

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**MARCH 22, 2021**  
**GF-2021-014474**  
**1510 WEST 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL**

Demolish a contributing outbuilding and construct an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

- 1) Demolish a ca. 1953 carport with attached storage shed.
- 2) Rebuild existing retaining wall.
- 3) Construct a new ADU. The proposed ADU is two stories, with an open carport on the ground level and living space above, supported by exposed steel beams. It is clad in board-and-batten siding. The compound hipped, shed, and gabled roof is clad in standing-seam metal, and exposed rafter tails are visible at north, south, and east elevations. A metal guardrail surrounds the covered porch and elevated walkway. The east elevation includes a screened porch.

**RESEARCH**

The house at 1510 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street was built in 1946 by Major General Arthur Balfour Knickerbocker, Texas State Adjutant, after his resignation as leader of the Texas National Guard. An Odessa native, Knickerbocker helped to organize the state guard there and served as commander until his 1942 appointment by Governor Coke Stevenson. After leaving the Guard in 1946, Knickerbocker and his family left their Camp Mabry living quarters and constructed this home in Pemberton Heights.

The carport and attached storage shed were built in 1953 by subsequent owner-occupants Raleigh R. Ross, a physician, and his family. Dr. Ross served as chief of surgery at Brackenridge Hospital before climbing to chief of staff and, for a time, interim superintendent. During the 1950s and beyond, Ross chaired the State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools. Ross also served as president of the Travis County Medical Society and sat on the Board of Trustees for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, among other hospital boards. In a 1980 *American-Statesman* article, Ross is credited with helping to modernize Austin's medical system after World War II. Linda Steck Ross, daughter of reporter and banker Lena Riddle Steck and local printer E. L. Steck, was president of the Junior League and participated in numerous other charity societies.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate new construction projects in National Register historic districts. Applicable standards include:

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

A contributing outbuilding will be removed, and a noncontributing outbuilding constructed in its place.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

The proposed ADU is differentiated from the main house by its smaller size, sunken ground floor, vertical siding, and detached placement on the lot. Its massing, size, scale, and features are compatible with the primary contributing building. While the ADU will be visible at the main elevation, it appears to be partially obscured by the site's topography.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

If the ADU were removed in the future, the remainder of the property and the district would be unimpaired.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The property contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

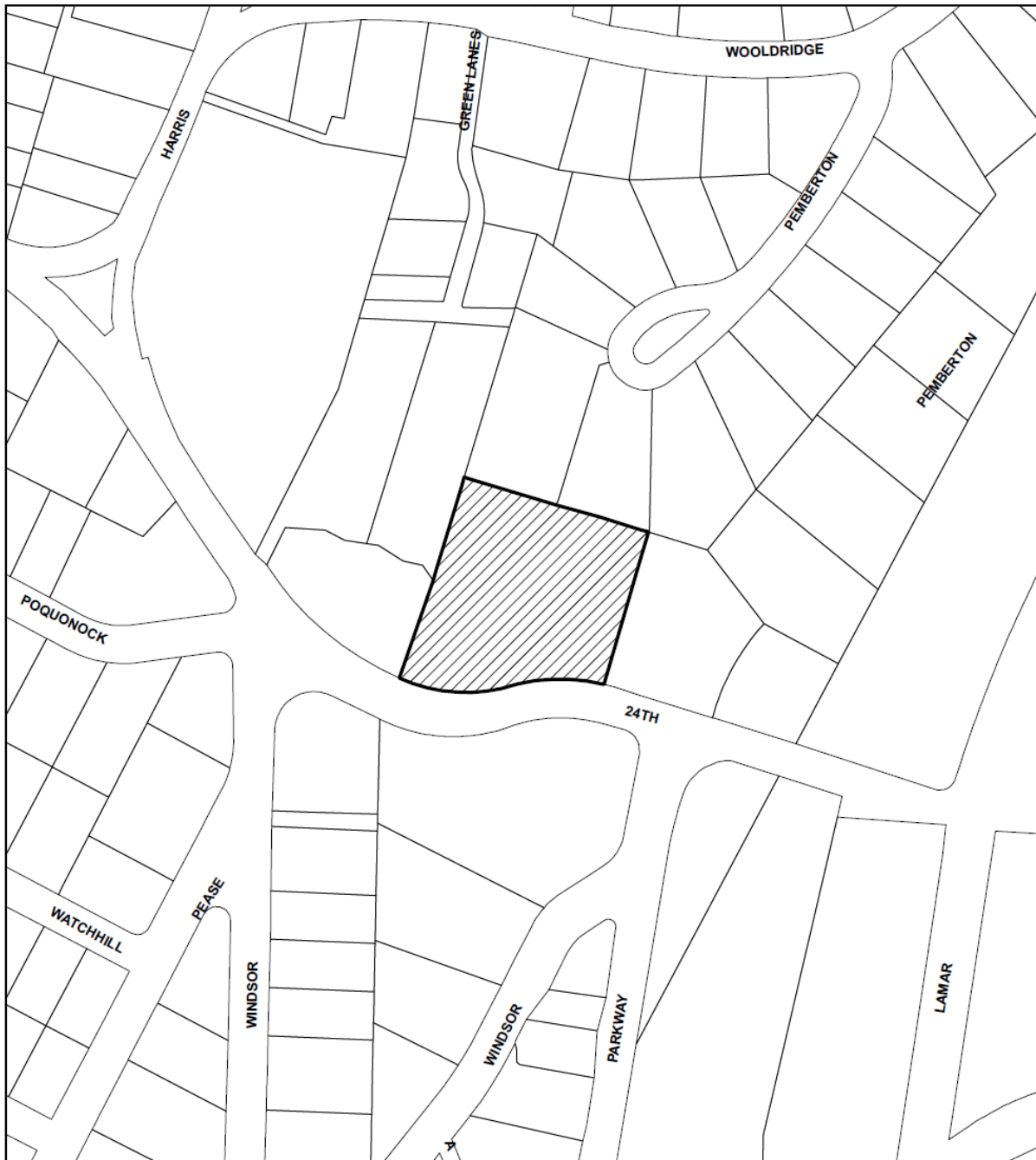
- 1) The outbuilding and primary building are over 50 years old.
- 2) The outbuilding appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that the outbuilding does not meet the required criteria.
  - a. *Architecture*. The carport does not demonstrate architectural significance.
  - b. *Historical association*. The property is associated with Major General Arthur B. Knickerbocker, state adjutant of Texas, and Dr. Raleigh Ross, Brackenridge Hospital surgeon. The carport was built by Ross during his tenure at the home.
  - c. *Archaeology*. The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. *Community value*. The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - e. *Landscape feature*. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Comment on and release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 198'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 21-014474  
 LOCATION: 1510 W 24TH ST

