HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION NOVEMBER 19, 2018 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS

HDP-2018-0595 2500 Inwood Place

PROPOSAL

Demolish part of a ca. 1951 building and construct a side addition and auxiliary dwelling unit (ADU).

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story, irregular-plan, flat- and shed-roofed building; wood and brick masonry siding; casement aluminum-sash windows.

RESEARCH

Eugene and Doris Wukasch lived at 2500 Inwood Place beginning in 1951. Eugene moved out around 1971, while Doris lived in the house until at least 1992. Eugene was a native Austinite who graduated from UT with a degree in architectural engineering. As principal of the firm Wukasch & Associates, he was a prolific church designer, completing more than 70 religious buildings in Austin and around Texas between 1959 and 1969. His designs incorporated historical themes into a modern style and were recognized by local newspapers, a statewide architectural publication, and a national ecclesiastical design competition. Wukasch & Associates also designed fire stations, schools, master plans, retirement apartment buildings, and houses. Wukasch was a historic preservation advocate who planned Waterloo Park and Symphony Square, both projects involving restoration of historic buildings, and restored several local landmarks. Doris worked for the Wukasch architectural firm and later taught in a public school.

It is not clear if Eugene Wukasch designed 2500 Inwood Place. It was constructed in 1951, before he started his own firm in 1953-54. At the time, he was working at Jessen Jessen Millhouse and Greeven; it seems likely that he was involved in the design.

Several changes have been made to the building. A second-story frame addition was constructed at the rear around 1957, a carport at the north end was enclosed in 1974, and the house was divided into a duplex in 1979. The second-story addition falls within the historic period (50+ years).

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The project includes the removal of the enclosed carport and a small portion of the west wall, and construction of a one-story addition with a footprint that is smaller at the front and expanded to the rear. The addition will be clad in brick, hardiplank lap siding, and hardiplank panel siding and feature aluminum-sash casement windows. It will be capped with a metal shed roof and have a footprint of 807 square feet.

The ADU will be located directly west of the house, with the same setback from the street. It will be clad in hardiplank board and batten and panel siding and capped with a metal shed roof with parapet walls. It will have a footprint of 540 square feet.

STAFF COMMENTS

The building may meet the criteria for designation as a historic landmark.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

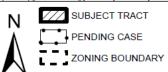
- 1) The building is 50 years old, having been constructed around 1951.
- 2) The building retains a relatively high degree of integrity. A second story was added in 1957, within the historic period; and a carport was enclosed in 1974.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code, Section 25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to two criteria: architecture and historical association.
 - a. **Architecture.** The house is designed in the Midcentury Modern style and may possess architectural distinction.
 - b. **Historical association**. Eugene and Doris Wukasch lived in the house from 1951 until approximately 1971 (Eugene) and at least 1992 (Doris). Wukasch was a prominent church architect in Texas whose firm grew to design a range of building types. He was not known for his residential designs. However, there may be significant historical associations.
 - c. **Archaeology**. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d. **Community value**. The property does not appear to have a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a neighborhood, or a particular group.
 - e. **Landscape feature**. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

The proposed project removes the enclosed carport, a feature that has been substantially altered. The addition is designed in a sensitive style and is one story. However, it is not set back from the front wall of the existing house, and the new brick veneer cladding on the east wall may be mistaken for original construction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone the case or initiate historic designation to allow further research and evaluation of the building as a potential historic landmark, particularly whether Eugene Wukasch was the architect and how the house compares to his other work. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends that the applicant be encouraged to differentiate the brick veneer on the east wall from the existing brick (even slightly), and that the permit be released upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.





NOTIFICATIONS

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1"=167'

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Photos



East façade of 2500 Inwood Place.



Detail of primary entrance.



East façade and north elevation, with the carport proposed for removal in the foreground.



Detail of carport.



West elevation.

Occupancy History

Completed by Historic Preservation Office staff October 2018

1949 Address not listed

1952-68 J. Eugene and Doris L. Wukasch, owners

Draftsman, Jessen Jessen Millhouse and Greeven (1952); architect and engineer, 2000 Guadalupe Street (1959-1968)

Linda C. Wukasch, renter (1968 only) Student

1973-77 Mrs. Doris L. Wukasch, owner

Teacher, public school

Susan E. Wukasch (1973, 1977)

No occupation listed

Jean E. Wukasch (1973 only)

No occupation listed

Johnathan E. Wukasch (1977 only)

Student

1986 M. S. Kosub

No occupation listed

1992 Doris Wukasch, owner

No occupation listed

Background Research

Joe Eugene Wukasch was born in 1921 in Texas to Joe and Alma Wukasch, who ran a grocery store at 2000 Guadalupe Street. Eugene attended Austin High School and the University of Texas, graduating with a degree in architectural engineering. He briefly worked at Lockheed Aircraft as an engineering draftsman, then joined the Navy in 1944. After he left the Navy, he worked as a draftsman at Jessen Jessen Millhouse and Greeven for two years. In 1953 or 1954, he opened his own architectural firm, Wukasch & Associates, in the former location of his family's grocery store.

Wukasch was a prolific church designer, completing more than 70 religious building designs between 1959 and 1969. The *Austin American* noted his "statewide reputation in church design" and "sensitive blending of the traditional with warm simplicity." Wukasch himself spoke about the need to "build something modern but keep alive the spirit of our heritage." He incorporated historical forms into contemporary design and materials for congregations such as Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, which was awarded honorable mention in a national ecclesiastical design competition in 1957 and featured on the cover of *Texas Architect* in 1958; Windsor Park Presbyterian (now Austin Mennonite), heralded as "one of the most attractive and uniquely designed Presbyterian churches in Austin"; First Presbyterian Church; and many more in Austin and around the state. Wukasch also participated in a national conversation about churches' changing needs: he served on the board of the American Society for Church Architecture, attended conferences and seminars on religious design, and wrote about church design for religious periodicals.

