

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
 PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS  
 OCTOBER 26, 2020  
 HR-20-144852  
 1700 W. 32<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
 OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1952 house and construct a new residence.

## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

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- 1) Demolish the existing building and salvage stone for reuse.
- 2) Construct a new primary building. The proposed 2-story house will be clad with salvaged masonry and stucco. It has a metal roof with compound roofline and varying slopes. The north elevation features a partial-width flat-roofed porch with steel columns, covered entryways, and an inset balcony. Its irregularly placed windows are undivided and fixed. The south elevation contains a similar covered entryway, a protruding picture window, and a single central undivided window at the second floor. The east elevation features a full-width porch with steel columns, sliding doors, and flat-roofed dormer with fixed windows. The west elevation has a shallower roofline with flat- and shed-roofed dormers, with fixed windows of varying sizes scattered throughout.
- 3) Construct a detached auxiliary building. The proposed 2-story garage apartment has a metal roof with “wounded dove” roofline. It is clad in stucco and features fixed irregularly placed windows to match the primary building. Its east elevation contains a large flat-roofed dormer, while its south elevation contains a double entryway covered by a flat metal roof with steel supports.

## ARCHITECTURE

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1700 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street is a single-story Ranch-style house with an L-shaped plan, a cross-gabled and hipped roof with deep eaves, and coursed ashlar masonry veneer. Its main elevation features large multi-light metal picture windows, while its secondary elevations contain multi-light metal casement windows.

## RESEARCH

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The house at 1700 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street was constructed in 1952 by Jack Birge, who also constructed the building next door at 1702 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Its first occupants were Mark and Bertha Wentz, who lived in the home until at least 1959. The Wentzes moved to Austin in 1954 after Mark Wentz was appointed as a fire commissioner to the State Board of Insurance Commissioners. As Fire Commissioner, Wentz was involved in a series of reassignments, internal investigations, and statewide oversight that spanned the mid-1950s, as Governor Price Daniel proposed sweeping reorganizations of the State Board of Insurance Commissioners that would remove his predecessor’s appointments from the board—including Wentz. The Wentzes lived in the home until at least 1959. By 1964, it had become the Peter Pan School, which offered preschool, kindergarten, and daycare services.

## STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

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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.

The proposed project involves demolition of an intact historic-age building.

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 new building is differentiated from its surroundings by its two-story height, its compound massing, its exterior materials, its undivided windows, and its compound rooflines. Overall, the buildings' massing, materials (stucco, metal roofing), and architectural features (fixed undivided windows, shed- and flat-roofed dormers, irregular fenestration patterns) are not compatible with the surrounding contributing buildings in the district. However, the applicant has made some changes to promote rhythm and regularity to the secondary elevation fronting Jefferson Street.

*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.*

Should the buildings be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the district would be unimpaired.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed as noncontributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District; however, the noncontributing status appears to have been assigned based on the presence of a removable play structure.

##### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to City Code:
  - a. *Architecture*. The house is constructed in the Ranch style.
  - b. *Historical association*. The house is associated with State Board of Insurance Commissioner Mark Wentz. Wentz's tenure in the home past 1959 is unknown.
  - 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 demolition permit 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. Comment on the plans for new construction.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

**NOTIFICATIONS**  
CASE#: HR 20-144852  
LOCATION: 1700 W 32ND ST



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**PROPERTY INFORMATION***Photos*

*Source: Google Street View, 2019*



*Source: Applicant, 2020*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, 2020

*Note: Post-1959 directory research is unavailable due to facility closure.*

1959	Mark and Bertha R. Wentz, owners Mark Wentz Insurance Agency, 127 ½ E 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, R3
1957	Mark and Bertha R. Wentz, owners Commissioner, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
1955	Mark and Bertha R. Wentz, owners Commissioner, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
1952	Not listed



## Biographical Information

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED**  
(John Eckert, Inspector)

L. M. Reynolds, addition to tourist court, 6214 Lamar Boulevard, \$3,000.

Sam Hall, frame addition to residence, 606 Upson Street, \$1,800.

Jack Andrewartha, brick veneer and frame residence, 2104 Westover Road, \$12,000.