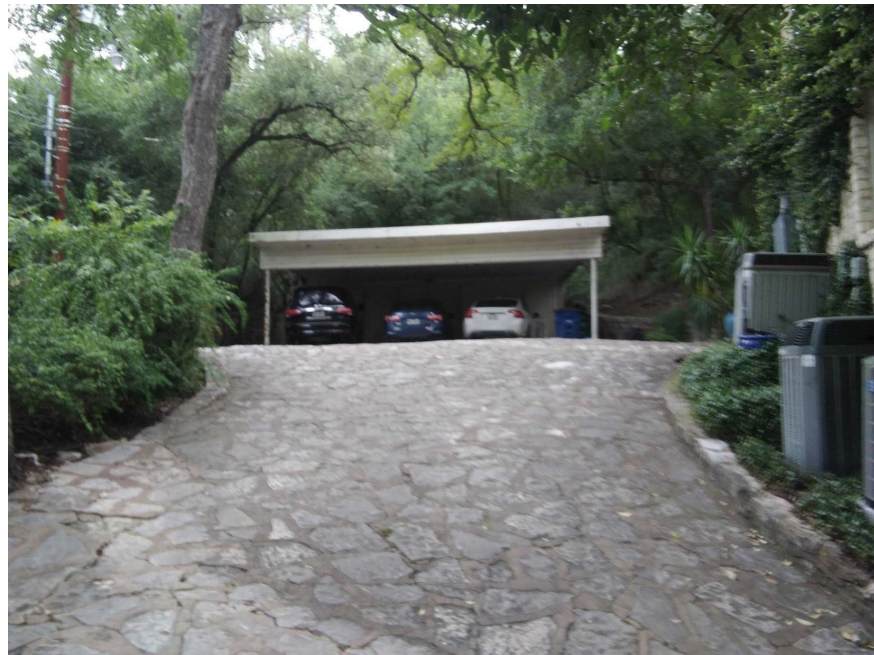
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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

*Photos*









Source: Applicant, 2021

### Occupancy History

Directory research unavailable for this property.

### Biographical Information

## Miss Steck and Dr. Ross Marry in Church Ceremony

In a beautiful ceremony at the First Presbyterian church Monday evening, Miss Lucy Ellen Steck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Steck, became the bride of Dr. Raleigh R. Ross, son of Dr. A. A. Ross of Lockhart.

The Rev. Frederick Brooks, pastor, officiated in the ceremony. Italian cypress, shrubbery and cathedral candles provided the decorations for the church. Above the altar were two simulated lighted cathedral windows entwined with white smilax and set in the greenery which formed the background.

At the organ was Mrs. Antoinette Roebuck. She also accompanied Miss Ailsa Posey, soprano, who sang Greg's "Ich Liebe Dich" and Gounod's "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" before the bridal party entered.

Mrs. Charles Dillon of Washington, D. C., sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Betty Bradley of Houston, matron and maid of honor, preceded the bride to the altar.

#### Yellow and Blue

Mrs. Dillon wore yellow chiffon and Miss Bradley wore blue net, and both dresses were made with long torso, full sleeves and very full skirts. Mrs. Dillon's turban matched her frock, and Miss Bradley's headdress was of net and flowers. Each carried an arm bouquet of pastel colored blossoms.

The bride entered with her father, who gave her in marriage. Her wedding gown of white satin was designed with a wide, deep V-neck edged with princess lace which matched the coronet and the nine-foot panel of lace, an heirloom, on the illusion veil. The princess lace also edged the V at the wrist of the long sleeves which were fitted from the elbow. The skirt was gathered onto the low V waist line and fell into a train at the back.

She carried an arm sheaf of calla lilies.

#### Brother Best Man

Major A. A. Ross, Jr., of Lockhart, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Sam Tabor of Lockhart, Joe Greenlee of Houston, brother-in-law of the bride, and Dr. Duncan Poth of San Antonio, cousin of the bridegroom, were groomsmen.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. In the receiving line were Mrs. Steck, mother of the bride, Dr.

A. A. Ross, father of the bridegroom, Dr. and Mrs. Raleigh Ross and their attendants.

Mrs. Steck wore Alice blue lace with flesh chiffon front, a blue lace hat and an orchid corsage.

The dining room was decorated in white and silver. A Florentine lace cloth covered the table which held as centerpiece a tiered wedding cake. Mrs. W. C. Riddle, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Sully Roberdeau served the cake, and a group of friends of the bride assisted in serving. Miss Alene Orgain of Beaumont presided at the bride's book.

#### To Live in Missouri

When the couple left for a short wedding trip, Mrs. Ross wore an Adler tailored suit of black with a black Persian lamb coat and a white orchid. Her black draped hat was trimmed with fur matching the coat, and her shoes had fur bows.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross will make their home in Springfield, Mo.

Mrs. Ross was the first queen of Austin high school. She graduated from the University of Texas, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is a member of the Junior league, the Cotillion club and was president of the Friday luncheon club.

#### Stationed at Hospital

Dr. Ross is a graduate of Lockhart high school and the University of Texas, where he received his B.S. degree, and later graduated from the medical branch of the university at Galveston. He interned at the Episcopal hospital in Philadelphia and spent five years there as staff member in general and thoracic surgery. He is now on active duty with the army, stationed at the O'Reilly General hospital in Springfield, Mo., where he is a member of the department of general surgery. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon at the University of Texas and of Alpha Kappa Gamma at medical school.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bradley, Miss Betty Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greenlee, Miss

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Dec 30, 1941*





NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL, state office Texas defense guard, is Maj. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, above, and he takes up his duties in "enemy" territory, so to speak, because he was quarterback on the famous untied and unscored-on 1919 Aggie squad.

Maj. James C. Jones, below, new personnel officer state staff, interested himself in the state guard from the first, and has the distinction of receiving the first authorization to form a provisional company which became Company A when the fifth battalion in Austin was organized. Maj. Jones served in the "Fighting 69" Rainbow division in the last war.

## Knickerbocker, Jones Given State Posts

Two new officers, one an organizer of the very first guard unit in Austin and a veteran of the "Fighting 69" Rainbow division, and the other a quarterback on the famous untied and unscored on Aggie 1919 football team, took up their duties last week as members of the state headquarter's staff, Texas defense guard, adjutant general's department.

Maj. Arthur B. Knickerbocker is the former Aggie star, and he has assumed his duties as inspector general, succeeding Maj. Henry E. Roberts, resigned. He comes from Odessa where he was organizer and commander of the 34th battalion of the Odessa guard.

New personnel officer, Maj. James C. Jones, takes the place of Maj. Henry Harrison, now an officer in the marine corps. Maj. Jones received authorization to form a provisional company in Texas in 1940, the first authorization given in Texas to form a guard unit.

Maj. Knickerbocker, a graduate of Texas A.&M. college, serves as personal contact between the guard units scattered over the state and the adjutant general's office. His duties will be to inspect the various guard units and to issue instructions for the correction of any deficiencies found in the units. Maj. Knickerbocker owned his own company and engaged in the construction business.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Dec 20, 1942*

## Senate Okehs Two of Coke's Appointees

By the Associated Press

The senate Thursday confirmed the nomination of Arthur B. Knickerbocker of Odessa to be adjutant general for a two year term. Gov. Coke R. Stevenson appointed Knickerbocker only Wednesday.

Also confirmed by the senate in executive session was B. F. Payne of Carthage, re-appointed for a six-year term to the commission for the blind.

Vaulting stiff opposition, the house joint resolution calling for appointment of a 31-member post-war economic planning commission won senate approval by a 17-9 vote.

Ben Ramsey of San Augustine led the fight for the measure against bitter opposition by Clay Cotten of Palestine, Jesse Martin of Fort Worth and R. C. Lanning of Jacksboro.

Warning of "breadlines in Texas after the war unless our energies are devoted to creating employment," Ramsey said the commission would be composed of "native Texans interested in Texas industry and development."

"Let's employ Texans in Texas after the war," he urged, emphasizing what he said was the necessity of working out before the end of the war some of the state's economic problems.

## Coke Names New Adjutant

Gov. Coke Stevenson Wednesday submitted the nomination of Maj. Arthur Knickerbocker of Odessa as adjutant general of Texas.

Knickerbocker, who is a major in the Texas defense guard, is a former student and football player at Texas A. & M. and served in World War I.