Though best known for ecclesiastical design, especially in the early years, Wukasch's firm grew to design a range of buildings across Texas. It designed public buildings, fire stations, schools, master plans, and houses (mostly additions and renovations). Wukasch invented a new design for clay masonry units that could be used as solar screens for high-reflectivity buildings, and worked with the Teague Brick Company to manufacture and distribute them around Texas, New Orleans, and Detroit. In the 1960s, he became more involved in design for aging, including nursing homes, and served as chairman of the Austin Adult Services Council. His design for the Westminister [or Westminster] Manor retirement home was hailed as "a whole new look in retirement living" by *The Austin American*.

A historic preservation advocate, Wukasch was deeply committed to the Travis County Historical Commission. He and Raymond McClure planned Waterloo Park in 1975, a project that included moving the historic Hardeman House into the park and restoring it. Wukasch also planned Symphony Square in the 1970s, including the adaptive reuse of the Jeremiah Hamilton Building as a concert venue. Wukasch led the restoration of the Hannig Building (206 E. 6th Street), Daniel H. Caswell House (1404 West Avenue), and Morley Building (209 E. 6th Street) and advocated for the preservation of the Nueces County Courthouse.

Wukasch was married twice, first to Doris Stork and later to Anita Brewer Howard. He died in Austin in 2001.







Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (1955) Photos: Jason John Paul Haskins, via Flickr







Windsor Park Presbyterian Church (1960) Photos: Jason John Paul Haskins, via Flickr







Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings (1960-61) Photos: Jeremy Clifton, lonestarbackroads.com

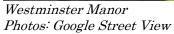






Gethsemane Lutheran Church (ca. 1963) Photos: Jason John Paul Haskins, via Flickr





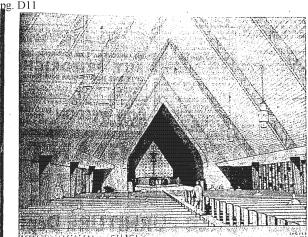


Fire Station No. 18 (1961)

Historical Church Styles Get Contemporary Look

The Austin American (1914-1973); Jul 26, 1959:

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman



Austin architect Eugene Wukasch's sketch of the in-terior of the chancel and nave of the proposed Im-manuel Lutheran Church of Giddings illustrates how the architect has given traditional church styles of the past a contemporary approach. Dominating the chan-cel is a white pulsare components are activet.

plastic chips which will reflect light from a overhead. The same cross, which has a challe superimposed upon it, is repeated in tile me a lorge panel on the front of the church. Two of the sancturary is of twelf.

Historical Church Styles Get Contemporary Look

Historical styles of church ar-chitecture take on a contemporary look in the proposed new Immanuel Lutheran Church of Giddings designed by Austin architect Eugene Wukasch.

In designing the proposed \$200, 000 church, Wukasch thoughtfully translated warm traditional forms of the past-such as a church tower and spire-into contemporary idiom.

The 80-foot tower of the new church is a good example of the mergence of historical forms and contemporary design used throughout the sanctuary and fellowship hall. To be constructed of such modern day materials as aluminum and porcelain enamel, the "traditional" spire will be set between two massive brick towers connected by an ornamented aluminum screen.

Another example of historical style blended with modern design is found in the sanctuary where a contemporary cross against a natural finish brick wall dominates the chancel. Surrounding the white plaster cross, which has a chalice design superimposed upon

head.

Tile mosaics of the same cross

design are set into a large trian-gular panel on the front of the church, integrating the theme inside and out.

In explaining his use of the old

with the new in church architecture, Wukaseh points to famed architect and engineer Pietro Belluschi who once wrote of church art and architecture: "It has become increasingly apparent that even the conservative people are beginning to doubt the wisdom of blindly copying the historical styles. But freeing ourselves from the bonds of historical styles does not mean rejecting all past experience. The thoughtful architect will appraise the spirit which moves other ages, so that he may himself recapture such spirit, not by imitating but by truly under-standing it, which means seeing the thousand ties which bond architecture to its own age.

Belluschi also states that mod-ern communities have neither the time nor the wealth to construct churches comparable to those it, are plastic chips which will re- built in the middle ages when life

fleet light from a skylight over-revolved around the religious insti-head. "However," he says, "if we cannot erect great monuments. we may endeavor to create small temples, in a more human scale, designed in a sensitive and cre-ative manner so as to produce the kind of atmosphere most conducive to worship."

The new Giddings church will consist of a sanctuary with min-

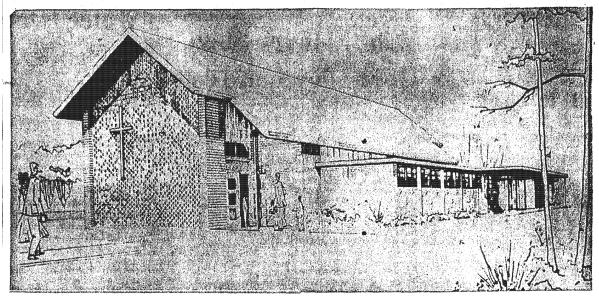
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The Rev. Max Studtmann is pas-tor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, dings. Bids will be taken on the and August Zoch is chairman of building Aug. 5.

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MESSIAH LUTHERAN

The Austin American (1914-1973); Jun 9, 1957; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman



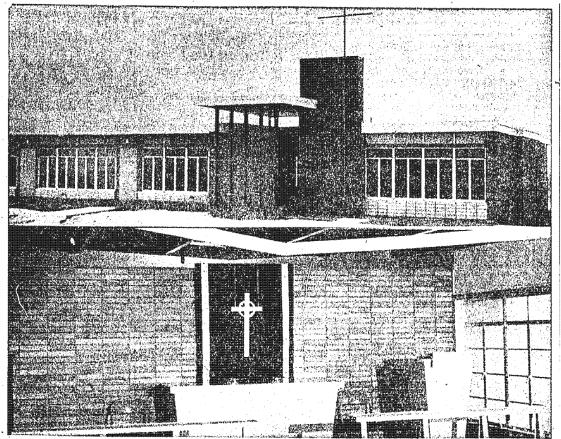
MESSIAH LUTHERAN — Construction of a new \$50,-000 chapel and Sunday school unit for Messiah Lutheran Church, 5600 Cameron Road, will begin after official groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday after the

11 a.m. service. Designed by Eugene Wukasch, AIA, the new building makes provision for over 200 persons in the main nave, and wil include seven classrooms, a study, and a kitchen. A. C. Warner Construction Company has the general contract.

