became a career of more than 68 years, which could be the longest tenure of municipal employment in Texas history.

During his career, Arnold worked under 20 city managers. He worked on a survey crew, and was office manager for the Engineering Department. He also served as city planner, assistant city engineer, superintendent of public works, and director of East Texas Council of Governments when it began. Over the years, Arnold played a significant role in paving many streets used by residents today. He was involved in four master plans for Tyler, and helped plan the locations of many schools, parks, streets, railroad tracks and other structures.

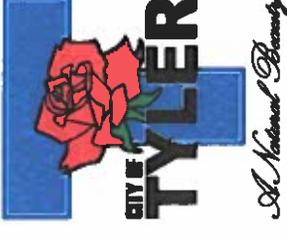
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Half Mile of History

Marker Unveiling

In honor of

Aubrey A. Arnold

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014

- Opening remarks: Mayor Martin Heines
- Half Mile of History honoree biography read by:
 - Historic Preservation Board Member Vicki Betts
- Unveiling of Marker and Certificate Presentation
- Responses
- Special Announcements
- Adjourn
- Reception following ceremony