C. E. Swenson, stone veneer and frame residence, 804 Harris Avenue, \$15,000.

G. V. Cluck, frame residence, 8510 Hathaway Drive, \$8,200.

Andrew S. Patton, frame residences, 4521 and 4600 Avenue D, \$5,000 each.

W. B. Houston, masonry residence, 2002 Oakmont Boulevard, \$4,000.

Jack Birge, stone veneer residence, 1700 West 32nd Street, \$18,000; stone veneer and frame residence, 1702 East 32nd, \$14,000, and stone veneer and frame residence, 1802 West 34th Street, \$12,000.

H. G. Osborne, masonry residence, 1110 Marcy Street, \$2,500.

## Mark Wentz Takes Oath As Fire Commissioner

By The Capitol Staff

Texas had a new state fire insurance commissioner Wednesday.

Mark Wentz, Big Spring insurance man, was sworn in as fire commissioner and member of the Board of Insurance Commissioners Tuesday. He succeeded Colonel Paul H. Brown, who died three weeks ago. Col. Brown was the victim of tragic illness, in which he remained unconscious for more than 14 months, until the time of his death.

Wentz, recently appointed by Governor Allan Shivers, was sworn in by Associate Justice Meade Griffin of Texas Supreme Court. He took office in a ceremony held in the governor's office, witnessed by fellow-members of the insurance commission, members of the fire division staff, various state officials and legislators and insurance men.

Immediately after the ceremony, Wentz accompanied Chairman Garland A. Smith, life commissioner, and Casualty Commissioner J. Byron Saunders, to commission headquarters in the International Life Building, and began work. His appointment is until next spring, when a six-year appointment will be made.

Wentz, a World War I veteran, has been in the insurance agency business at Big Spring for 14 years. His son, Frank E. Wentz, now is associated in the Big Spring business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wentz will make their home in Austin. They have been active in Presbyterian Church affairs at Big Spring, where Wentz also held office in Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Lions Club, Masonic and other organizations.

*The Austin Statesman: Apr 18, 1952*

*The Austin Statesman: May 12, 1954*

## CAPITOL A BUSY TIME

By RAYMOND BROOKS  
And SAM WOOD  
Capitol Correspondents

Three young attorneys in John Ben Shepperd's office worked until 4 a. m. Thursday preparing the state's petition which was filed with Judge Charles O. Betts at 9 a. m., initiating an effort to prevent US Trust and Guaranty Co. and two affiliate companies from doing further business in Texas.

The hurry-up action followed refusal of the Texas Board of Insurance Commissioners Wednesday to license US Trust and Guaranty Co. under the new Texas securities regulatory act.

It also followed five days of hustle and bustle on the part of state departments, the Insurance Commission, Attorney General's staff, and State Auditor C. H. Cavness. During the five-day period Cavness directed a staff of five men who were in Waco checking records of US Trust and Guaranty Co.

ON DEC. 13 the Board of Insurance Commissioners, Garland A. Smith, chairman, Mark Wentz and J. Byron Saunders completely reviewed activities of the US Trust and Guaranty Company, placed their findings in five legal size single space pages of minutes, concluding with a request that the attorney general take action because the "rights of policyholders, creditors, and depositors of US Trust and Guaranty Company are imperiled by the imminent probability that the cash funds of said company will be withdrawn, and that holders of demand obligations in the amount of approximately \$5,000,000 will be unable to collect the amounts to which they are entitled."

The Trust function of such companies as US Trust and Guaranty Co. is not an insurance function, but under state law the Board of Insurance Commissioners is responsible for supervision and regulation under chapter seven of the insurance code. This section of the code was not amended by the 54th Legislature in its wave of insurance reforms.

Companies organized under Section 7 of the Texas Insurance Code, such as US Trust and Guaranty Co., and doing a general fiduciary and depository business, were the subject of a heated fight in the 54th Legislature.

A MEASURE introduced by Rep. Tom Joseph of McLennan County, home of the general offices of US Trust and Guaranty Co., would have put such corporations organized pursuant to provisions of the insurance code, doing time or demand depository business, under the state banking laws. The Joseph measure passed the House after the committee on banking had removed the proposed bill from a dead-locked sub-committee and reported it favorably. The Joseph bill, however, died in Senate committee. It was contested throughout the legislative mill by representatives of trust companies, even after the original Joseph bill was amended to apply only "if such corporations conduct a time or demand depository business."