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CHURCH OPENING TODAY

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Formal opening ceremonies for the first unit of the new St. Mark's Methodist Church will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. Speaker will be Dr. Edmund Heinsohn of the University Methodist Church.

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The church is on a five-acresite two miles north of Austin between the Old Dallas Highway and Interregional Highway

at Tedford and Braker Lanes. The land was purchased for the new church by the Austin Methodist City Mission Board.

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The brick venner building, costing approximately \$25,000 will serve as a temporary sanctuary and educational unit. Eventually it will be converted into classrooms for the chiteries division under the church's campus style master

plan. At present it contains the pastor's study, a nursery-kindergarten, and a worship area that divides into three classrooms.

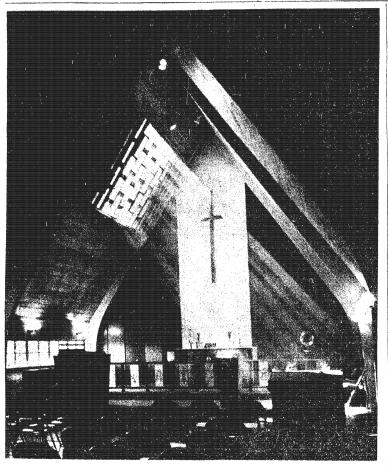
The opening ceremonies Sunday will be followed by an open house. The pastor, the Rev. John B. Berkley, and congregation invite the public to

attend the opening service. St. Mark's was officially constituted on Sept. 23, 1956, with 34 charter members. Ground was broken for the first building in October 1957.

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The architect was Eugene Wukasch, with Ray Wimberly as general contractor. Members of the building committee were Lawrence C. Reid, chairman, Howard M. Peterson, and J. B. Taylor Jr. Mrs. Harry Hall is chairman of the official board.

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scene depicts contemporary lines of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, which was awarded an honorable mention in the recent na-

ecclesiastical competition tional St. Louis. Eugene Wukasch, AIA, Austin architect, designed the struc-

Church by Wukasch Wins Exhibit Honor

One of Austin's recently constructed churches, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church erected last spring at 1635 East Live Oak Street, was awarded an honovable mention at the Annual National Joint Conference on Clurch Architecture held in St. Louis.

This conference is sponsored jointly by the Church Architectural Guild of America and the National Council of Churches' The Department of Church Building is made up of executives of 30 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations that constitute the National Council. These men guide the destinies of much of the church building being done in this country.

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The structure, designed by Eugene Wukasch, Austin architect, is in keeping with the contemporary trend away from pseudohistorical styles. No awards have been made for historical designs for the past three years in this competition.

The Prince of Peace Church

competition.

The Prince of Peace Church was organized in the spring of 1954, and since that time has been served by the Rev. David Frans Larson. It is affiliated with the Augustana Lutheran Church and the National Lutheran Council.

Presbyterians Push Drive To Construct New Church

The Austin American (1914-1973); Jun 14, 1959;

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman

Windsor Park Presbyterians are beginning a campaign to build a church building at 5800 Westminster Drive.

Pictured here is architect Eugene Wukasch's sketch of the proposed first unit. The congregation now worships at Harris Elementary School.

Presbyterians Push Drive To Construct New Church

launch their building fund drive Monday, with Campaign Sunday planned for June 21, G. R. Bay-num of the National Board of Mis-sions is campaign director. A mass meeting of members and friends of the church will be held Tues-day at 7:30 p.m., at Harris Ele-mentary School

mentary School, Constituted and organized into a fully established church on Sept. 22, 1957, the Windsor Park Presby-terian Church is the result of a new church extension program of the United Presbyterian Church, USA, which has for one of its major goals the establishment of 100 new churches a year for the next five years.

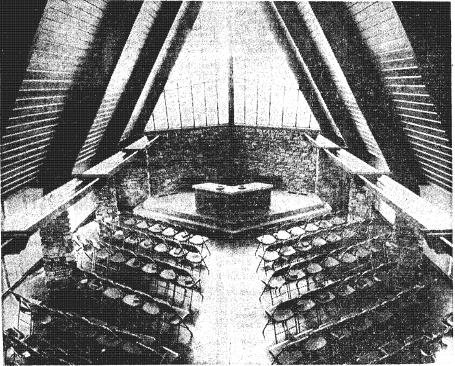
The four-acre site at 5800 Westminter Drive, south of the Harris Elementary School, on which the first unit of the new church building will be erected, was selected by the Presbytery of Austin,

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members Roy R. Arrington, J. Vernon Cook, Mrs. Dardanella Hicks and Mrs. M. L. Hutchings

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INTERIOR VIEW SHOWS COMMUNION TABLE AS CENTER OF WORSHIP Windsor Park Presbyterian Church finished in stone and beams.

New Church Is Example Of Dynamic Architecture

New Windsor Park Presbyterian Church, 5800 Westminster Drive, which was completed this fall is an example of bold, contemporary church architecture.

Architect and engineer Eugene Wukasch said he and the church building committee deliberately worked toward an uncompromis-ingly forceful and stimulating ar-chitecture.

"Our purpose," he said, "was to let young and old alike know visually, tangibly and immediate-ly that the church itself is an alive, dynamic organism.

uynamic organism.

"The church building relates to the church program. The building is contemporary because today's church program is contemporary."

The church is built of rough fieldstone with a steep roof of asphalt shingles pitched to a height of 35 feet over the sanctuary. Across the top ridge of the roof is a long, narrow skylight, illuminated at night.

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H. Peyton Waddill, minister, and the building committee formulated the program requirements before the design work began. This resulted in a request for a strong emphasis on the chancel as the center of worship.