His father, Dr. H. L. Knickerbocker, was at one time pastor of a Methodist church here, and the son is well known in this city. Maj. Knickerbocker is a first cousin of H. R. Knickerbocker, the noted war correspondent.

Gov. Stevenson sent the nomination to the senate, which last month refused to confirm his appointment of J. Watt Page for another term as adjutant general. Page will continue to be selective service director for Texas, however.

## Committee Gives Knickerbocker Okeh

Maj. Arthur L. Knickerbocker of Odessa Thursday had approval of governor's nominations. Gov. Coke R. Stevenson named Knickerbocker the Texas senate committee on Wednesday to be adjutant general, a post paying \$4,200 a year with living quarters at Camp Mabry.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Mar 3-4, 1943*

## Knickerbocker And Isbell Confirmed

By The Statesman Capital Staff

Going into executive session by unanimous consent, the senate Tuesday confirmed Adj. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker of Odessa for another term, approved Claude Isbell of Rockwall as secretary of state and made final the appointments of Walter Buckner of San Marcos and W. H. Earl of Waco as chairman and member respectively of the state commission for blind.

This action had not been anticipated until Wednesday, as 24-hour notice of executive sessions must be given unless all senators agree to waive the rule.

Gov. Stevensen sent over another group of nominations for committee and senate consideration, including that of Mrs. Joe Perkins of Eastland, prominent club woman, to be a member of the state board of education succeeding ex-Sen. Ben G. Oneal of Wichita Falls. C. C. Chessher of Groveton and Herman C. Custard of Cleburne, a reappointment, also were nominated for that board.

Frank Jones of Marfa was appointed to the game, fish and oyster commission in place of Dee Davenport of Mission, who was rejected by the senate last week.

Reappointed to six-year terms on the finance commission were H. A. Dobbs of Hempstead and C. A. Bigner of Spearman, banking section, and J. H. Ashby of Uvalde, building and loan section.

Rumored opposition to Gen. Knickerbocker's reappointment failed to crystallize before the nominations committee Monday, which approved him after interviewing him and members of his staff. Among those absent were members of the Texas State guard officers' association who, reportedly, had been holding up approval of Knickerbocker while dickered for changes in the guard setup.

Knickerbocker's appointment had been subject to the committee's action since Jan. 16.



GEN. A. B. KNICKERBOCKER  
Adjutant General and New

## St. Ed's To Give 3 Honorary Doctor Degrees

Gen. Knickerbocker,  
Gus Strauss And  
Chancellor Named

Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, adjutant general of Texas, will be one of three Texans to receive the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the 59th annual commencement of St. Edward's university Sunday afternoon.

The closing exercises of St. Edward's Military academy will be held at the same time.

Others to be awarded the honorary LL.D. degree will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. J. Reicher, P.A., chancellor of the diocese of Galveston, who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday at 9 a. m. and Gus J. Strauss of Austin, A.B. '34, supreme warden and state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, who will deliver the commencement address.

## Knickerbocker Heard Today

By The Austin Statesman Capital Bureau

The appointment of Arthur B. Knickerbocker of Odessa for another term as adjutant general was before the senate committee on governor's nominations Monday afternoon.

Gen. Knickerbocker's nomination had been held up, it was learned, while officials of the Texas State Guard Officers' association strove to reach certain agreements with him regarding the guard's future. The TSG group denied any personal opposition to his reappointment.

Sen. H. L. Winfield, chairman of the nominations committee, said Claude Isbell's appointment as secretary of state and other nominations would be taken up if the committee had time.

Also meeting Monday afternoon were the committee on public lands and the finance sub-committee on the departmental appropriation bill.



## General Staff Of State Guard to Meet

The Texas state guard's general staff will meet here Sept. 28 with Adj. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker to study the future of the organization.

Knickerbocker will also meet with battalion commanders and a report will be given to Gov. Coke Stevenson as to the conclusion reached.

Originally, the Texas state guard was known as the defense guard. This organization was formulated soon after the 36th division was federalized. After the start of war, it became known as the Texas state guard.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Sep 14, 1945*

## 'TSG MEN TO STAY AT POSTS'

*By Associated Press*

Most members of the State Guard will stay on the job until the National Guard is reorganized, Adj. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker said Tuesday.

The opinion, he said, was reflected from a conference Monday with 41 battalion commanders from every section of the state.

Now that the war has ended some guardsmen feel that they no longer wish to remain in the organization but a majority feel that they should continue to maintain a security organization and to help with reorganization of the National Guard when that time comes, he said.

"Just when the National Guard—which the State Guard has replaced during the national emergency—will be reorganized we are not prepared to say because the reorgani-

zation will require congressional action," he added.

Gen. Knickerbocker said the battalion commanders also discussed proposals for obtaining state financial assistance should not be sought because the organization is

rendering a patriotic and not a monetary service.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Oct 16, 1945*

## Knickerbocker Quits Guard

*By Associated Press*

Brigadier General Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Texas Adjutant General, Wednesday by his own request was relieved from duty as commanding general of the Texas State Guard.

Orders issued by the State Guard appointed Major General Fred L. Walker to succeed Gen. Knickerbocker. Gen. Walker will hold this command in addition to his other duties as commanding general of the Texas National Guard.

Gen. Weathered was chief of staff of Gen. John A. Hulen in reorganizing the 36th Division after World War I.

Officials of the State Guard de-

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clared that Gen. Walker's appointment came about as the result of a desire to facilitate the integration of the Texas State Guard and the Texas National Guard.

Colonel W. H. Martin of Houston, executive officer of the Texas National Guard, will also become executive officer of the State Guard, it was announced.

Gen. Knickerbocker will continue at adjutant general of Texas. It was at his suggestion that the command of the Texas National Guard and the Texas State Guard were combined.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Apr 24, 1946*

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED**

(Eckert, Inspector)

A. B. Knickerbocker, stone veneer residence and two-story garage, 1510 West 24th Street, \$25,000.

Paul Madrano, box residence, 2707 East Third Street, \$900.

A. A. Thompson, frame garage, 302 West 28th Street, \$25.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Nov 1, 1946*

## New Policies Promised By Brackenridge Chief

New policies to acquaint the public with activities at Brackenridge Hospital were promised Wednesday

by Dr. J. Edward Johnson, new chief of staff of the hospital.

Dr. Johnson, who succeeds Dr. J. M. Coleman, took over duties as chief of staff at the January meeting of the 121 members of the staff held Tuesday night at the hospital.

In addition to a new public relations policy, the new chief of staff said that closer cooperation between the hospital and the families of patients would be instigated.

"Through cooperation of hospital administration officials, the staff and the nurses organization," Johnson said, "we hope to be able to give the public, and especially the immediate members of a patient's family, current reports on the condition of a patient."

He explained that telephone calls to the various wards of the hospital were not feasible since they interfered with the normal activities of nurses on duty and attending doctors.

"We are planning a program whereby the telephone operator at the hospital will have a current report on the condition of the patient which can be given immediately to the family," Johnson added.

Dr. Z. T. Scott was named chief emeritus of the hospital at the Tuesday night meeting. Dr. Scott was chief of staff during the war and saw the hospital approved for training of first-year internes by the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons.

It was announced at the meeting that Brackenridge soon will be approved for second year training of internes, approval having already been received for eight internes.

Other officers for 1948 named by the staff are Dr. George E. Clark Jr., chief of medicine; Dr. Raleigh Ross, chief of surgery; Dr. M. D. McCauley, chief of obstetrics and gynecology; Dr. C. H. Miers, chief of eye, ear, nose and throat; and Dr. T. J. McElhenney, chief of pediatrics.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jan 7, 1948*

# CITY DADS DODGE TOT DEATH DEBATE

City officials Thursday labeled the death May 8 of a five-months-old girl at Brackenridge Hospital an incident involving medical diagnosis which the city administration knows nothing about.