In June 1955, the Insurance Commission entered an order finding US Trust and Guaranty Co. had "exceeded their corporate powers, failed to keep proper accounts, falsified its accounts in reports to the insurance commission, made unauthorized investments, and were insolvent, and ordered a hearing for the purpose of determining whether the certificate of authority of said company should be revoked."

Since that time efforts have been made to establish solvency of US Trust and Guaranty Co. through (See CAPITOL, Page A-2)

# CAPITOL

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examiners of the board of insurance commissioners.

It was action under the new insurance securities regulatory act, passed by the 54th Legislature that the board of Insurance Commissioners Wednesday held that US Trust and Guaranty Company does

not qualify for a license to sell securities.

US Trust and Guaranty Co. filed an application for approval of license after the new law became effective Sept. 6. The board's securities regulatory act, recommended to the board that the license NOT be granted. This recommendation was upheld by the Board of Insurance Commissioners. One of the principal operations

of US Trust and Guaranty Co. securities division reported, was that of serving as a depository offering individuals the opportunity to purchase securities with advertised returns of as much as five per cent.

*The Austin American: Dec 18, 1955*

## Insurance Commission Faces Possible Revision

By ED OVERHOLSER  
Associated Press Staff

The State Insurance Commission, shaken with another multimillion-dollar insurance receivership action, faces a possible remodeling in an atmosphere clouded with political overtones.

An investigation by House members, similar to the twin legislative committees which looked into the insurance industry following the crash of US Trust and Guaranty, would be kicked off if representatives adopt a submitted resolution.

Rep. A. K. Sutton of Dallas filed the petition this week calling for a "thorough investigation into the administration of the ICT Insurance Co., of Dallas.

This company was frozen by a court-issued temporary restraining order Feb. 7 while the commission started legal machinery aimed at eventual liquidation.

The commission declared the firm "hopelessly insolvent" and charged it was 4½ million dollars in the red and owed policy holders another three millions. The company's defense to the commission charges will be aired Tuesday at a show cause hearing.

Two of the three commissioners, Morris Brownlee and Mark Wentz, have said they did not know of the alleged indebtedness of the company until late January although former chairman Byron Saunders reportedly knew about it last October.

"One member doesn't know what the other members are doing," said Brownlee, whose term has expired but he is being retained temporarily.

recommended, the executive director plan and blistered the commission for submitting "individual budget requests" again by each commissioner, signed only by him, for his own division. The budget board also pointed out the commission had two machine accounting operations, two agents licensing staffs, three supply rooms, three mailrooms and two reproduction facilities.

The commission apparently thought it already had power to function as a board and to operate under uniform procedures and that further legislation was not needed along this line. This was the answer given to the Texas Legislative Council when it checked the commissioners and other key personnel in the department on legislation enacted by the last legislature.

However, a detailed analysis of the council's report said that "several laws were passed by the 54th Legislature which obviously contemplate continuance of the practice of identifying each of the commissioners with a particular field of insurance."

At least one industry association, the Texas Legal Reserve Officials Assn., recommended last fall to the legislative council "there should be no change in the organizational structure or procedure of the three member Board of Insurance Commissioners."

Into the stew on Jan. 1 stepped John Osorio, an executive assistant of former Gov. Allan Shivers, who had appointed Osorio to the

commission to replace Saunders.

Osorio was made chairman and now is being questioned closely by senators leading to rejection or approval of his appointment. There has been talk that some senators might try to block Osorio, partially on grounds he represented Shivers frequently on the old Veterans Land Board under Ex-Land Commissioner Rascom Giles.

In what some observers believed an indirect move to help build a roadblock, the governor stated reorganization now would be timely before "other commissioners become wedded to the old and inefficient operation."

Before Daniel's plan was presented, Osorio had requested the Texas Research League to study the possibility of a change. However, the press did not learn of this until he released copies of the request the day Daniel's message went to the legislature.