Accordingly, the church is a study in contrast serving to emphasize the central worship area. The north end of the building, where the chancel is located, is infolded in a large window of domestic cathedral glass. Here the roof is high. In contrast, the roof is low and flat over the narthex, office, minister's study and education wing.

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The 5,600 square foot project cost approximately \$80,000 and is the first unit of a master plan. The ultimate plan calls for a larger sanctuary and fellowship hall to be built on the four - acre site.

Another example of multiple use tween services.

of space is found in the main conridor linking the narthex with the ring rooms open onto a central

The present construction also contains a kitchen and rest rooms. The space under the choir balcomy between fieldstone piers along the seating and as an auxiliary meeting room.

Another example of multiple use deduction wing. Eight feet wide, the corridor features built in seats between fieldstone piers along the window wall. This seating may be seating and as an auxiliary meeting room. Another example of multiple use

courtyard with a pass through to the kitchen from the courtyard.

Eugene M. Phillips is chairman of the building committee. Gen-eral contractor on the job was Raymond Wimberley.

Church Design: a New Face

Prud'homme, Marilyn

The Austin American (1914-1973); May 28, 1961; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman

Church Design: a New Face

Many Austin Congregations Are Turning to Contemporary Architecture for their New Church Buildings as They Discover a Modern Richness of Symbolism Plus an Economy of Construction

By MARILYN PRUD'HOMME

"First, the Presbyterians say they would not mind joining up with the Episcopalians, and then the Methodists say 'all right, it might be a good idea,' and now they're all choosing sides to see who can build the weirdest church house. I just don't understand it."

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Austinites are coming more and more not only to understand these non-period churches but to accept them.

"The word for them is simply 'contemporary'." says architect Eugene Wukasch.
"The new modern churches have no set names.

"After all," he says, "Gothic cathedrals in their day and time were contemporary,

in their day and time were contemporary, too."

Wukasch who has designed many churches throughout the state says there are two dominant things the architect must be mindful of in designing churches: there must be no question that the building represents a church to society. In that respect, the church must be historic: And the public must be able to find the entrance way.

Planning a new building usually follows Planning a new building committee from the congregation, the clergy and teachers and the architect must meet to gether. The building must house and regether. The building must house and re-flect the type of program the particular church is carrying on now and anticipates in the fututre.

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"Most of my congregation thought they'd prefer an Early American structure." says Archie K. Stevenson, pastor of Hyde Park Christian Church. "We compared costs. We had to have a building adequate to house our program."

"For the same amount of floor space it would have cost us from 30 to 50 per cent above our new building's costs if we had built an Early American church," he says.

"Our rustic contemporary building has allowed us to increase our educational and fellowship facilities. In a contemporary design, the architect can create a sancturary that is churchly and has psychologically the right atmosphere," Stevenson says. "We're real happy with our building and want to tell people about it."

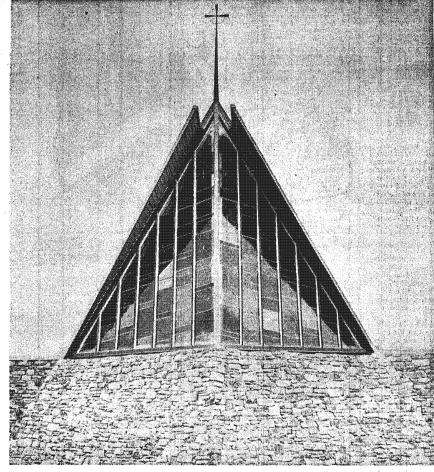
Windsor Park Presbyterian Church's committee went through a similar process to create their building at 5800 Westminster Drive.

"My congregation is made up mostly of young people," the Rev. Peyton Waddill, pastor of Windsor Park Presbyterian, explains.

"We had a brainstorming session to find out what our people thought a church should look like. We realized that our opinions on how a church should look were based on how the churches we went to as children in other cities looked. We favored a colonial building at first."

Waddill says that the committee worked inside out, figured costs and thought of the church's program.

"Our contemporary building looked drasticat first," he says. "We have a slanted steep roof and a divided gable to give



CHURCH ARCHITECTURE PROVIDES AN INDEX TO MAN'S PHILOSOPHY IN THE 20TH CENTURY Slanting roof forms dramatic divided gable at Windsor Park Presbyterian Church.

the illusion that glass windows stick up through the roof to form the skylight. Now the colonial rather than the contemporary appears cold to us."

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The church building itself must teach. Dr. Martin E. Marty of The Christian Century magazine writes: "To regard one's own age as the consummation of all time is always dangerous. The big movement in church building in the 19th and early 20th centuries was geared toward invoking forms of the past. Despite present needs, they crected buildings that were revivals, adaptations and modification of what was Byzantine, Gothic or Georgian. No longer could eccleastical architecture teach. It did not even learn. It repeated."

"Today," he writes, "architects and

churchmen are learning to use the past without escaping into it."

This retention without repetition of the past is evident here in Austin at the newly constructed First Presbyterian Church on Jackson Avenue. The magnificent stained-glass windows from the old church at Seventh and Lavaca have been integrated into the new chapel along with some of the original stones from the old building.

The bright newness in church architecture isn't confined to Profestant denominations. The Roman Catholic churches in Europe were some of the first to delve into and to accept contemporary architecture.

Cardinal Lecaro in "Ten Years of Sared Architecture in Italy" gives this view: "The artist who creates the church must

deeply exemplify the idea of liturgic worship and must experience and assimilate its soul: then it will be easy and almost spontaneous for him to bring to the men of his time in their own language the echo of the Divine Word.

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"It is necessary that the Catholic community realize the true sense of tradition which is not a crystalized form of a specific period of history. God is God of the living and not of the dead."

In the sa me volume, Quaroni aptly sums up the renewed interest in sacred architecture: "The time has come to see together all the functions which express the aspects of human life, because between them is interdependence in which spirituality is a binding element."

Architect Designed Clay Solar Screens

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Such was the case with Wukasch | Today. The day solar screen and clay solar screens, a sun tile designed by Wukasch and control device being used exproduced by the Teague Brick tensively today throughout the Company has been used in schools.