In substance that is what City Manager Guiton Morgan and Mayor Taylor Glass said at Thursday's City Council session.

**THE STATEMENTS WERE** prompted by an attempt by representatives of the Austin Young Progressives Party to discuss the death of Rosa Marie Caldwell, an infant who died while awaiting treatment at the hospital.

Morgan told Theodore Plummer, spokesman for the Young Progressives: "This involves the medical diagnosis of a patient." He said the incident should be discussed with Dr. Raleigh Ross, acting administrator of the municipal hospital.

Mayor Glass added: "I don't believe I have any more to say about the hospital. Copies of a report are available to anyone who wants them."

Glass referred to a report submitted by the hospital to the city manager covering the baby's death. The council last week ordered Morgan to make a thorough investigation of the case.

A written statement handed reporters by the political group charged that the baby died after being refused emergency treatment.

"We reject the attempt to whitewash the case by saying that the baby would have died anyway," the statement said.

Soon after the Caldwell baby's death, Ross said death was caused by a heart ailment which the hospital could not have prevented.

An autopsy, ordered by Justices of the Peace Frank McBee, has not been completed.

**MEANTIME, THE ACTING** hospital administrator declined to comment Thursday on a charge of "gross negligence" leveled at the hospital Wednesday night by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The Negro group charged that an accident victim was told at the Brackenridge emergency room that there was "nothing wrong with him" and that the victim discovered the following day that he had a fractured shoulder and two broken ribs.

Dixon's statement, according to the NAACP, claims Dr. C. D. Peavy discovered the extent of the injuries in X-rays.

The accident in which Dixon was injured, the statement to the NAACP said, occurred May 10 on the Lockhart Highway.

## Verdict Waits In Death Of Infant Girl

Inquest verdict in the death of a five-months-old baby at Brackenridge Hospital Monday was withheld Wednesday by Justice of the Peace Frank W. McBee.

He said he would not pronounce a verdict until an official report of an autopsy and laboratory tests is received from the hospital.

The infant, Rosa Marie Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, 3111 East 12th Street, was checked in the hospital's emergency room Sunday and was to go through the baby clinic Monday morning.

She died while waiting for the clinic to open.

A preliminary report given McBee said the cause of death was a heart ailment.

Dr. Raleigh Ross, acting hospital administrator, said "this case points up our personnel situation in having less than one-half the needed quota of internes and resident physicians."

He explained that patients in the emergency room and clinics had to be handled on an "assembly line" basis due to the personnel shortage.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 18, 1950 and The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 10, 1950*

## \$8,500 Called Not Enough For Top Hospital Officer

The City of Austin will have to pay \$10,000 a year to get a capable administrator for Brackenridge Hospital.

That was the statement Wednesday of a medical man who asked not to be identified.

City Manager Walter Seaholm announced the city's top offer is \$8,500. He said he is not prepared to offer more than that since sal-

aries paid other department heads range from \$6,000 to \$8,500.

Seaholm has been negotiating with four applicants out of an original list of 40.

The unnamed medical predicted the city will have little chance of luring a successful administrator to come to Austin for the present top salary.

"The city manager," he asserted, "is not going to get a man of the caliber Brackenridge must have for \$8,500. He will have to pay at least \$10,000 to get a good man."

The informant declared paying \$2,000 more will result in savings of thousands of dollars in the hospital's operation through closer investigations of charity cases and more efficient collections in the emergency room.

Brackenridge in 1949 showed an operating deficit of \$457,000, including money expended for treatment of indigent cases.

The administrator's post has been filled temporarily by Dr. Raleigh Ross, chief of staff, since last April 1.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Oct 19, 1950*



## Betty Sue Knickerbocker Wed To J. J. Garwood Jr. in Dallas

In an informal double-ring ceremony conducted June 29, Miss Betty Sue Knickerbocker became the bride of James Joseph Garwood Jr.

The ceremony was conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Knickerbocker, Dallas, aunt and uncle of the bride, Dr. Hubert D. Knickerbocker of Dallas, great-uncle of the bride, officiated.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Balfour Knickerbocker, 1510 West 24th, the bride is a graduate of the University of Texas, where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority and Curtain Club. She served as assistant to Loren Winship, head of the drama department at the University, and was active in the Dallas Civic Theater as director and actress.

During the past year, she served as social director of the student union at Southern Methodist University.

orchids on a white Bible.

Miss Nancy Knickerbocker served as her sister's only attendant. She chose a grey organdy ballerina-length dress with white accessories and carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

H. C. Knickerbocker Jr. served as best man.

For the reception, the bride's table was decorated with an arrangement of yellow rosebuds.

The mother of the bride wore a grey linen dress with a white gardenia corsage.

After a wedding trip to the Great Lakes area, the couple is to reside in Philadelphia.

Knickerbocker, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR B. KNICKERBOCKER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 28 day of October, 1951, by the County Court of Travis County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time required by law. My Post Office address is C/O P. O. Box 796, Austin, Texas.

WALDO KNICKERBOCKER  
Independent Executor of the  
Estate of Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Deceased.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Jul 8, 1951 and The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Nov 1, 1951*

## Mrs. Raleigh Ross Will Attend Junior League Leaders Meet

Presidents of the 13 Junior Leagues in Region VIII will meet for a one-day session of the Presidents' Council in Dallas Wednesday. It has been announced here by Mrs. Raleigh Ross, president of the Junior League of Austin.

Mrs. Ross will represent the Austin group at the meeting.

Mrs. Horace E. Wilson of Amarillo will preside over the Dallas session, which will be held in accordance with a new plan adopted at the 1951 conference of the Association of Junior Leagues of America, Inc. Delegates to the Houston conference voted to establish the Presidents' Councils for a two-year period to help newly elected Junior League presidents in meeting the rapidly expanding needs for volunteer community leadership.

National Junior League news is headed by the announcement by Mrs. James M. Skinner Jr., president of the Association of Junior Leagues of America, Inc., of the appointment of Mrs. Margaret G.

Twyman of Milwaukee, Wis., as administrator of the association. She has already taken over her duties at association headquarters in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, where she will work with the board of directors and professional staff.

The association, of which the Austin Junior League is a member, is made up of 175 leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Hawaii with a total membership of 56,000. Emphasis in the Junior Leagues is on training for volunteer service and citizenship responsibility.

Mrs. Twyman for the past year and a half has been dean of women at Texas Technological College, Lubbock. She formerly was assistant dean of women at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and assistant counselor of women at Oklahoma University, Norman, Okla. She holds a master's degree in personnel administration from Northwestern University and is a member of Phi Beta Phi sorority and Mortar Board.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Sep 16, 1951*

## Elaborate Decorations in 3 Homes Planned for Christmas Pilgrimage

Three aspects of the Christmas season will be dramatically illustrated in three of Austin's most handsome homes, which will be decorated and opened to the public by the Women's Auxiliary of All Saints' Episcopal Church for their second annual Christmas Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will be held on Dec. 7 from 3 to 9 p. m.

Illustrating the theme "Christmas Is Everywhere," the homes will exemplify an elegant, modern Christmas, an old fashioned Yuletide and the reverent aura of the true Christmas spirit.

Homes to be visited on this year's pilgrimage are those of Dr. and Mrs. Raleigh Ross, 1510 West 24th Street, Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Pope, 1306 Lorrain, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Villavaso, 3105 Duval, gateway to the new Episcopal Seminary.