The league's director, Alvin Burger, said it would be two weeks probably before a screening committee would meet to determine whether the staff would make the study.

Gov. Price Daniel, hoping to reorganize the board not only to have power but to function as a unit rather than as three commissioners, has asked the Attorney General to draw up suitable legislation.

The Attorney General's office said work was underway on the Governor's request.

The Governor said the present commission was not working as a board, but continued to act rather in their previous separate capacities as commissioners of life, fire and casualty insurance.

Daniel has proposed a three-member board appointed by him to replace the present commission and creation of a commissioner of insurance "to conduct administrative functions subject to policy decisions and direction of the board."

A somewhat similar proposition has been submitted in the Senate by Sen. William Fly of Victoria. It would create a board with a superintendent to run the day-to-day activities of the department. Daniel said he is studying this proposal.

The legislative budget board

*The Austin American: Feb 17, 1957*



# Panel Slaps Daniel On Insurance

## Reorganization Idea Defeated

By Associated Press

Just how far Governor Price Daniel can go with his plans for reorganizing the state insurance commission was in the hands of the House Tuesday.

Monday night the influential House state affairs committee disregarded Daniel's oft-expressed wishes—plus considerable administration pressure—and slapped down a clean sweep reorganization of the board, ent three-man board. Tie votes are losers in parliamentary procedure.

Sent to the House floor was a substitute bill carrying the number of a Senate-passed bill (SB 222) but otherwise resembling little that Daniel has asked for.

It calls for a six-member board of commissioners, including the three present commissioners and three to be named by Daniel. All six would serve two years, then on Feb. 10, 1953 the commission automatically would drop to three members. The board would hire a salaried commissioner of insurance to actually administer board policy.

The committee action was a distinct defeat for administration forces but not necessarily an indication of how the reorganization plan would be received by the House as a whole.

Heatly and Representative Obie Bristow, chairman of a subcommittee which bottled up two reorganization plans for almost six

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Austin Statesman-United Press

Chairman W. S. Heatly — appearing momentarily bored—was the key figure in the House state affairs committee's refusal to vote out a full sweep reorganization of the state insurance commission. Heatly's vote created a 10-10 tie on the measure to allow Governor Price Daniel to appoint three new commissioners. Tie votes are counted as negative. Passed out was a measure which would retain the present commissioners.

## SLAPS

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Daniel's aims on the insurance commission.

"I believe that a majority of the House will vote as the Senate has already voted for a new three-member state board of insurance," Daniel said in a statement following the committee's decision.

"The committee has followed my recommendations except on the vital necessity of a complete new board of insurance. I do not favor the six-member proposal, which is obviously aimed at retaining the two-thirds of the present membership which was associated personally and politically with the past administration of this department.

"This would be sewing new cloth into an old garment," the governor said, apparently referring to Commissioners John Osorio and Mark Wentz who were appointed by former Governor Allan Shivers.

Representative R. H. Cory who has been carrying the torch for Daniel in the committee said he would try to amend the substitute bill when it comes up for debate on the House floor.

"We've given the governor most of the things he has asked for and we are not concerned with personalities," Bristow said. "This is a bunch of to do about nothing."

The substitute bill sets up strict eligibility rules for future commissioners. No one with any direct or indirect interest in an insurance company could be a board member. No member of the board could run for public office without resigning. No member of the board nor any employee of the board could accept gifts or money from anyone in the insurance business, with conviction carrying a penalty of one to five years in prison.

"This bill is so strict that they

may get in the pen just for giving anyone the time of day," Bristow said.

The crucial vote on which way the committee would go came on an amendment offered to the substitute bill by Cory. The amendment would accept all the bill except to provide only for a three-man board appointed by the governor for six-year terms. A motion to table the amendment failed 11-8. A vote on the amendment itself ended up with 10 ayes and nine noes until Heatly voted "no" to tie the count and cause the motion to fail. Then a voice vote approved the substitute bill offered by Bristow's subcommittee.

Voting with Bristow were Representatives Joe Burkett, Louis Dugas, Ben Ferrell, Jim Heflin, Scott McDonald, Wesley Roberts, Jack Welch, Leroy Saul and Heatly.