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When Wikasch designed the when he designed remodeling of Messiah Lutheran Church. Cameron Road, in the summer 2704 East Second Street. Here the of 1957 he planned a masonry clay solar screen is used in

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on the Walnut Hill Lutheran allows the desired visibility.
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the brick company that would a conventional running bond.

Architect Designed Clay Solar Screens
The Austin American (1914-1973); Feb 28, 1960
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Eugene Wukasch, Austin architect, right, and J. D. Davidson of the Teague Brick Company, discuss the clay tile units Wukasch designed specifically

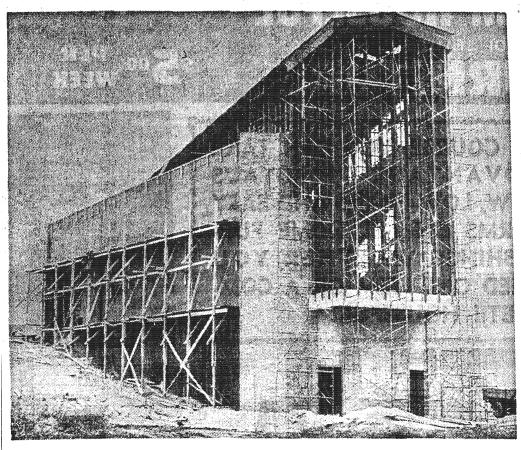
for use in solar screens. The Teague Brick Company produced the Wu-kasch designed tile units.

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TWIN POST-TENSIONED CONCRETE BEAMS SUPPORT GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH ROOF New techniques perfected in Europe and now used in Texas bridges comes to Austin.

New Construction Technique in Use

expressway bridge work in Houston.

"Gethsemane Lutheran is the first big project to use post-tensioning in Austin and we're pleased with the way it's going," feel long—much too long to carry Eugene Wukasch, local architect with a statewide reputation in process. we could nut the steal

ed by Swedish Lutherans in the area was located at Congress and 16th Street. ,

By MARJ WIGHTMAN

A post-tensioning of concrete beams perfected by German engineers to save steel during World War II is the key support technique used in the new Gethsemane said. Later in the master plan for Lutheran Church now under construction at Anderson Lane and Purnell Road.

New to Austin, this revolutionary method of putting steel tenon support into masses of concrete was first used in Texas on the Corpus Christi Bay Bridge and expressway bridge work in Hous.

This first section of the church a much larger structure as the congregation grows, Wukasch congregation grows, Wukasch ed on each side of the central structure. Future plans for the church also call for educational and administrative buildings and an outdoor amphitheater suitable for survivous surviv

church design, said.

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Two post-tensioned beams in the new church building carry the en-tire roof load.

\$1.5 Million Retirement Project Going Up Here The Austin American (1914-1973); Feb 3, 1963;

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Westminster Manor, an apartment type re-tirement home, will be builk at 4100 Jack-non Road adjacent to the First Presbyterian Church, Endorsed by the church and Alamo

Presbylezy, the 200-unit building will cost \$1.5 million. Bids will be let in December. 1953. Construction is expected to take one year. Facilities will include a dining room.

craft rooms, greenkouse, barber and beauty shops, and an infirmary. It is being built by Westminster Manor Inc., a non-profit cor-

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Downtown park to be 'hiding place': Respite offered from too much concrete

Reaves, Gayle

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Dountour park to be hiding place?

By GAYLE REAVES

Mention "Waterloo Park" and "Symphony Square," and ears start to perk up in a lot of cooking for a cool green Waterloo Park is what is hiding in the midst of the symphony supporters and music lovers, historians and preservationists, ecologist fans but not least, the tollers in downtown office buildings, escape from all the concrete. construction workers' dream that is downtown Austin east of Colorado Street. There won't be another park like it in this city for 100 years, says among deentennial planners and, Jast of Waller Creek and old trees, places: Leon Lurie.

is developing the park, along Luric is the director of Urban Renewal Austin's

Waller Creek between luth and proper, between Trinity and park area worth saving is still and not enough privacy. southeastward extension of the 15th Streets, with federal funds. Although it is basically a single-agency project, people with many different interests Recreation Department has have had a share in its planning. The city's Parks and

seem somewhat like a describe the park, and it does The park is part of the Tract, out of which also came Hospital's new wing. The University of Texas' special events center and new nursing private redevelopment Brackenridge Urban Renewal the land for Brackenridge school building, state parking okayed all plans.

The park area is in two sections, being developed simultaneously. The largest section is Waterloo Park

It's no accident that every tree and shrub and stone in the

The something-for-everyone quality is no accident, just like

everyone.

River Street, and 15th and 11th of the trails and placements of the now being rerouted Red there, and like the directions

park area, takes up both sides and Raymond McClure left as Architects. Eugene Wukasch little as possible to chance in Waterloo Park, Streets. Symphony Square, a benches are not accidental. planning

park is really tremendous." McClure said. "The density from 8 to 5 in this part of Manhattan or Chicago. There someone crammed up in an Austin approaches that of is a basic emotional need of office to get out."

Wherever you have a couple of To soothe those kinds of provide a lot of small "hiding places" from the busy outside said. haven't met Wukasch and trees and bushes, we'll put a bench, to make a sort of perimeter of the park will also sycamore and other plants, to emotional needs, the park will sheltered refreat. The block out sight and sound of be screened with bamboo. world, McClure

gravel trail along the creek planning involves mowing the

Above all, the park complex is being planned as an urban park, to satisfy the needs of downtown workers hemmed in by too many people, too many

Associates.