### Funds for Center

Proceeds from the pilgrimage will be contributed toward work on the new Student Center, being constructed on the site of old Gregg

House, long a landmark on the University of Texas campus.

Tickets at \$1 each may be purchased from members of All Saints' Women's Auxiliary, at the door of any of the three houses on the day of the pilgrimage or by contacting Mrs. F. F. Lake, 3002 Enfield Road.

Lavish decorations, exquisite nativity sets, ceramic Madonnas and many other items are being made by members of the auxiliary for use in the three homes and to be sold at each house during the pilgrimage.

Christmas gifts and decorations to be sold, all handmade by the auxiliary members, will also include decorative "Little Angels" pinafores and nighties, frozen foods, orange marmalade and cranberry conserve, Christmas tree decorations and wreaths, and even Triptyches like those used in early churches.

### Refreshments

Refreshments will be served during the pilgrimage at the Villavaso home, where Christmas music will be presented in the afternoon by

the Texas School of Fine Arts and in the evening by the University of Texas music department.

The Pope home will be entirely decorated in pastels. A French Rose Tree will be the center of attraction, with feathered angels and trees throughout the house. The dining table will feature a pink net-on-atin cloth festooned with crystal butterflies.

The Ross home, illustrating the old fashioned Christmas, will be done in bright reds and greens. The dining table will be decorated for a Christmas breakfast, featuring gold sequined cocks.

### Pine Tree

In the formal living room, one of the highlights will be a shadow box framing a mosaic Madonna. In the family room, a traditional green pine tree will be uniquely decorated.

The Villavaso home, exemplifying the religious spirit of Christmas, will be decorated in cathedral colors of deep rose, blue and brown. In the front hall will be a two storey jeweled Christmas tree.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Nov 14, 1954*



## READYING FOR PILGRIMAGE

A "Christmas in Velvet" motif will decorate the Raleigh Ross home, 1510 West 24th Street, for the Christmas Pilgrimage sponsored by the women's Auxiliary of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

To be held Tuesday from 3 to 9 p. m., the pilgrimage includes three homes: the Ross home; the Burwell Pope home, 1306 Lorrain, and the Villavaso-Duncalf home, 3105 Duval.

At the Rosses, a courtesy car will transport visitors to the house from parking spaces on Windsor Road.

Shown above with one of the lavish little trees being decorated for the pilgrimage are Mrs. Raleigh Ross (left) and Mrs. Bill Jackson.

Fanciful decorations, in the spirit of an old fashioned Christmas, will be used in the family room. A large traditional green tree will be seen here, as well as sprays and swags of pine with cones and Christmas tree balls. An epergne of velvet will be filled with jeweled fruits.

In the formal living room, 30-inch candles will adorn the mantel, and in the sun room, another large tree will be decorated. Gold mobiles will also be used, and swags of greenery will hold miniature clowns, Mexican figures and jesters.

A spritely crinoline tree in white, decorated with crinoline clowns, will be seen in a child's room, and the dining room will be prepared for a Christmas breakfast. Golden

cocks will be used as the table centerpiece. Even the kitchen will be decorated with a cookie Christmas tree.

Among articles to be sold here will be special plates, decorated with Santa Claus heads or with children carolers. Ceramic sleighs with perky little reindeer, Christmas bottle covers, ceramic trees, nativity sets, Madonnas, tree decorations, pinafores and gowns, jack-in-the box decorations, cranberry conserve, orange marmalade and Christmas tree-shaped coffee cakes will also be sold.

Tickets, which sell for \$1 each, may be purchased at any of the three houses if they are not bought in advance.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Dec 5, 1954*



## Work Begun On Buildings For Doctors

Six new clinic-office buildings for doctors were started this week at the Medical Arts Square at 28th and Red River. The six projects will cost more than \$200,000.

One doctor's office is already started and near completion. There will be 11 more offices constructed in the near future, in addition to the six started this week.

Architects for the six projects are Page, Southerland and Page. J. C. Evans is handling the contracting of the projects.

When completed, the Medical Arts Square will have 11 office buildings, with 25 to 30 physicians occupying them. One large commercial building will also be situated on the site.

Clinic-office projects under way this week included:

Dr. Clifford Thorne and Dr. Sam Wilborn, \$34,000.

Dr. Raleigh Ross and Dr. R. O. Swearingen, \$42,900.

## Docs' Wives To Install

Installation of officers and a state convention report are scheduled for the Tuesday meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Travis County Medical Association.

The session will begin at 10 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Raleigh R. Ross, 2410 West 24th Street.

Mrs. Truman Morris, hostess chairman, will be assisted by Mesdames Sandy Esquivel, Will Watt, Lee E. Edens, Joe Eckhardt, Emmett A. Doles, Albert La Londe, Carey Legett, Fred C. Lowry, Anthony P. Rousos, Albert D. Patillo, Ben M. Primer, Kermit Fox and A. H. Neighbors.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Mar 20, 1955 and May 15, 1955*

## Hospital Board Proposes Huge 10-Year Program

A 10-year, \$50 million building program which represents a "minimum of the construction needed to bring the Texas State Hospital and Special Schools system up to date," has been proposed by the State Hospital Board.

Durwood Manford of Smiley, who stepped out as board chairman, said the tentative 10-year building program will be submitted to the 1957 Legislature, which will be asked to continue the one-cent cigarette tax from which the hospitals have been allotted \$5 million yearly since 1950.

"These construction funds have

gone a long way toward modernizing the state hospital facilities and providing urgently needed beds, but we still have overcrowded wards and are using their operations, but despite the work being done, the problem of buildings that are obsolete and totally inadequate for our present hospital load," Manford said.

The program will meet the demands of Texas' rapidly growing population and will be subject to change as conditions change and needs arise, Manford said.

During the past five years, state hospitals have used the cigarette

tax funds to work wonders with overcrowding and the continued improvement in care and treatment depend on obtaining more funds.

The Hospital Board's meeting was held last week in Kerrville, where four new dormitories at Kerrville State Home, built at a cost of \$800,000 and providing treatment facilities for 500 more aged mental patients, were opened. Dr. Luther Ross, superintendent, said the new dormitories will bring the patient population up to 1,250. The buildings are designed to care for elderly psychotics who will begin arriving this month, he said.

The board elected Dr. Raleigh R. Ross, Austin surgeon, as new chairman succeeding Manford. Dr. James H. Woolen, Columbus physician, was named vice chairman, succeeding John G. Dudley of Houston.

An \$11 million construction and improvements program for the 1957-59 biennium were approved for the submission to the Legislature in January.

Apparently included in this figure is the \$5,787,234 budget request—approved earlier by the board—by Austin State Hospital for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1958.

Included in this request is a plan for a metabolic research ward at the hospital, which Superintendent Dr. Sam A. Hoerster Jr. believes will "stimulate the entire staff of the hospital and will be the key that will open the door to better health for the patient at all the hospitals."

In the near future of Austin State Hospital are intensive treatment wards, now under construction and including a 50-bed children's unit, and a 400-bed ward which is on the drawing boards.

## Study Held On Mental Health Act

By Associated Press

"There are 50 people in this room," a witness told the House public health committee Wednesday night. "According to statistics 4½ of us will be in a mental hospital some day."

"Let's fix up these hospitals," said Dr. Raleigh R. Ross, chairman of the State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools.

The Austin surgeon was one of half a dozen witnesses who testified before the proposed mental health code (HB6) was sent to a subcommittee with permission of the author, Representative Barefoot Sanders of Dallas.