Voting with Cory were Representatives R. A. Bartram, William A. Cline Jr., Dixon Holman, Alonzo W. Jamison, Joe Pool, Frates Seeligson, Richard C. Slack, Wade Spilman and Murray Watson.

*The Austin Statesman: Apr 30, 1957*



# 'Altered' Order Of TIC Probed

## Osorio Reveals Substitute

By Associated Press

Insurance Commission Chairman John Osorio said Wednesday that what he called "an apparent substitution" of an original board order has been referred to state police for investigation.

The substitute order, Osorio said, made major changes in a reinsurance contract between Western American Life Insurance Company of Austin and another firm.

The Department of Public Safety has been asked to determine through its handwriting experts whether or not forgery may be involved, Osorio said.

The chairman of the insurance regulatory agency said the action referring the matter to the Department of Public Safety was not publicized previously "because it was of an investigative nature" involving police work.

"We did not want to investigate it in the newspapers," Osorio said in an interview.

The story was first revealed by The Houston Post Wednesday in a dispatch by Austin Correspondent Jim Mathis.

While the Department of Public Safety was investigating the order, the Legislature was coming to a showdown on a proposed insurance commission reorganization plan backed by Governor Price Daniel. Daniel is urging a version that would bar present or past members of the embattled commission from the reorganized board.

These developments were the (See OSORIO, Page 10)

latest in Texas' insurance regulation troubles. A series of sensational failures, legislative investigations and grand jury probes have grown out of the insurance scandals.

Osorio became chairman of the commission Jan. 1 after his appointment by former Governor Allan Shivers.

He said that a commission examiner discovered the discrepancy in the Western American Life Insurance Company order and that it was referred to Commissioner Morris Brownlee.

Neither Brownlee nor Commissioner Mark Wentz had any recollection of the substitute order," Osorio said.

"When we determined what the effect of the substitute was, we reinstated the original order and made it retroactive to Aug. 31, 1956, to give the policyholders the protection they were entitled to," Osorio said.

"Then we turned the matter over to the Department of Public Safety for investigation since we could not determine why typed the substitute, or what had happened."

The effect of the change, Osorio said, was to let the company have more operating money. The "true board order," Osorio said, would have allowed the company a division of premiums on the basis of 60 per cent to the mortuary or claim fund and 40 per cent to operating expenses. The substitute order omitted that division.

Both the original and the substitute, Osorio added, were dated Aug. 31, 1956.

"There was no indication when the substitute order was entered," Osorio said. He said the matter was referred to the state police early in February and that he has had no recent progress report on it.

The questioned order of the board was one of two dated Aug. 31, 1956, issued over the names of former Chairman J. Byron Saunders, Brownlee and Wentz.

Brownlee, of Houston, and Saunders, formerly of Tyler but now of Dallas, are no longer members of the commission. Wentz is still a member.

The post quoted Brownlee as saying he did not sign the questioned order. It quoted Saunders as saying he did not know anything about the substitute order until January or February, after he had left the commission. He said he had no independent recollection of signing the original order and knew "nothing whatsoever" about the substitute.

"I would not have willingly signed it and the signature on the substitute order does not look like mine," Brownlee said in Houston. He said the substitute order was called to his attention by a state examiner.

"I told Mr. Osorio about it immediately and I recommended that Governor Price Daniel be told about it."

Brownlee said the incident was kept from the public at the time "because we had no proof yet . . . We took the matter to the Department of Public Safety."

*The Austin Statesman: May 1, 1957*

# House Votes 'Daniel Bill'

By SAM WOOD  
Capitol Correspondent

The House of Representatives Thursday passed and returned to the Senate for concurrence SB 222 creating a new Texas insurance board.

The measure, which Governor Price Daniel Wednesday called "a victory for the people of Texas," was passed in the House by a vote of 109 to 25.

Since it has been given the governor's endorsement it was expected that the measure would be accepted by Senator W. S. Fly of Victoria, author of the original Senate bill.

As passed by the Senate the measure called for a three-man part-time Texas insurance board with a commissioner of insurance as the administrative officer.