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ECDIC OFFICE FOR INITED OFFICE OFFICE of an urban park is the need for Another facet of Waterloo as organized activities, such as "The need for a downlown art shows, street concerts, and even fashion shows. These uses, too, were planned for.

best view of the Capitol from the entrance also gives the The second group of people oriented is fourists visiting the Capitol area, For that reason, the main entrance to the park will be located at 13th Street, approach. A wooden deck at from where planners figure tourist traffic anywhere in the park. mosf

enjoy the natural beauties by Throughout the park, traits, are planned,

(See DOWNTOWN, Page 2)

buildings, too much concrete



ENTRANCE TO A-BUILDING DOWNTOWN PARK Rest-easy site offered harried workers, others

Downtown park progressing

(Continued from Page I) emphasizing them. A trail may point directly at a particularly beautiful tree, for instance, then veer off to give an exceptional view of the creek. "Walking within a city park

in a central urban setting is not simply moving from one place to another," noted Eugene Wukasch in a critique of park plans, "There should be reasons for the meandering forms of pathways and tocation of benches in relationship to vistas, shade, contrasts, tactile experiences and strategic plant details."

For people who like to observe nature in a more formal setting, a brick "concourse," a series of descending platforms lined with planter boxes of azaleas and crepe myrtle, and dolled with benches, is planned between the 13th Street entrance and the secondary entrance at 12th Street.

Austinites who long ago fell in love with the old concrete arch bridges across Waller Creek, but figured that when construction began in the area. they were due to fall, have a pleasant surprise in store. The bridges will remain as integral parts of the park for such events as concerts. The other, where 12th Street crosses the park, will be planted with lots of greenery and will still function as a bridge.

The utilization of the bridges points up another guiding philosophy in the planning of the park. Architects realized that most of what was there was already beautiful. So they are saving as much as possible and changing as little as possible.

Strict instructions had to be issued to contractors. Lurie

explained, to keep buildozers away from all trees. As a result, only three trees (including one century plant which construction crews did manage to bulldoze under) have been lost, other than dead ones, McClure said.

The same concept, of using the old and the already there. was used throughout. There a house once stood on a hillside with garage underneath, the pillars and gates of the garage, the steps and platforms, have been left as the nucleus of an unstructured playground. The wisteria and jasmine planted around the site of the house have also survived.

At another site in the park, the grape arbor built by a former creekside dweller has been preserved, and will be "refurnished" with new posts and latticework to hold up the vines. Flowering plum and peach trees, among the more than 100 additional trees to be added in the park, will also lend their color to the arbor,

Even the new brick concourse will partake of the old. It is being built largely with old brick, salvaged from Austin homes. The two pillars which mark the entrance to the concourse are topped with gatepost ornaments also salvaged from old homes, and the lampposts which help light the park will be the ornate stone and metal ones saved from other parts of town.

Still, the faces of the park are not exhausted: an old cistern will become the center of a new jasmine-covered gazebo. Three dams in the creek - two of them built in a style approaching that of early Texas settlers — will create ponds along the creek deep enough for fish to live in.

The hike and bike trail does not tamely follow the top of the creek bank everywhere, but for much of the length of the park, descends to the actual limestone creek bed beside the water. Where the trail crosses under the 14th Street bridge, a tunnel is being constructed to let hikers and bikers continue along the bottom of the creek without mounting the bank, And one whole area of the park will be planted in bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush.

Parking for Brackenridge Hospital will be located just across the new Red River from the park, and several footbridges will provide access to the main park area from the Red River side of the creek, Hospital and park planners hope to more conveniently connect the two areas in the future, to allow hospital patients and their visitors to enjoy the park.

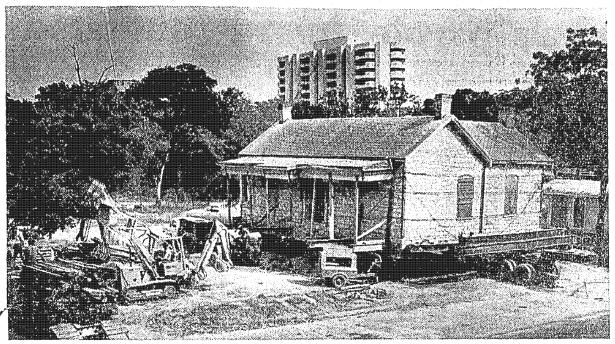
"We did a lot of things because we enjoyed them. architect McClure said. "We made some decisions, like where to put tables and benches, on the basis of what felt good, or what looked like fun. When we were laying out the master plan, our office was right here on the creek. and sometimes we would come and sit out under a tree or along the creek, to see what we enjoyed most."

If that seems a rather personal involvement with the park, it is the same kind of interest that so many people are taking in the project. One man, hearing of the park, called up to describe a type of steps he had sat on and enjoyed while in Europe, Sure enough, planners found some steps of the type and included them in the park.

Historic house defies mover

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Staff Photo by Larry Murphy

THE MOVING OF THE MILLION-POUND HARDEMAN HOUSE WAS DELAYED SATURDAY BY A BROKEN AXLE Workers plan to make adjustments so the building can be moved from its present location at 16th and Trinity to Symphony Square next weekend

Historic house defies mover

Sometimes even the best of plans fail, or at least are delayed.

Such was the case Saturday when house-mover Jack Logan of San Angelo ried to move the Hardeman House from its present location at 16th and Trinity to 1101 Red River in Symphony Square.

Problems developed when the house, constructed of Texas limestone and weighing 1 million pounds, was not perfectly balanced on the 50-wheeled moving vehicle. After moving the house about 15

feet, an axle broke, according to Eugene Wukasch, an architect and engineer on the project.

But there's still hope.

Workmen were adjusting the position of the house on the beams and tires and more tires were being brought from San Angelo. A replay of the move is scheduled for 8 a.m. next Saturday.

The 1860's structure is early Texas classic architecture, according to Wukasch, complete with 18-inch walls and Corinthi-

an columns. Restoration is expected to be completed by the spring of 1977, when it will be leased as a restaurant.

The house is named for one-time resident William P. Hardeman, who was active in the Texas Revolution, the Mexican and Civil wars. He was also an Indian fighter with Erastus (Deaf) Smith.

Hardeman served in various public offices including inspector and superintendent of railroads and superintendent of public buildings and grounds.