Only one witness appeared in opposition to the proposed revision of the state's mental health laws.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Nov 18, 1956 and The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Feb 14, 1957*



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# I am grateful

that I can help Texas Crippled Children.

"Grateful that I, myself, have escaped such tragedies as theirs.

"Grateful that fortune has favored me so that I can give these children a bigger gift this Christmas.

"Grateful to the Hospital which uses every penny of my gift for these children.

*here is my check"*



"IN FACT, I-am so grateful that I am, right now, having my lawyer set aside in my Will a very substantial bequest to the Hospital."



## YOUR NAME MAY BE CARVED HERE

Carved in deathless stone. Each year the names of Texans leaving bequests to the Hospital are added to those already carved in the marble tablets on the sides of this Memorial Statue on the grounds of the Hospital. So would it be with yours. Now is a good time to reach a decision to have the proper provisions made in your will. Your name, then, would go marching on in the hearts of Texas children made whole and strong by your generous gift.

TO LIVE IN HEARTS WE  
LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE

## 5,000 NEW CASES

More than 5,000 children, each year, appear upon the Texas scene, crippled! Some are born crippled. Some are crippled by accidents or fire. Others by diseases. Great numbers of them are from families which cannot pay for corrective treatments.

They come from every county in Texas, seeking admission here. This Hospital provides surgical and medical treatments of the highest standards for these helpless children, at no cost to their parents or guardians. This is possible because the Hospital is completely clear of debt.

Therefore, every penny of every gift is used for foods, medications, nursing, casts, bandages and braces... for the intimate and personal care of the children.

Your gifts make it possible for this Hospital to minister to the needs of these helpless Texas children.

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2. **IN MEMORY** of a departed relative or friend. Many send such a gift instead of otherwise acknowledging a funeral.
3. **IN LIFE INSURANCE.** Name the Hospital in a new policy; or, name it instead of the present one in an old policy.
4. **IN YOUR WILL.** Set aside a definite bequest to the Hospital in your last will and testament. Memorializing your name.
5. **IN A LIVING TRUST.** Set up a living trust fund to be administered for the benefit of the Hospital.

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Miss Viola Schuler	Assistant Superintendent
Ashley Mize	Secretary, P. O. Box 959

## MAIL CHECK TODAY

Ashley Mize, Secretary,  
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children,  
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YES, I AM GRATEFUL! And here is my expression of gratitude. Here is my Christmas Gift to the crippled children of Texas, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN**

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Dec 15, 1957*

# Panel Okays Hospital Bill

By the Capitol Staff

The Senate Finance Committee Wednesday amended and approved a House Bill which, if the Senate passes it, will permit the board for hospitals and special schools to open the entire new medical and surgical hospital unit at Austin State Hospital.

The committee cut the House-approved \$50 million 10-year alloca-

tion of cigarette taxes for hospital buildings to a two year program slightly less than \$10 million, and set up \$600,000 each year additional money for medical services. This item would permit operating the new hospital. Under the appropriation bill, as passed, money was provided for maintenance of only a partial staff and operation of only a small unit of the hospital.

Dr. Raleigh Ross of Austin, representing the board of hospitals and special schools, met with the commission in its session which had twice been postponed.

The hospital authorities had pointed out that efficient operation could not be achieved for the new hospital facilities under the budget appropriation item, and that from a practical view it would be better not to open the new institution at all. The money voted by the finance committee, supplementing the budget appropriation, would permit the hospital to be put into use Sept. 1.

# Disaster Relief Plan Readied

By The Capitol Staff

A system of disaster relief will be instituted in each of the institutions under the State Board for Hospitals and Special Schools, Dr. Raleigh Ross of Austin, board chairman, announced Tuesday.

The plan is designed to prepare the state institutions for internal emergencies, and to help meet disasters such as fires, floods, explosion or tornado damage, and to augment community and state disaster programs in event of major catastrophe.

Lester Gross, fire and safety supervisor for the hospital system, will visit each of the 19 institutions to assist in setting up the programs. He will visit Mexia State School, June 17; the Austin institutions, July 1 through July 5, and Kerrville institutions, July 8-9.

Plans call for immediate integration of hospital resources into operations of the state defense and disaster relief set-up, Dr. Ross said, and to meet national hospital standards on disaster planning.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 22, 1957 and Jun 11, 1957*

# State Body Accused Of Violating Pay Act

By KEN TOWERY  
Capitol Correspondent

State Senator William S. Fly Friday charged the Board of State Hospitals and Special Schools with "violating the law" through the board's announced plans to supplement the salary of its executive director.

Fly, in a bitter mood before the Legislative Budget Board, said the hospital board clearly violated the intention of the Legislature by raising the director's salary above the appropriated figure.

Fly's accusation was vigorously denied by Dr. Raleigh R. Ross, hospital board chairman, who was present.

The Victoria lawmaker, who is chairman of the Senate finance

committee, said the appropriations group deliberately set the executive director's salary lower than other chief department heads of the hospital system to place him in a position of "furnishing services" to others, and not in running the system.

"We in the appropriations bill, with malice aforethought, set the salary of the executive director lower," Fly told the legislative group.

The hospital board recently announced that it intended to "supplement" the salary of its next executive director with funds from the Foundation for State Hospitals and Special Schools, a foundation acting as trustee for funds donated by the H. E. Butt Foundation. Mrs. H. E. Butt is a mem-

ber of the hospital board.

Attorney General Will Wilson, in an opinion issued recently, said it is legal for the board to supplement the salaries of top executives. The opinion had been requested by the hospital board.

Fly's outburst came as Ross completed a presentation to the Legislative Budget Board entitled "Recruitment of Leadership for State Hospitals and Special Schools."

Dr. Ross was substituting for Howard Tellepsen of Houston, hospital board member.

Dr. Ross denied Fly's charges, saying he "welcomed" an opportunity to present the hospital board's side of the controversy.

He said it became evident when (See STATE, Page 10)

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the board interviewed its first candidate for the position of executive director that the salary stipulation placed on the job by the Legislature was low.

The general appropriation bill sets salary of the hospital board executive director at \$15,000 annually, and places the salary of the head of the mental department at \$20,000 plus a maid, housing and utilities.

Dr. Ross told the budget board the lower salary made it mandatory that the board hire "a layman" to fill the position, and that this situation is untenable with professional men.

Fly said he was visited some time ago by Tellepsen and was told the board intended to ignore the "legislative intent" in its search for an executive director.

He said Tellepsen told him the Hospital Board had received an opinion from its legal counsel that the executive director had to run the board, not be placed in a subordinate position.

"I pointed out," Fly said, "that the system was between a rock and a hard spot, since the appropriation bill directed otherwise."

Fly thundered at the board, "the question is: Is the Hospital Board coming to you now saying we are going to supplement the salary and thereby violate the laws."

Ross countered that "the Hospital Board hasn't tried to willfully violate the laws." He said the salary supplement is necessary if the board is to do a good job.

"You gave us a job to do," Ross told Fly, "and we are trying to do it to the best of our ability."

The hassle between Fly and Ross came after Colonel J. T. Ellis, administrative assistant to Gov. Daniel, told the budget board an agreement has been reached on a site for the new Blind Deaf and

Orphan School now located on Bull Creek Road in Austin.

Ellis said the Hospital Board and Youth Council had agreed on the "Eddie Joseph" site in East Austin. The owner of the property is due \$30,000 for 60 acres, Ellis said, and the present leaseholder, Eddie Joseph, will get additional money for his lease on that site.



# Hospital Job Way Cleared

By KEN TOWERY  
Capitol Correspondent

The way was cleared Thursday for the State Board for Hospitals and Special Schools to "supplement" from private funds the salary of its newest executive director.