The House version calls for a 3-man, full-time board with a commissioner of insurance. This was the proposal of Daniel.

In lengthy debate Wednesday the House struck out a committee recommendation that the reorganized insurance commission be composed of six members, of which three would be the present members of the Texas Insurance Commission.

As emergency legislation the measure passed the House with sufficient votes to make it immediately effective upon signature of the governor. Since the Fly bill passed the Senate with little opposition the reorganization bill is in position to receive emergency approval there.

Representative Dick Cory of Victoria, who sponsored SB 222 in the House, and was leader of the administration group which was victorious in its fight to bring out a measure acceptable to the governor, made the motion to suspend the rules and bring the reorganization bill up for final passage.

Since this was a separate legislative day from Wednesday's bitter contest only a two third vote was needed. The rules were suspended by a vote of 111 to 26. Cory had failed Wednesday afternoon to obtain a four-fifth approval to suspend the rules and pass the measure out on the day it was engrossed.

## HOUSE

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Shivers in January; and of Mark

Wentz, fire insurance commissioner, who is a veteran member and also a Shivers appointee.

Those fighting against the "oust-er" of Osorio and Wentz claim that Daniel has won his fight to "wipe the slate clean" and place the insurance affairs of Texas in the hands of a new board.

Principal opposition to the measure had been from friends of John Osorio of Austin, former Shivers aide, who was named chairman of the commission by the campaign to clean up the scandals.

(See HOUSE, Page A-12)

*The Austin Statesman, May 2, 1957*



# 55th Going Into Stretch

By SAM WOOD and  
RAYMOND BROOKS  
Capitol Correspondents

A big question mark hovered over the 55th Legislature as it limped this week into the stretch run of the 120-day regular session.

Major legislation, a good part of it tagged with Gov. Price Daniel's approval, wrestled for an opening.

Dissension and the demoralizing effect of continued scandal

talk and inquiry are having their effect.

Already there is talk of going home.

This was noted particularly after the House bribery investigation committee suspended its inquiry last week in favor of the Travis County grand jury. The grand jury probably will start calling witnesses this week.

## Behind Scenes Fight

Added to the general lack of interest is a bitter behind-the-scenes fight between friends of John Osorio and Mark Wentz, insurance commissioners, and Gov. Price Daniel.

Daniel wants to "wipe the slate clean" of any who have served on the commission in the past, with complete reorganization.

Osorio, Shivers appointee, chairman since Jan. 2, says he already has started a reorganization program within scope of the present commission setup.

Osorio, who closed down ICT Insurance Co., which has been the object of most recent "scandal charges," did not serve on the commission during the so-called period of corruption. Commissioner Wentz, a veteran on the commission, has never been mentioned in connection with any of the past irregularities alleged to have occurred in connection with administration of Texas insurance laws.

The governor's reorganization program and a Senate passed reorganization bill authored by Senator W. S. Fly, both would cut Osorio and Wentz out of their present posts.

Out of committee and pending floor action, expected shortly, is the governor's proposal to create for at least two years, a law enforcement commission.

## Opposition Expected

Whereas the insurance reorganization bill, although not identical to the governor's, passed the Senate and stumbled in the House, House passage for the law enforcement commission is predicted, with stiff opposition anticipated in the Senate.

*The Austin American: Apr 7, 1957*

# Pappy Tells Office Plans

W. Lee O'Daniel announced Tuesday he will open his state campaign headquarters in Austin Saturday, and named a six-member steering committee for his race for a third-time election as governor.

The former governor-senator will visit Austin Saturday to set up the headquarters, his local aides said. The campaign office will be at 109 East Seventh Street. (See related political roundup on Page 16.)

Named as the state central campaign committee were Mark Wentz of Big Spring, former state insurance commissioner; John Linn Scott, Austin architect; former Lieutenant Governor John Lee Smith of Lubbock; Cecil Meadows, San Angelo, and Paul Maynard, Houston.

Jim Fritts and Stanley Smith of Austin have been named as co-chairmen of the O'Daniel campaign committee for the 17-county Central Texas area, and Fritts is in charge of the Travis County activities.