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What went up is coming down

By DAVID FRINK American-Statesman State

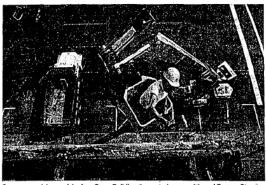
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Old facade reveals itself behind slats of '30s modernization





Carson chips away at old Gage storefront attached in late 1930s to discover



Carson uses 'cherry picker' on Gage Building three stories over 6th and Brazos Streets

By DAVID FRINK

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The original face of one of downtown Austin's oldest buildings, hidden behind a stucco mask for two generations, recently was uncovered virtually unscarred.

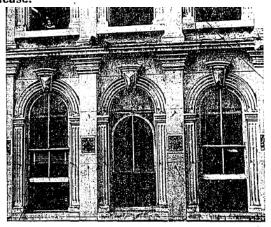
After a day-long operation to remove the shell that had covered the Hannig Building at 204 and 206 East Sixth Street since the late 1930s or early 40s, the facade of the more than century-old building will need only a small amount of restoration. Its Victorian-style stonework was found totally in-tact, said Eugene Wukasch of Wukasch & Associates, the local architects leading restoration of the three-story structure which most recently housed the Gage New and Used Furniture Store.

Being restored for a number of retail uses by local businessman Wesley Embry, the Hannig Building is thought to date back to the late 1860s or 1870, Landmark Commission members said.

It was built by Joseph Hannig who was best known as one of Texas' finest cabinet makers and as one of several husbands of Suzanna Dickinson, the survivor of the Alamo massacre who identified many of the dead Texans of the battle and whose deposition is the basis for most of the history surrounding the incident.

The Morley Drug Store occupied the building for several years in the late 1800s. It was purchased from Hannig's family by Carl Belisch in 1909 and his heirs held it until 1975, when it was sold to a group of local businessmen which includes John Wooley, Stephen Furr, J. Murray Bowden, William Choate and Gary Bradley.

It is under a long-term lease to Embry, owner of the Baker's Dozen shops in Highland and Dobie Malls. Wukasch said a cafe and bakery will be the tenants of the building when restoration work is finished inside, along with Terry's Typing Service. There also will be some space available for



Child, upper left window, peers from old Victorian building as it looked in late 1930s.

Doris Lucille Wukasch (nee Stork) was born in 1924 in Somerville, Texas. She attended Austin High School and the University of Texas. After graduation, she worked as a laboratory technician at the Texas State Department of Health. She married Eugene Wukasch in 1945 and moved to Corpus Christi, where he was stationed. Between 1954 and 1966, she worked as executive secretary for Wukasch Architects and Engineers. She and Eugene Wukasch had four children; their marriage was dissolved in 1971.

Doris earned a Master of Education from UT in 1969 and taught math in the Austin Independent School District between 1970 and 1985, then taught in Papua New Guinea for a year in 1986 with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Doris Wukasch died in 2005.

Doris Stork, J. E. Wukasch Are Married: 1 The Austin American (1914-1973); Jul 8, 1945; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin America pg. A4

Doris Stork, J. E. Wukasch Are Married

Rev. Roesener Reads Double Ring Rites Joining UT Exes

Miss Doris Lucille Stork and Joe Eugene Wukasch, ART 3-c of USNR, were married by the Rev F. G. Roesener in a double ring ceremony Saturday at 8:30 p. m. at St. Martin's Lutheran church.

Miss Stork is the daughter of Mrs. Edwin W. Stork and the late Dr. Stork of 3123 Hemphill park, and Mr. Wukasch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Wukasch of 1101 West 22 1-2 street.

The Rev. Roesener read the vows before the palm banked altar decorated with baskets of white carnation and peonies and candelabra of white tapers. Miss Virginia Dare sang the bridal solo, "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Miss Lois Zabel who also played "Evening Prayer" by Humperdinck, "Poem" by Fibich, "Liebestraum" by Liszt, "Lullaby" by Godard, "Traumerei," and the traditional wedding marches.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother-in-law, DeWitt W. Cox, Jr., wore a satin-backed crepe gown with fitted bodice, round marquisette yoke, full skirt falling in brief train, long pointed sleeves. Her headdress, pearlized clusters of orange blossoms, caught a finger-tip veil of bridal illusion. She carried a white orchid on a white Bible and wore a triple strand of pearls belonging to the bridegroom's mother.

Mrs. DeWitt Cox Jr., the bride's sister, and Miss Ruth Elizabeth Weber of Bellville, attended the bride as matron of honor and bridesmaid.

Each wore a pale net gown over satin designed with fitted bodice, sweetheart neokline, and full skirt, and pearl comb hair ornaments, gifts of the bride. Mrs. Cox wore pale blue and carried pink carnations with blue delphinium; Miss Weber wore pale pink and carried blue delphinium with pink carnations.

Ens. Earl O. Wukasch, only brother of the bridegroom, now stationed in Charleston, R. I., attended as best man. ART 1-c Edwin Scharath, home from the Pacific, ART 3-c Tommy Anderson, and S 1-c Charles Price, both stationed in Corpus Christi, ushered. The bridegroom's attendants are all from Austin.

The wedding reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride with the mother of the bride, the parents of the bridegroom, and members of the bridel party in the receiving line. White spring flowers and fern decorated the home. The cake, two hearts joined together and covered with tiny white and yellow roses, was on the table which was centered with a low bowl of mixed white flowers and fern on a cutwork cloth."

Miss Weber presided over the bride's book; Mrs. Woodrow Rische poured the punch; and Mrs. Cox served the cake.

The bride's mother wore a triple sheer navy dress with a black straw hat and black patent accessories with a corsage of gardenias. The bridegroom's mother wore brown with a brown straw hat and brown accessories with a gardenia corsage.

Leaving for the short week-end trip to San Antonio, the bride wore a two piece suit of sky blue creps, a black straw Vera Whistler original hat, white gloves, and black patent accessories. The couple will be at home at 329 Clifford street in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Wukasch was graduated from Austin high school in 1941 with top honors and from the University of Texas in 1944 with high honors. While in the university, she was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Tau Delta Alpha, Iota Sigma Pi, and Phi Beta Kappa. For the past six months she has been employed as a laboratory technician at the Texas state department of health.