Attorney General Will Wilson, in an opinion requested by Board Chairman Dr. Raleigh Ross, held that the statute setting up the state hospital system would permit the supplementing of an executive director's salary from private sources.

The opinion by the attorney general promises to speed the selection of an executive director to fill the place vacated by Dr. James A. Bethea in June of 1957. The position has been filled since that time on a temporary basis.

Dr. Ross had requested the opinion, saying that the salary provided for an executive director by the 55th Legislature was insufficient to attract the type man needed to oversee the system's vast operations. The general appropriation measure of the 55th Legislature provided a salary of \$20,000 yearly, with a house, utilities and a maid.

Ross said, "this board has been attempting for many months to employ an executive director capable of carrying out the duties and policies of this board. Due to the diverse duties imposed by law in managing the state's mental hospitals, tuberculosis hospitals and special schools, it has been impossible for us to find a person with the necessary qualifications at the salary authorized in the current appropriation bill."

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The board chairman said, "a Texas charitable foundation has expressed an interest in donating funds to the board for the maintenance and operation of the research and out-patient clinic programs, and wishes to stipulate that the board, in its discretion, may use the donated funds for supplementing the salaries of personnel in charge of these programs."

For the past several months the position of executive director has been filled by Raymond Vowell, superintendent of the Austin State School.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Feb 20, 1958*



**CHAPEL APPROVED** — Plans for a chapel at McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital were approved, a site picked and construction authorized by the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special School Monday. Looking over the plans, from left, are Miss Sue Flanagan of San Angelo; Raymond

Vowell, acting executive director of the State Hospital Board; Dr. Raleigh Ross, chairman of the State Hospital Board; and M. D. Bryant, San Angelo, chairman of McKnight All Faith Chapel Committee. The TB hospital is located at Sanatorium, near San Angelo.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Mar 11, 1958*

## Travis Medical Prexy Bids for School Here

The five major advantages Austin would offer the proposed new University of Texas Medical School were outlined by Dr. Raleigh Ross, Travis County Medical Society president, at a Advertising Club meeting Tuesday.

These include: more efficient use of University of Texas research facilities; coordinated use of all state facilities including the Health Department and state schools here; the Texas Medical Society 25,000 volume library; central location, and the fact that nine out of 10 medical schools are now located adjacent to their parent universities.

Dr. Ross was first speaker on a panel of Austin location supporters including Dr. E. K. Blewett of Austin, chairman of the Travis County Medical School Advisory Committee; Senator Charles Herring, and Representative Wilson Foreman.

While Austin can offer four sites to the proposed new medical facility, San Antonio — its chief rival — can offer only one, according to Dr. Blewett. And it's

10 miles away from Robert B. Greene Hospital, the proposed teaching facility.

Progress of the bill to establish the University of Texas' third medical school in Austin was traced through the legislative routine by Senator Herring and Representative Foreman.

## Death Claims Mrs. Steck In Hospital

Mrs. Lena Riddle Steck, widow of the late E. L. Steck, one-time councilman of the City of Austin, died Friday in Seton Hospital.

Mrs. Steck was well known here as a writer and at one time served with the Texas Banking Department.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Raleigh Ross of Austin and Mrs. Mary Frances Greenlee of Houston.

Funeral arrangements were pending Friday noon.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Feb 13, 1959 and Mar 4, 1959*

## Hospital Honors 2 Austin Doctors

Saying "thanks" with a long standing ovation, the Brackenridge Hospital

394-member medical staff created and unanimously awarded the first service honor to Doctors S. H. Dryden and Raleigh Ross.

The award will be given annually to a staff physician for outstanding, meritorious and faithful service rendered to the Brackenridge Hospital staff and in the care of patients.

Dr. Dryden, current chairman of the hospital's Advisory Board of Trustees, the Transplant Committee and Medical Education Committee, has been at the Hospital since 1945.

Dr. Ross, current Chief of Surgical Service and Chairman of the Emergency Room Committee, has been working with the hospital since 1947.

Each has chaired almost

every medical committee and served as chief of the medical staff.

The offices held and time given by the medical staff members are voluntary and without pay. Professional services amounting to many hours of service are given each year by staff members, in addition to committee work.

Also at the Dec. 1 meeting, Dr. Robert Dennison was named chief of staff; Dr. S. H. Arnold, vice chief of staff and Dr. Jack Boyd, secretary. Dr. A. Q. DaSilva was the outgoing chief of staff and Dr. James Spidle, former secretary.

Named as new members of the medical executive committee are Doctors Leo Arnold, Samuel Todaro and Jerry Julian. Those continuing their terms are Doctors Ross White, Jim Calhoun and Robert Anderson.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Dec 4, 1970*

Ten Austinites were appointed to the Austin National Bank board for the first time to three city boards Thursday.

City councilmen released a list of appointees during the afternoon session of their weekly meeting.

Members were named to the Equalization Board, Planning Commission and Brackenridge Hospital Board.

Dr. J. J. Seabrook was appointed to the three-member Board of Equalization, joining Wilford Turner and Jack Adams, both reappointed.

The four new appointments to the Planning Commission, are Phil Juarez, Charles Nash, Bennie Washington and Mrs. David Himmelblau. Mrs. Jean Mather and C. W. Hetherly were reappointed.

Three positions on the hospital board were filled by David Deeds, Mrs. Nola Smith and Dr. Raleigh Ross. They replace Seabrook, John Simpson and Connie Moreno.

Seabrook, who replaces Thomas A. Graham on the Board of Equalization, is president emeritus of Huston-Tillotson College and is currently acting minister of Simpson United Methodist Church.

Adams and Turner have been reappointed to new terms. Adams is a director of the Austin National Bank, and a past president of the Austin Chamber of Commerce.

Turner will be serving his 10th term on the board. Retired, he was a vice president of the Austin National Bank for 45 years.

Dr. Ross, associated with the Austin Surgical Clinic, has been in private practice here since 1916.

the Austin National Bank board and owner of Von Boeckmann-Jones Office Supplies.

Washington is president of Desko Inc.

Juarez is an attorney who has practiced law in Austin since 1964.

Mrs. Himmelblau is a retired occupational therapist.

Mrs. Mather, self-employed as a landscape architect, formerly was employed with the Stockholm (Sweden) Parks Department.

Heatherly has been a home builder in Austin since 1958, and is a partner in Darden-Heatherly Developers.



# Surgeon honored by Brackenridge

By ABBY KAIGHIN  
American Statesman Staff

Dr. Raleigh Ross, regarded by most of his fellow physicians as the "Dean of Austin's surgeons", was honored Tuesday night when the Brackenridge Hospital surgery department was named after him.

Ross has announced that he is on "the brink of retirement" and that, along with his 68th birthday today, prompted his colleagues and the hospital to honor him.

Dr. Sam Todaro, a "long-standing" colleague of Ross, described his friend as a "master surgeon."

In accepting the honors, Ross most clearly explained what he and some of his fellow doctors did to change the quality of Austin medicine.

"A bunch of young Turks got here after World War II — the Great War — and the medical profession of Austin wasn't the highest type," Ross said. There were virtually no medical specialists here and the newcomers, who were specialists, organized themselves and then quickly set themselves the task of organizing Austin's hospitals.

"We brought medicine (here) up from country medicine to a city with several medical centers — we elevated the quality of medicine to as high as you could find anywhere," Ross said.

The Austin hospitals didn't even have constitutions and by-laws, let alone medical audit committees and other entities which help ensure quality care and set standards, he said.