*The Austin Statesman: Jun 17, 1958*

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*The Austin American: May 30, 1964*

## OPENINGS FOR INFANTS

Promotion time — Now have openings for  
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 Medical Park Tower and Camp Mabry.  
 Peter Pan School, 1700 West 32nd, 452-  
 0907 weekdays.

**THE GREENHOUSE Day Nursery**  
*The Austin Statesman: Mar 8, 1970*



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### Child Play Child Development Center

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870 W. Loop

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1011 Kramer Lane

### Country Cottage Day Care Center

11000 Hwy. 183 North on McNeil Dr.

### Emy Grigg's Nursery & Kindergarten

1206 Compton Road

### Ford Village Nursery

4515 Merle Dr.

### Gingerbread House Nursery & Kindergarten

1601 Brakenridge ... 8071 N. Lamar ... 1630 Rutland

### Hoover's Nursery

304 E. 17th

### Lee's Day Care

4505 Manchaca

### Little Red School Houses

506 W. 15th St. ... 1507 North St.

### Moore's Sunshine Nursery & Kindergarten

514 W. St. John

### Neel's Nursery

1701 E. 38th St.

### Orange Goose Schools, Inc.

8407 Research ... 1327 Lamar Sq. Dr.  
 1905 Gaston Place Dr.

### Patterson's Nursery

1703 Alcega

### Peter Pan School

1700 W. 32nd St.

*The Austin Statesman: Apr 6, 1973*



## Permits

Jack Birge 1700 West 32nd St.  
 208 5 6 - -  
 Brykerwoods "E"  
 residence  
 Stone veneer/with garage and carport  
 attached.  
 50644 4-16-52 \$16,000.00

## Owner

Building permit, 4-16-52

OWNER F. C. Rcan ADDRESS 1700 West 32nd Street

PLAT 208 LOT 5 BLK 6

SUBDIVISION Brykerwood "E"

OCCUPANCY Den & 2 baths

BLD PERMIT # 93429 DATE 9-18-64 OWNERS  
ESTIMATE \$978.00

CONTRACTOR Lonnie Ferris NO. OF FIXTURES 10

WATER TAP REC # X SEWER TAP REC # X

Remodel ~~Brick~~ Res

Sheetrock breezeway; Convert into den; Partition off

into two  $\frac{1}{2}$  baths.

Remodel permit, 9-18-64

## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 30340

Austin, Texas

Received of Basey Date 7/18/1952  
 Address 1700 W. 32nd.  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner Jack Birge Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 5 Block 6 Subdivision Brykerwoods E Plat No. 208  
 Date of Connection 7/23/1952  
 By City 1' E/WLL  
 By Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked By Basey  
 Size Main 6" Depth 3'  
 Main Assign. in 32nd. 12 1/2' N/S. P1  
 Stub Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Prop. Line 2'  
 Stub Location @ WLL 8+35  
 Book No. B-1366  
 Paving Cut \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Fittings	Size	Price
12" Pipe	4" con	1.80
Pipe		
Wyes		
Bends		
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other		
Labor:	7 hrs	6.30
Truck	50	

Sewer tap permit, 7-18-52

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT** ✓  
 Austin, Texas  
 Received of JACK BIRGE Date 5-23-52  
 Address 1700 WEST 32ND  
 Amount TWENTY & NO/100 20  
 Plumber THE BASEY CO. Size of Tap 3/4"  
 Date of Connection 5-31-52  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"  
 Size Service Made 3/4"  
 Size Main Tapped 12" CI  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'  
 From S- Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'  
 Location of Meter CURB  
 Type of Box LCW  
 Depth of Main in St. 3'  
 Depth of Service Line 2'  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main over  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-9-52 R.C.

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	5/8"
1 Elbow	3/4" COP
1 St. Elbow	3/4" S.C.C.P.
1 Bushing	3/4" COP
1 Reducer	
1 Pipe	3/4" COP
1 Lead Comp.	
1 Nipples	
1 Union	
1 Plug	7/16"
1 Stop	1" S.C.W.
1 Box	1" S.C.W.
1 Lid	1"
Valves	
Job No.	W-323-502
Req. No.	11006

REMARKS: METER RELOCATED DUE TO SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT

Water tap permit, 5-23-52