Wukasch, now stationed at Ward Island, Corpus Christi, is a graduate of Austin high school and the University of Texas with a bachelor of science degree in architectural engineering in 1943. He was a charter member of the Austin Symphony orchestra, and an active member of Gamma Delta, American Society of Civil Engineers, Association of Student Architects, Walther League, and St. Paul's Lutheran church. After graduation he was employed by Lockheed Aircraft corporation as an engineering draftsman until his entrance into the armed forces in May. 1944.

Out-of-town guests for the wed-

ding were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Cox Jr., of Galveston, Mrs. F. W. Dallmeyer of Burton, Mrs. W. J. Stork and Wally of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Cox Sr., of New Caney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks of Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gatling, Miss Ruth Elizabeth Weber and Mrs. Elvis Simmons of Somerville.

Bride in Saturday Rites

Miss Doris Lucille Stork, daughter of Mrs. Edwin W. Stork and the late Dr. Stork of 3123 Hemphill park, became the bride Saturday of Joe Eugene Wukasch, .ART 3-c of the USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Wukasch of 1101 West 22 1-2 street,



Photo by Christianson-Leberman

Marriage announcement (text and photo), Austin American, 7/8/1945.

1924 - 2005

Doris Lucile Stork Wukasch passed peacefully on March 17, after a full and varied life. She was born in Somerville, Texas, in 1924, to Clara and Dr. Edwin W. Stork, medical doctor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and staunch defender of human rights in Burleson County against the Klu Klux Klan. Her father's sudden death at the age of 9 (after which the family moved to Austin) was a defining event for her and her family, as was her life-long desire to serve others, including a secret longing to serve in foreign mission efforts.

Valedictorian of her Austin High School class of 1941, Doris graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Texas (Austin) in 1944, with a BA, where she was president of the women's premedical fraternity Tau Delta Alpha and a member of Iota Sigma Pi.

Doris worked during World War II as a chemist before and after marrying Eugene Wukasch on July 7, 1945. While editing the Comet yearbook at Austin High her senior year, Doris had met Gene, whose photographic skills complemented her journalistic ability. She served faithfully as wife and mother, creating the symbolic themes that were used to enrich a number of his architectural creations, including Gethsemane Lutheran Church's chancel wall of glass, which can now be seen from Highway 183 North as "a light set on a hill." A number of brochures on religious symbolism in architecture were produced during this time of her life while she was also active with the Women's Architectural Guild, of which she was president in 1964.

Simultaneously, she mothered four children, in whom she nurtured learning, art and music. Her steadfast chauffeuring for nineteen years to tri-weekly music lessons at the University of Texas-Junior String Project helped foster her children's string quartet. She also loved children's games, singing, and playing the piano, and later enjoyed sharing these with grandchildren.

As a Barnabas encourager of others, the church always provided a backdrop for participation, service, and meaning throughout Doris' life, at St. Martin's, Trinity, and later Lord of Life Lutheran Churches in Austin. She was a Sunday School teacher and neighborhood/community pioneer, starting a special education program at Trinity in the 1960's. As an outgrowth of her faith, German cultural heritage and sponsoring foreign visitors and university students also were important to her. Doris always supported the idea of the living church and its flourishing in house church activities. She was also active in various formal church womens' groups, later becoming one of the first Stephen Ministers in the Austin Area. In 1995, she was a founding member of Lord of Life Church and was enthusiastic about her community's building program.

A published poet, Doris loved words, the beauty of the English Language, and passing the torch of literacy to the next generation. She earned an M.Ed., writing on "Creativity: The Unknown Force in the Rehabilitation Process" and became a certified rehabilitation counselor in 1969. She taught English and special education within the AISD system for many years at Allen, Lanier, and Crockett High School. Earlier she found time to volunteer and work at the Austin State School and Mary Lee School. After her retirement from AISD, her commitment to the preservation of the word at last culminated in going to Papua New Guinea were she taught English to the Wycliffe Bible Translators' children. Doris was also an active member of the Kwill Club and shared her poetry, both published and unpublished, with friends and family, including her annual Christmas poem. She was also featured in the "World Who's Who of Women" and granted other related honors.

Her sister Mae Cox and Eugene Wukasch, to whom she was married for 26 years, preceded Doris in death.

She is survived by her four children and their families, which include six grandchildren: Dr. Linda Wukasch Thiering and her husband Rev. Dr. Barry Thiering, and their children Christine and Joshua; Susan Wukasch and her husband Dr. Gary Richter and their daughter Molly; Jean Wukasch Mihalik and her husband Col. Richard Mihalik of Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, and their children Julie Mihalik Calfee and her husband John Calfee; and Michael Mihalik, both of Ft. Worth; and Jonathan Wukasch and his wife Joy Lenoch Wukasch and their son

Nathan. Esther Knape of Austin also survives her sister's passing.

Memorial services will be held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 12400 Amherst Drive, on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 20 at 2:00, to be followed at the church with a community celebration of Doris' life.

Memorial contributions may be made in Doris' memory to the Junior String Project of the University of Texas at Austin, which trains young musicians; Lord of Life Lutheran Church; Wycliffe Bible Translators; or the Salvation Army.

Doris Wukasch obituary, Austin American-Statesman, 3/20/2005.

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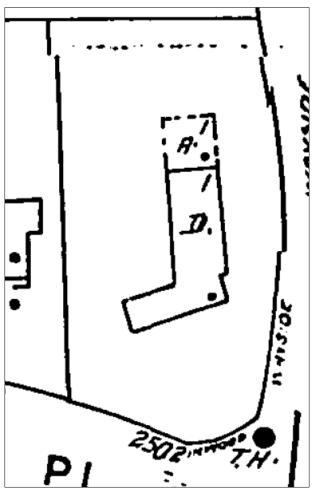
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Building permit issued to Eugene Wukasch for a wood-frame 2nd-story rear addition, 8/5/1957.



1962 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. In this view, the entire building appears to be a single story, with a carport at the north end.

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