The doctors started with Brackenridge Hospital, partly because it was the largest hos-



Staff Photo

Dr. Raleigh Ross

pital back then, partly because it needed help the most — and the rest followed suit.

Ross is regarded by his colleagues as a superb surgeon who is also patient and willing to help younger doctors.

When Brackenridge administrator Bob Spurck unveiled the plaque for the Raleigh Ross Surgical Department, doctors from Brackenridge as well as ones who practice at other Austin hospitals applauded.

Ross was momentarily speechless and then said, "Bob Spurck is an honorable man and he's lied to me twice in the past two days." He was referring to Tuesday's surprise celebration and before that, the Austin City Council's declaring today Dr. Raleigh Ross Day in Austin.

*The Austin American Statesman (1973-1987); Oct 1, 1980*

## Commanding Generals



Maj. Gen. J. Watt  
Page

1941-1943



Maj. Gen. Arthur  
B. Knickerbocker

1943-1947



Maj. Gen. Claude  
V. Birkhead

1948-1950



Maj. Gen.  
Raymond Phelps

1950-1953

<https://tmd.texas.gov/texas-state-guard-commanding-generals>

**TEXAS STATE GUARD.** William C. Wilkes and Mary M. Standifer. The Congress of the United States, on October 21, 1940, amended the National Defense Act to authorize local ad interim defense units during

*the absence of the National Guard in federal service. By the end of 1940 173 companies, comprising approximately 500 officers and 6,000 enlisted men, had been unofficially organized in Texas. On February 10, 1941, the Forty-seventh Legislature authorized the Texas Defense Guard. The name was changed to Texas State Guard in May 1943. The state's emergency appropriation of \$65,000 for the guard in 1941 was supplemented by city and county donations, as well as by individual and group contributions. The governor served as commander in chief, while the state adjutant general, appointed by the governor, acted as the administrative head. Fifty battalions were planned and activated to protect public utilities, transportation arteries, and war plants; to maintain law and order; to suppress subversive activities; and to repel invasion if necessary. Battalions consisted of four to six lettered companies with headquarters and service companies and a medical detachment. For the entire state there was a camouflage company and a training and research unit. Total authorized strength was 23,075 officers and men. No pay was provided except for active duty. By regulation, each unit was to be sponsored by a civic or patriotic club. Men aged eighteen to sixty were eligible to enlist in the guard for terms of three years. Later in the war the minimum age was dropped to sixteen years, with parental consent required for the enlistment of minors. Several women's auxiliaries were organized but not officially enrolled in state service. The Austin auxiliary, composed of employees of the Department of Public Safety, trained in first aid and the operation of motor vehicles, while the Fort Worth and Corpus Christi groups helped their local guard units with paper work. The guards drilled in schoolyards and on vacant lots with makeshift weapons until July 1941, when the War Department issued them some surplus rifles. The rifles were recalled in May 1942, and shotguns issued shortly afterward. In 1943 the shotguns were replaced with a full issue of Enfield Rifles, and the units were issued trucks, jeeps, half-tracks, and machine guns. The Eighth Service Command held training schools at [Camp Bullis](#) in September 1942, July 1943, and July 1944. In 1945 regional mobilization training schools were held. In 1946 regional rifle matches were held in Paris, Corpus Christi, Dallas, and Austin, and a statewide match was held in Austin. Units of the guard held training maneuvers at their own expense and performed several tours of active duty. Guard units were present during a riot at Beaumont, a storm at Houston, a tornado at Livingston, a train wreck in New Braunfels, and in several flood areas. They conducted searches for escaped prisoners of war, escorted a convoy of United States troops across the state to maneuver areas in Louisiana, and worked in the Texas City disaster in April 1947. During its first 6½ years of existence, a total of 94,640 individuals served in the guard. From August 1943 to May 1951 the Texas State Guard Association published *The Guardsman*, a monthly magazine containing information about state guard and national guard activities, as well as items of general military interest. With the return of the Texas National Guard from federal service, the TSG was disbanded by General Order 21 on August 28, 1947. The Texas State Guard Reserve Corps, established by legislation approved on May 22, 1947, was activated by order of the adjutant general on January 26, 1948, under the command of Lt. Gen. [Claude V. Birkhead](#). The TSGRC originally had an authorized strength of 18,000 officers and enlisted men; this figure was reduced to 12,700 in December 1950. The TSGRC, headquartered in San Antonio, was organized similarly to a division, with a commanding general, a deputy commander, a chief of staff, and a general and special staffs. The organization was composed of three brigades, each brigade having four regiments. There were, in addition, a total of thirty-six Internal Security battalions, each battalion having four companies. An advisory board, to be composed of ten TSGRC officers appointed by the governor, was established to set policy together with the adjutant general and the commanding general of the Texas National Guard. In the 1950s the Signal Corps of the TSGRC embraced 500 radio stations statewide. These provided valuable communications assistance to civil authorities and the Red Cross in times of natural disaster.*

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/texas-state-guard>

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Depth of Service Line 20"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 46"

Checked by Engr. Dept. MAR 1-10-47

No. Fittings	1 Curb Cock	1" Curb Cock	1" Elbow	1 St. Elbow	1" Cop	1" Bushing	1" Reducer	1" Pipe	1" Cop	1 Lead Comp.	1 Nipples	1 Union	1 Plug	1 Tee	1 Stop	1 Box	1 Lid	1 Valves	Job No.	Reg. No.
																			44329502	BENIX

Water tap permit for primary building, 12-9-46

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**

No. 23028

Austin, Texas

Received of M. Plumb Date 9/25/1947

Address 1510 W. 24th

Amount \$

Builder or Owner A.B. Knickerbocker Plumber

Lot 151x275 (93 ac) Block  Subdivision H. Stark Plat No. 158

Date of Connection 9/29/1947

By City 14 1/2' E/W. side of house & 23' S/ house

By Plumber

Checked By Strong

Size Main 6" Depth 3 1/2'

Main Assgn. in ease across prop

Stub Depth  Prop. Line 30'

Stub Location

Book No. A-1000

Paving Cut  No.

No. Fittings	3" Pipe	4" Con	36	Pipe	Wyes	Bends	Reducers	Plugs	Sand	Gravel	Resin	Stoppers	Castings	1 other tap saddle	25	1 m. 1.001 m. truck	40	Labor:	4 hrs.	2.64
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SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT  
Austin, Texas

No. 22907

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/9/1947  
 Address 1510 W. 24th.  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 151x275 of 93 ac Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision H.J. Stark Plat No. 158

Date of Connection <u>2/26/1948</u>	Price Size No. Fittings Pipe Pipe Wyes Bends Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings Other Labor:
By City <u>1-72</u>	
By Plumber _____	
Checked By _____	
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth _____	
Main Assgn. <u>in case</u>	
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line _____	
Stub Location _____	
Book No. <u>A-1992</u>	
Paving Cut _____ No. _____	

*Sewer tap permits, 9-9-47*

**Dr. R. R. Ross**

**1510 West 24th St.**

**158**

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**Pemberton Heights #12**

**Stone veneer addition to residence and  
erect carport.  
54031 5-22-53 \$11,300.00**

**L. M. Price, Jr.**

*Addition and carport permit, 5-22-53*

OWNER	Windell Mayes, Jr.	ADDRESS	1510 West 24th St.
PLAT	158	LOT	1
		BLK.	
SUBDIVISION	Pemberton Heights #12		
OCCUPANCY	residence		
BLDG. PERMIT #	165653	DATE	7-6-77
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$15,000.00
CONTRACTOR	Joe S. Hill	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	
	repair residence		

*Repair permit, 7-6-77*